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April 5, 2023 to July 26, 2023

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PREFACE

The 2023 edition of Laws of the State of Maine is the official publication of the session laws of the State of Maine enacted by the 131st Legislature and is compiled and published under the authority of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 163-A. Laws of the State of Maine has been in continuous publication since 1820, when the acts and resolves adopted by the First Legislature were published by the Secretary of State under the authority of Resolve 1820, chapter 25.

Volume 1 contains the public laws, private and special laws, resolves and constitutional resolutions enacted at the First Regular Session and the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature and includes the 2021 Revisor's Report, chapter 2 and a selection of significant addresses, joint resolutions and memorials.

Additional volumes of the 2023 Laws of the State of Maine will contain those measures adopted in the Second Regular Session and any other special session of the 131st 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 When an entire unit is repealed, the text that is repealed is not shown struck through, but its repeal is indicated by express language.
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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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October 2023

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION 131st Legislature

Convened	December 7, 2022
Adjourned	March 30, 2023
Days in Session	
Senate	21
House of Representatives	21
Legislative Documents	1463
Carryover Bills and Papers	0
Public Laws	20
Private and Special Laws	1
Resolves	5
Constitutional Resolutions	0
Competing Measure Resolutions	0
Initiated Bills	0
Vetoed	0
Overridden	0
Sustained	0
Emergency Enactments	6
Effective Date	June 29, 2023 (unless otherwise indicated)

LEGISLATIVE STATISTICS

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION 131st Legislature

Convened	April 5, 2023
Adjourned	July 26, 2023
Days in Session	
Senate	35
House of Representatives.....	36
Legislative Documents.....	556
Carryover Bills and Papers	483*
Public Laws.....	466
Private and Special Laws	15
Resolves	121
Constitutional Resolutions.....	4
Competing Measure Resolutions.....	0
Initiated Bills.....	0
Vetoes	4
Overridden	0
Sustained.....	4
Emergency Enactments.....	74
Effective Date	October 25, 2023 (unless otherwise indicated)

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**An Act to Establish the Winter
Energy Relief Payment
Program to Aid Residents with
High Heating Costs and to
Finalize the COVID Pandemic
Relief Payment 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, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and, on April 4, 2020, the President of the United States approved a major disaster declaration for the State of Maine for periods beginning on January 20, 2020 and continuing; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act and, on February 18, 2022, the President of the United States continued the national emergency pursuant to Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act; and

Whereas, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services determined that a public health emergency exists and has existed since January 27, 2020 nationwide and, on October 13, 2022, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services renewed that determination; and

Whereas, Maine consumers are experiencing increased energy prices across all fuel types and experiencing volatility; and

Whereas, with nearly 60% of homes reliant on heating oil, Maine is the most heating oil dependent state in the country. Also, the New England electric grid, which supplies power to a majority of Maine, is over-reliant on natural gas to generate electricity. This makes Maine distinctly vulnerable to price increases; and

Whereas, residential energy prices have increased significantly throughout the pandemic and high winter energy prices will exacerbate the ongoing effects

of the pandemic and pose a threat to Maine's recovery from the pandemic; 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. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Housing Authority - State; supplement federal funding. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$40,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Housing Authority - State, Other Special Revenue Funds account to supplement federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, funding. Before October 31, 2023, any unobligated amounts remaining from this transfer must be transferred to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Sec. A-2. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Housing Authority - State; additional. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$10,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Housing Authority - State, Other Special Revenue Funds account for assistance for households that are not eligible for federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, benefits or households eligible for LIHEAP benefits that have already exhausted their energy assistance benefit and Maine State Housing Authority Energy Crisis Intervention Program amount. Households may be eligible for up to \$800 in emergency funds to avert an energy crisis. Before October 31, 2023, any unobligated amounts remaining from this transfer must be transferred to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Sec. A-3. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Emergency Housing Relief Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$21,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Emergency Housing Relief Fund

Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide funds for short-term emergency housing. The Maine State Housing Authority shall prioritize these funds for use in addressing emergency housing needs occurring between December 1, 2022 and April 30, 2023, for those households that were experiencing homelessness or housing instability in the State prior to December 1, 2022. At the close of fiscal year 2022-23, unobligated amounts remaining from this transfer must be transferred to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

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

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Emergency Housing Relief Fund Program Z340

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support emergency housing and emergency shelters to prevent people from experiencing homelessness this winter.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$21,000,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$21,000,000	\$0	\$0

Housing Authority - State 0442

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to supplement the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to help home energy assistance program recipients receive a financial benefit similar to last year given higher fuel prices.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$40,000,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$40,000,000	\$0	\$0

Housing Authority - State 0442

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for heating assistance for households ineligible for home energy assistance program benefits or home energy assistance program households that have already exhausted their fuel assistance benefit and Energy Crisis Intervention Program amount. Funds will be distributed to community action agencies. Households may be eligible for up to \$800 in emergency funds to avert an energy crisis.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$71,000,000	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$71,000,000	\$0	\$0

PART B

Sec. B-1. Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account established. The State Controller shall establish within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services the nonlapsing Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account, which is funded through a transfer from the available balance of the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund pursuant to section 2.

Sec. B-2. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before December 31, 2022, the State Controller shall transfer \$398,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purpose of providing payments to help eligible recipients of the State pay for high winter energy costs and recover from the economic effects of the pandemic related to coronavirus disease 2019, referred to in this Part as "the COVID-19 pandemic." At the close of fiscal year 2023-24, amounts remaining in the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account must be transferred to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Sec. B-3. Winter Energy Relief Payment Program established. Because the State has determined that residents of the State face high winter energy costs and the effects of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and this warrants assistance from the State, the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program is established within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to promote the general welfare by providing a relief payment to eligible Maine recipients to offset some of the expenses that have been incurred, and will be incurred in the winter months of 2022-2023, by those recipients as a result of high winter energy costs and the COVID-19 pandemic, including, without limitation, personal, family and living expenses.

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Assessor" means the State Tax Assessor.

B. "Eligible recipient" means an individual who:

- (1) Filed, by October 31, 2022, a Maine income tax return as a full-year resident of the State for the tax year;
- (2) Had, and reported to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services by October 31, 2022 on an income tax return, federal adjusted gross income for the tax year of less than:
 - (a) For individuals filing married joint returns or surviving spouses permitted to file a joint return, \$200,000;
 - (b) For an individual filing as a head of household, \$150,000;
 - (c) For a single individual, \$100,000; or
 - (d) For a married individual filing a separate return, \$100,000; and
- (3) May not be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return for the tax year.

C. "Fund" means the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account established by the State Controller pursuant to section 1.

D. "Relief payment" means a relief payment in the amount of \$450.

E. "Tax year" means a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2021 but not later than December 31, 2021.

Any other terms used in this section have the same meanings as when used in a comparable context in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, Part 8 relating to Maine income taxes, unless different meanings are clearly required.

2. Winter energy relief payment. The assessor shall make relief payments in accordance with this subsection.

- A. The assessor shall identify each eligible recipient.
- B. Beginning as soon as administratively feasible but not later than March 15, 2023, the assessor shall make a relief payment to each eligible recipient. Funds for the relief payments must come from the fund and, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, are not subject to setoff to debts owed to agencies of the State.
- C. An individual who has not received a relief payment under paragraph B may provide documentation to the assessor by June 30, 2023 showing that the individual is an eligible recipient. The assessor shall review the documentation, determine if the individual is an eligible recipient and notify the in-

dividual of any adverse determination. This determination is final agency action not reviewable pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 151.

D. By September 30, 2023, the assessor shall make a relief payment to each eligible recipient determined eligible pursuant to paragraph C. Funds for the relief payments must come from the fund and, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, are not subject to setoff to debts owed to agencies of the State.

Sec. B-4. State income tax subtraction modification. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023 but not later than December 31, 2023, in determining the taxable income of an individual, within the meaning of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, federal adjusted gross income must be reduced by an amount equal to the relief payment received by the taxpayer pursuant to this Part, to the extent the payment is included in federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year.

Sec. B-5. Designation as unclaimed property. For purposes of the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program, relief payment checks that remain undeposited on March 31, 2024 are to be treated as unclaimed property, not subject to the notice and receipt provisions established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 33, section 2101 and the one-year dormancy period specified in Title 33, section 2061, as applied to such checks. The Treasurer of State shall use unclaimed property systems and networks to find the proper recipients of such checks as quickly as possible.

Sec. B-6. Transfer between Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account and COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller may transfer the available balance within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account. Amounts transferred may be expended based on allotment established by financial order recommended by the State Budget Officer and approved by the Governor.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Winter Energy Relief Payment Program N960

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a disaster relief program that will provide a \$450 relief payment to each eligible recipient. The costs of administration, programming, mailing, public outreach and taxpayer assistance must also come from this fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$398,000,000	\$500	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$398,000,000	\$500	\$0

PART C

Sec. C-1. Transfer between COVID Disaster Relief Payment Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account and COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$385,754 from the available balance within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, COVID Disaster Relief Payment Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account in order to support the higher than estimated number of eligible recipients. Funds are available based on lower than estimated COVID disaster relief payments, as authorized in Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part HHHH and expended in fiscal year 2021-22.

Sec. C-2. Transfer between Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement, Other Special Revenue Funds account and COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$6,674,993 from the available balance within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account in order to support the higher than estimated number of eligible recipients. Funds are available based on lower than estimated homestead reimbursements in fiscal year 2021-22 and fiscal year 2022-23.

Sec. C-3. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$4,433,437 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, COVID

Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account to support the higher than estimated number of eligible recipients.

Sec. C-4. Transfer between COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account and Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller may transfer the available balance within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account. Amounts transferred may be expended based on allotment established by financial order recommended by the State Budget Officer and approved by the Governor.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Z337

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to complete the \$850 pandemic relief payment to each eligible resident of the State as authorized in Public Law 2021, chapter 635, Part L.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,494,184	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,494,184	\$0	\$0

PART D

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 6.2% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage based on the extension of the national public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$23,793,537)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$23,793,537)	\$0	\$0

Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z212

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 6.2% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage based on the extension of the national public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$5,273,489)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$5,273,489)	\$0	\$0

Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 6.2% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage based on the extension of the national public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$4,649,892)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$4,649,892)	\$0	\$0

Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential /Community Serv Z218

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 6.2% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage based on the extension of the national public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,054,699)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,054,699)	\$0	\$0

Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions Z217

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 6.2% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage based on the extension of the national public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$474,268)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$474,268)	\$0	\$0

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 6.2% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage based on the extension of the national public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$84,923,871)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$84,923,871)	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25

All Other	\$135,675,538	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$135,675,538	\$0	\$0

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$3,986,788)	\$0	\$0
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	(\$3,986,788)	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,941,382	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$1,941,382	\$0	\$0

Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid Z207

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 6.2% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage based on the extension of the national public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$5,061,792)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$5,061,792)	\$0	\$0

Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid Z201

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 6.2% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage based on the extension of the national public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$6,481,869)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$6,481,869)	\$0	\$0

Nursing Facilities 0148

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 6.2% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage based on the extension of the national public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$23,290,221)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$23,290,221)	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$23,290,221	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$23,290,221	\$0	\$0
FUND TOTAL			

Office of Substance Abuse & Mental Health Srv- Medicaid Seed Z202

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 6.2% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage based on the extension of the national public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,733,115)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,733,115)	\$0	\$0
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$167,767)	\$0	\$0
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	(\$167,767)	\$0	\$0

Traumatic Brain Injury Seed Z214

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 6.2% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage based on the extension of the national public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$15,833)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$15,833)	\$0	\$0

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	(\$156,752,586)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$158,965,759	\$0	\$0
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	(\$4,154,555)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$1,941,382	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0

PART E

Sec. E-1. 38 MRSA §603-A, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Emergency variance. The commissioner, without hearing, may suspend any of the sulfur content requirements of subsection 2 if the commissioner finds that the expected availability of fuel that complies with

those requirements is inadequate to meet the needs of residential, commercial or industrial users in this State and that such expected unavailability constitutes an immediate threat to public health, safety or the general welfare. The commissioner shall specify in writing the period during which the suspension is in effect.

PART F

Sec. F-1. Suspension of transfers to Maine Budget Stabilization Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the requirement in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1535 that certain baseline General Fund revenue and other available budgeted General Fund resources that exceed the General Fund appropriation limit be transferred to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund is suspended for the duration of fiscal year 2022-23.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective January 4, 2023.

CHAPTER 2

S.P. 105 - L.D. 205

An Act to Update the Reimbursement for Travel-related Expenses Incurred as a Result of the Performance of Legislative Duties

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 is composed of individuals representing all areas of the State and many travel long distances each day to attend legislative sessions and committee meetings; and

Whereas, many Legislators live too far from the State House to return home each day and must find lodging in the capital area to attend legislative sessions and committee meetings; and

Whereas, the housing and meal allowances paid to Legislators who attend to the business of the Legislature have not been increased since 1989; and

Whereas, the cost of housing and meals is significantly higher than the cost in 1989; and

Whereas, the mileage reimbursement rate currently paid to Legislators is 46¢ per mile; and

Whereas, the federal standard mileage reimbursement rate established by the United States Internal Revenue Service is 65.5¢ per mile; and

Whereas, the cost of gasoline has increased substantially; and

Whereas, immediate action is needed to correct these travel-related expense reimbursement shortages; 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 §2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 475, §§11 and 12, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§2. Salary, expenses compensation and travel travel-related expenses of Members of the Legislature and representatives of Indian tribes

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §2, first ¶, as amended by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. QQQQ, §1, is further amended to read:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, beginning with the first Wednesday of December 2000 and thereafter, 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. 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 ~~no~~ 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 ~~no~~ 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 ~~once each week at the same rate per mile to~~

and from that Legislator's place of abode ~~as state employees receive 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.

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §2, 4th ¶, as corrected by RR 2001, c. 2, Pt. A, §1, is 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 ~~\$32~~ \$50 and a housing allowance in the amount of ~~\$38~~ \$70 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 ~~\$32~~ \$50 and actual daily mileage allowances ~~in an amount up to but not exceeding \$38 per day~~. 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.

Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §2, 9th ¶, as amended by PL 2009, c. 636, Pt. A, §2, is further amended to read:

The member of the Penobscot Indian Nation, the member of the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe and, beginning with the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature, the member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians elected to represent their tribes at the Legislature are entitled to receive a salary equal to the salary of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, including a cost-of-living adjustment, for each regular session and an allowance for meals, constituent service, housing and travel allowances for travel-related expenses, which are housing, meals, mileage and tolls, to the same extent as members of the House of Representatives for attendance at each legislative session or authorized committee meeting. For the duration of any special session of the Legislature, they are entitled to receive the same per diem payment and allowances, including housing, meal and travel travel-related expenses, which are housing, meals, mileage and tolls, as any member of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Sec. 5. 3 MRSA §2, 11th ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. O, §5; c. 600, Pt. B, §§9 and 10; and c. 878, Pt. D, §§14 and 15, 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 shall 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 ~~\$32~~ \$50 and a housing allowance whereby actual lodging expenses will be reimbursed at the single-room rate, provided that 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 which shall be paid at the same rate paid to state employees at the rate of 55¢ per mile or the federal standard mileage rate, whichever is lower. In lieu of the meal and housing allowance, each member shall be entitled to a daily meal allowance in the amount of ~~\$32~~ \$50 and actual daily mileage allowances.

Sec. 6. Funding. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall identify savings in legislative accounts sufficient to offset the costs that are associated with the implementation of this Act. The executive director shall include appropriate amounts associated with the implementation of this Act in future budget submissions.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective February 13, 2023.

CHAPTER 3

H.P. 127 - L.D. 206

An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General 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, 2023

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

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

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$658,933	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$658,933	\$0	\$0
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Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Administration 0059

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for additional renovations required for the Cultural Building.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0
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Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Administration 0059

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for required capital construction associated with the Augusta East Campus.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$5,300,000	\$0	\$0
	\$658,933	\$0	\$0

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$5,958,933	\$0	\$0
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Sec. A-2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for extraordinary costs associated with animal seizure.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$650,000	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$650,000	\$0	\$0
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Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 4 Ranger Pilot positions from range 25 to range 26, retroactive to July 9, 2019.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$115,889	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$115,889	\$0	\$0

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Ranger Pilot Supervisor position from range 27 to range 28, retroactive to June 16, 2020.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$22,039	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,039	\$0	\$0
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Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Office Associate II position to a Forest Service Mobilization Coordinator position, retroactive to June 26, 2019.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$22,220	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,220	\$0	\$0
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Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Forest Fire Prevention Specialist position from range 22 to range 24, retroactive to March 13, 2020.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$37,277	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$37,277	\$0	\$0
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Division of Forest Protection Z232

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

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$85,657	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$85,657	\$0	\$0
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Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace fire-fighting gear that is known to have perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$115,000	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$115,000	\$0	\$0
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Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 13 Forester I positions to Forester II positions, retroactive to April 17, 2020.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$138,812	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$138,812	\$0	\$0

Harness Racing Commission 0320

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,351,042	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,351,042	\$0	\$0

Milk Commission 0188

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,009,046)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$1,009,046)	\$0	\$0

Milk Commission 0188

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support the costs of contracting with an outside entity for a study on the cost of production for Maine dairy farmers.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$50,000	\$0	\$0

Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$69,040)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$69,040)	\$0	\$0

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Park Manager II position to a Park Manager III position, retroactive to July 1, 2020.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$23,645	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$23,645	\$0	\$0

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 2 Public Service Manager II positions from range 29 to range 33, retroactive to January 25, 2021.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$84,561	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$84,561	\$0	\$0

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$1,295,100	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,322,956	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,618,056	\$0	\$0

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for annual case management software maintenance.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$35,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$35,000	\$0	\$0

Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: Provides funding for the after-hours telephone answering service contract with the Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$77,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$77,000	\$0	\$0

Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: Provides funding for annual maintenance, usage and hosting services for the medicolegal death investigation case management system.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$28,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$28,000	\$0	\$0

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$140,000	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$140,000	\$0	\$0

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

AUDITOR, OFFICE OF THE STATE

Audit Bureau 0067

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Senior Auditor position to a Principal Auditor position, retroactive to August 12, 2022.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$9,601	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$9,601	\$0	\$0

Audit Bureau 0067

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Manager II position to a Public Service Manager III position, retroactive to September 21, 2022.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$8,517	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,517	\$0	\$0

Audit Bureau 0067

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Executive II position from range 35 to range 37, retroactive to September 19, 2022.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,679	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,679	\$0	\$0

Audit Bureau 0067

Initiative: Provides funding for continuing the transition of auditing workpapers from paper to electronic using 3rd-party software with support from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$29,718	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$29,718	\$0	\$0

AUDITOR, OFFICE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$10,679	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$47,836	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$58,515	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-5. 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: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$356,305	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$356,305	\$0	\$0

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

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Adult Community Corrections 0124

Initiative: Provides funding for increased lease costs associated with relocation of several adult probation offices.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$78,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$78,000	\$0	\$0

Adult Community Corrections 0124

Initiative: Provides funding for increased cleaning contract costs.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$16,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,000	\$0	\$0

Bolduc Correctional Facility Z155

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of fuel.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$65,022	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$65,022	\$0	\$0

Downeast Correctional Facility 0542

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of fuel.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$24,776	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$24,776	\$0	\$0

Mountain View Correctional Facility 0857

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of fuel.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$485,273	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$485,273	\$0	\$0

State Prison 0144

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of fuel.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$794,464	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$794,464	\$0	\$0

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$1,463,535	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,463,535	\$0	\$0

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

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 3 Planning & Research Associate II positions to 3 Senior Planner positions.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$906	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$906	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,763	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,763	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,295	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,295	\$0	\$0

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 3 Senior Planner positions to 3 Contract/Grant Manager positions.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$692	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$692	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,523	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,523	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,238	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,238	\$0	\$0

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Senior Contract/Grant Specialist position to a Contract/Grant Manager position.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$524	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$524	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,219	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,219	\$0	\$0

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Planning & Research Associate II position to a Contract/Grant Manager position.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,368	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,368	\$0	\$0

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Contract/Grant Manager position to a Public Service Manager II position.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$389	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$389	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,169	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,169	\$0	\$0

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Civil Engineer II position to a State Dam Inspector position and reallocates the cost from 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25

Personal Services	\$14,876	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,876	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$13,215)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$13,215)	\$0	\$0

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Assistant Engineer position to an Assistant State Dam Inspector position and reallocates the cost from 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,165	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,165	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$8,086)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$8,086)	\$0	\$0

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Building Custodian position to an Inventory & Property Associate II position.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$883	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$883	\$0	\$0

Military Training and Operations 0108

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

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,682	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,682	\$0	\$0
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Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Inventory & Property Associate II position to an Inventory & Property Specialist position and reallocates the cost from 27% General Fund and 73% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$4,898)	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$4,898)	\$0	\$0
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,006	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$6,006	\$0	\$0
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Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$6,619)	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$6,619)	\$0	\$0
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Veterans Services 0110

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

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,863	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,863	\$0	\$0
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Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of a Grounds & Equipment Maintenance Manager position to a Deputy Superintendent-Cemetery position.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,531	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,531	\$0	\$0
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Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides funding for burial of members of the National Guard or the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces in the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 593, An Act Regarding Eligibility for Burial in the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,500	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,500	\$0	\$0
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DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$50,548	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	(\$4,688)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$4,086)	\$0	\$0

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$41,774	\$0	\$0
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Sec. A-8. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF Fund for Efficient Delivery of Local & Regional Svcs Z254

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to restore lapsed funds for contractual awards relating to the efficient delivery of local and regional services.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$741,427	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$741,427	\$0	\$0
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Office of Tourism 0577

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,425,364	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,425,364	\$0	\$0
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Initiative: Adjusts funding between the Leadership Team program, School Finance and Operations program, Special Services Team program and Learning Systems Team program within the same fund for the department's share of the cost for the General Government Service Center within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$45,000)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$45,000)	\$0	\$0
EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$61,366	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$2,220,831	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,282,197	\$0	\$0

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

EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF State Board of Education 0614

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for per diem payments to board members. This initiative also provides one-time funding for fiscal year 2021-22 per diem payments to board members not paid until fiscal year 2022-23.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$12,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,000	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-11. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support product sampling for the department's Maine Toxics in Food Packaging Program pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, sections 1731 to 1747. These funds do not lapse but must be carried forward each fiscal year to be used for the same purpose until fully expended.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,000	\$0	\$0

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator II position previously established by Financial Order 001466 F1 and provides related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$14,622	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$436	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,058	\$0	\$0

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

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE Dairy Improvement Fund Z143

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$41,865	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$41,865	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-14. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 5% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2022-23.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$6,396,111)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$6,396,111)	\$0	\$0

Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z212

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 5% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2022-23.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,417,605)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,417,605)	\$0	\$0

General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns 0130

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in order to meet projected obligations in the municipal general assistance program.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,029,408	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,029,408	\$0	\$0

Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 5% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2022-23.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,249,969)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,249,969)	\$0	\$0

Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential /Community Serv Z218

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 5% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2022-23.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$283,521)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$283,521)	\$0	\$0

Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions Z217

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 5% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2022-23.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$127,492)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$127,492)	\$0	\$0

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 5% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2022-23.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$22,958,229)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$22,958,229)	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$36,471,916	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$36,471,916	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,071,717)	\$0	\$0
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	(\$1,071,717)	\$0	\$0

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,071,717)	\$0	\$0
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	(\$1,071,717)	\$0	\$0

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$651,109	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$651,109	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$651,109	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$651,109	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$651,109	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$651,109	\$0	\$0

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for COVID-19 supplemental payments to hospitals related to COVID-19 and higher than expected inflation.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,748,271	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,748,271	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$19,251,729	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$19,251,729	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$19,251,729	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$19,251,729	\$0	\$0

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for COVID-19 supplemental payments to long-term care providers related to COVID-19 and higher than expected inflation.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,616,034	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,616,034	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,486,315	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,486,315	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,486,315	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,486,315	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$353,710	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$353,710	\$0	\$0

Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid Z207

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 5% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2022-23.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,360,697)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,360,697)	\$0	\$0

Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid Z201

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 5% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2022-23.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,742,437)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,742,437)	\$0	\$0

Nursing Facilities 0148

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 5% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2022-23.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$6,260,812)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$6,260,812)	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,260,812	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$6,260,812	\$0	\$0

Nursing Facilities 0148

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for COVID-19 supplemental payments to long-term care providers related to COVID-19 and higher than expected inflation.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,545,120	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,545,120	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,886,185	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$12,886,185	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,112,637	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,112,637	\$0	\$0

Office of Substance Abuse & Mental Health Srv-Medicaid Seed Z202

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 5% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2022-23.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$465,891)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$465,891)	\$0	\$0

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$45,099)	\$0	\$0
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	(\$45,099)	\$0	\$0

Traumatic Brain Injury Seed Z214

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the 5% increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate for the 4th quarter of fiscal year 2022-23.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$4,257)	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$4,257)	\$0	\$0

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	(\$25,328,188)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$79,356,957	\$0	\$0
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	(\$1,116,816)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,466,347	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$651,109	\$0	\$0

DEPARTMENT	\$55,029,409	\$0	\$0
TOTAL - ALL FUNDS			

Sec. A-15. 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 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$3,783,453)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$3,783,453)	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-16. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON

Reserve for Indigent Legal Services Z258

Initiative: Allocates funds in the Reserve for Indigent Legal Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for payments to assigned legal counsel.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,622,679	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,622,679	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-17. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

ATV Safety and Educational Program 0559

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$9,435)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$9,435)	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-18. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for operational costs for the York Judicial Center.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,000	\$0	\$0

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for increased Maine Judicial Information System support costs.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$0	\$0

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Civil Process and FDP Manager position from range 20 to range 21.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,127	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,127	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,810	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,810	\$0	\$0
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Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for mediation service rate increases.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$130,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$130,000	\$0	\$0

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for guardian ad litem costs through a one-time increase in the All Other line category and an offsetting decrease in the Personal Services line category.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$1,134,273)	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$1,134,273	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$583,127	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$5,810	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$588,937	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-19. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Rehabilitation Services Manager position to a Public Service Manager I position, retroactive to October 30, 2020, and related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$22,178	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$441	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$22,619	\$0	\$0

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Procurement & Contracting Specialist position to a Contract/Grant Specialist position and related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,271	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$65	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,336	\$0	\$0

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Procurement & Contracting Specialist position to a Contract/Grant Specialist position and related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,271	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$9	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,280	\$0	\$0

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$25,899	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$3,336	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$29,235	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-20. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LIBRARY, MAINE STATE

Maine State Library 0217

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of high-density shelving for certain Maine State Library collections.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0

Maine State Library 0217

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for space planning services for the public space of the Maine State Library.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$300,000	\$0	\$0

LIBRARY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
	\$1,800,000	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,800,000	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-21. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for repairs and updates to the Maine State Aquarium.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$800,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$800,000	\$0	\$0

Bureau of Public Health Z154

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 Marine Resource Scientist I positions to Marine Resource Scientist II positions.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,737	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,737	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$14,123	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$697	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$14,820	\$0	\$0

Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029

Initiative: Provides funding for increased fuel costs.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$125,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$125,000	\$0	\$0

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$928,737	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$14,820	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$943,557	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-22. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE

Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino Z167

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,643	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$22,643	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-23. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Fire Marshal - Office of 0327

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Fire Investigator position to a Senior Fire Investigator position, retroactive to March 2022.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$16,199	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,199	\$0	\$0

Fire Marshal - Office of 0327

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of hybrid electric vehicles for Maine Turnpike enforcement and the Office of the State Fire Marshal consistent with an established vehicle replacement schedule.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$71,952	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$71,952	\$0	\$0

Fire Marshal - Office of 0327

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 5 Fire Investigator positions from range 20 to range 22, retroactive to August 2017, and related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$88,279	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$88,279	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$167,040	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$2,258	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$169,298	\$0	\$0

Fire Marshal - Office of 0327

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 8 Senior Fire Investigator positions from range 22 to range 24, retroactive to August 2017, and related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$15,466	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,466	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$297,383	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$3,737	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$301,120	\$0	\$0
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Gambling Control Board Z002

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,596,922	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,596,922	\$0	\$0
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Turnpike Enforcement 0547

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of hybrid electric vehicles for Maine Turnpike enforcement and the Office of the State Fire Marshal consistent with an established vehicle replacement schedule.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$351,000	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$351,000	\$0	\$0
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PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$119,944	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$2,490,292	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,610,236	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-24. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund 0085

Initiative: Adjusts funding for benefits for judges and surviving spouses under the pre-1984 judicial retirement fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1403.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$149,349)	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$149,349)	\$0	\$0
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Sec. A-25. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for high-density shelving at the former Eastside Wellness Center and in the Cultural Building in the Maine State Archives.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0
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Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position and related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,105	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,105	\$0	\$0
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Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Inventory & Property Associate II position to an Archivist II position.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$986	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$986	\$0	\$0
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Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Provides funding for the increases in election ballot printing, postage and other election costs.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$119,440	\$0	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$119,440	\$0	\$0
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Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Provides funding for in-state and out-of-state travel, membership dues and other related costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,153	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,153	\$0	\$0
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Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Provides funding for election activities related to petition signature verification and retrieval and return of ballots.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$87,000	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$87,000	\$0	\$0

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Provides funding for the cost of Electronic Registration Information Center compliance postcards and the increase in the annual membership dues.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$99,717	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$99,717	\$0	\$0

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$1,808,248	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$5,153	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,813,401	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-26. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF Administration - Treasury 0022

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position, retroactive to July 2020.

GENERAL FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$12,083	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,083	\$0	\$0

Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund 0472

Initiative: Adjusts funding for municipal revenue sharing to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,219,677	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,219,677	\$0	\$0

State - Municipal Revenue Sharing 0020

Initiative: Adjusts funding for municipal revenue sharing to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,878,712	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,878,712	\$0	\$0

TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$12,083	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$16,098,389	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$16,110,472	\$0	\$0

Sec. A-27. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

University of Maine Scholarship Fund Z011

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$523,508	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$523,508	\$0	\$0

PART B

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

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Reclassifications

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,608	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$474	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,082	\$0	\$0

Certified Seed Fund 0787

Initiative: Reclassifications

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,609	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$475	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,084	\$0	\$0

Pesticides Control - Board of 0287

Initiative: Reclassifications

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$18,509	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$1,175	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$19,684	\$0	\$0

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$35,850	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$35,850	\$0	\$0

PART C

Sec. C-1. PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. DD is repealed.

Sec. C-2. PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. EE, §1, under the caption "HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF" is amended by repealing all of that part relating to **Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**.

Sec. C-3. PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. KK, §4, under the caption "AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF" is amended by repealing the 2nd occurrence of that part relating to **Bureau of Agriculture 0393**.

Sec. C-4. **State Fiscal Recovery fund encumbered balances.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, encumbered balances within the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery fund may be carried forward through fiscal year 2025-26.

Sec. C-5. **Continuation of limited-period positions.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, limited-period positions funded with the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery authorized in Public Law 2021, chapter 483, "An Act

To Provide Allocations for the Distribution of State Fiscal Recovery Funds," may be extended beyond 2 years by financial order but not later than June 30, 2025.

Sec. C-6. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Parks - General Operations. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the funds allocated in Public Law 2021, chapter 483, Part T for the Parks - General Operations program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery account may be used for the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.

Sec. C-7. Extension of Small Business Health Insurance Premium Support Program. The Small Business Health Insurance Premium Support Program, as established by Public Law 2021, chapter 483, Part C, must remain in operation until December 31, 2023, or until such time as the original and additional funds allocated to the program are used, whichever occurs first. In the event that the credit amounts established through rulemaking cannot be provided in full for each qualifying small group plan during a month prior to December 2023, the program must end on the latest month for which full credits can be provided.

Sec. C-8. Transfer of Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery balance; Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Insurance - Bureau of to Finance Authority of Maine, Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before January 31, 2024, the State Controller may transfer the available balance within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Insurance - Bureau of, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery account to the Finance Authority of Maine, Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program, Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery account. Transferred amounts may be allotted by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

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

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Insurance - Bureau of 0092

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a temporary premium relief program for small businesses that provide their employees with group health insurance.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,495,414	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL	\$6,495,414	_____	\$0	_____	\$0
EXPENDITURES					
FUND - ARP STATE					
FISCAL RECOVERY					
TOTAL					

PART D

Sec. D-1. PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. M, §1 is amended to read:

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 Financial Services, in cooperation with the Treasurer of State, may enter into financing agreements in fiscal years ~~2021-22 and year 2022-23~~ for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division. The financing agreements entered into ~~in each fiscal year~~ may not exceed ~~\$7,500,000~~ \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 in principal costs, and a financing agreement may not exceed 6 years in duration. The interest rate may not exceed ~~5%~~ 7%. The annual principal and interest costs must be paid from the appropriate line category allocations in the Central Fleet Management Division account.

PART E

Sec. E-1. PL 2023, c. 1, Part B, §5-A is enacted to read:

Sec. B-5-A. Application to municipal general assistance program. For purposes of the municipal general assistance program established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1161, relief payments are not income as defined in Title 22, section 4301, subsection 7, may not be considered to reduce need, as defined in Title 22, section 4301, subsection 10, and may not be considered a potential resource as described in Title 22, section 4317.

PART F

Sec. F-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 2023, are already funded through the end of fiscal year 2022-23 and are proposed to continue in the 2024-2025 biennium, are continued until August 1, 2023.

PART G

Sec. G-1. Payments to State from Maine Governmental Facilities Authority operating account. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority shall transfer \$149,955 from the balance in the authority's operating account to the State as undedicated revenue no later than June 30, 2023.

PART H

Sec. H-1. Carrying provision; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Information Services. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2022-23, the State Controller shall carry forward to fiscal year 2023-24 any unexpended balance remaining in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Information Services program, General Fund account, All Other line category.

PART I

Sec. I-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Information Services. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2022-23 only, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is authorized to transfer available balances of Personal Services appropriations in the Information Services program, General Fund account after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met to the All Other line category of the Information Services program, General Fund account for the purposes of funding statewide cybersecurity 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.

PART J

Sec. J-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$6,600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Retirement Allowance Fund within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for the purpose of providing the resources to fund an additional one-time cost-of-living increase of 1.0% of the established 2022 maximum benefit subject to an increase for retirees from the state-sponsored retirement plans. The additional 1.0% applies to retirement benefit payments, up to a maximum of \$24,186.25, for the one-year period ending August 31, 2022. This additional increase applies to retirees who were eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment in September 2022. The additional increase made pursuant to this section is a one-time payment and is not included in the calculation of future benefit adjustments.

PART K

Sec. K-1. 7 MRSA §3906-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 696, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Animal Welfare Fund. The commissioner shall deposit all license fees received pursuant to chapters 721, 723, 725 and 735 in a separate account established by the Treasurer of State and known as the Animal Welfare Fund. The commissioner shall deposit

80% of the feed registration fees collected under section 714, subsection 1 and ~~all any revenue in excess of \$100,000~~ from the surcharge collected under as specified in section 714, subsection 4 in the Animal Welfare Fund. This account does not lapse, but continues from year to year. The commissioner shall pay from the Animal Welfare Fund the expense of furnishing license blanks, stickers and tags, travel expenses and salaries for necessary personnel, payments to animal shelters and expenses incurred in the administration of this Part.

PART L

Sec. L-1. Carrying provision; Department of Economic and Community Development.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal years 2022-23 and 2023-24, the State Controller shall carry forward into the next fiscal year any unexpended balance remaining of the \$2,756,126 appropriated in Public Law 2021, chapter 635, Part A, section 8 in the Housing Opportunity Program, General Fund account in the All Other line category for the purpose of supporting and encouraging the development of additional housing units in the State.

PART M

Sec. M-1. Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Care Services - Payments to Providers; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$10,777,679 of unencumbered balance forward in the Department of Health and Human Services, Medical Care Services - Payments to Providers program, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2023.

PART N

Sec. N-1. Department of Health and Human Services, Nursing Facilities; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$6,161,154 of the unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Health and Human Services, Nursing Facilities program, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2023.

PART O

Sec. O-1. Carrying provision; Department of Secretary of State, Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the end of fiscal year 2022-23 and fiscal year 2023-24, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$259,000 appropriated in Public Law 2021, chapter 439, section 14 in the Department of Secretary of State, Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations program, General Fund account, All Other line category to the next fiscal year to be used for contracted

programming costs to implement online voter registration.

PART P

Sec. P-1. Carrying provision; Office of Treasurer of State, Debt Service - Treasury. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry any remaining balances in the Office of Treasurer of State, Debt Service - Treasury program in fiscal year 2022-23 into fiscal year 2023-24.

PART Q

Sec. Q-1. Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services; billing rates for assigned legal counsel. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8054, subsection 1, the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services may adopt major substantive rules on an emergency basis to amend the billing rate for assigned legal counsel to up to \$150 per hour effective March 1, 2023 without the necessity of demonstrating that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid an immediate threat to public health, safety or general welfare.

Sec. Q-2. Judiciary; suspension of statutory requirement that guardian ad litem rates may not be less than Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services counsel rates. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1556, subsection 2, paragraph I, the hourly rate of compensation for a guardian ad litem appointed between March 1, 2023 and June 30, 2023 may be less than the rate of compensation for assigned legal counsel established by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

PART R

Sec. R-1. Maine Milk Commission; cost of production study. The Maine Milk Commission, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-E, subsection 2, shall contract for a cost of production study to be completed by December 31, 2023. The study must be designed to assess the cost of milk production in the State based on costs and other financial factors in calendar year 2022.

Sec. R-2. Transfer to Maine Milk Commission. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before March 31, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$50,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Milk Commission Other Special Revenue Funds account to fund a contract for a cost of production study as described in section 1.

Sec. R-3. Report. No later than January 31, 2024, the Maine Milk Commission, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-E, subsection 2, shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry on the findings of the study commissioned in section 1

and its implication for implementation of Title 7, section 3153-B. The committee may report out legislation related to the report in the legislative session in which the report is received.

PART S

Sec. S-1. Department of Health and Human Services to establish MaineCare rates for inpatient psychiatric and substance use disorder services at 100% of cost. When the Department of Health and Human Services next completes its rate setting process pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3173-J, it shall amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45, Hospital Services, to provide reimbursement for patients discharged from psychiatric inpatient units and inpatient substance use disorder units so that the initial rate is set to provide 100% aggregate cost reimbursement for providers based upon 2022 data.

PART T

Sec. T-1. Distribution of supplemental payments to long-term care providers related to COVID-19 and higher than expected inflation. Distribution of funds to long-term care providers identified in Part A must be carried out based on a methodology that takes into account facility needs as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services using available relevant data, including facility cost reports, MaineCare reimbursement data and occupancy data. This initiative in Part A is intended to serve as an interim support to assist long-term care providers adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and higher than expected inflation in the period prior to the department's implementation of rate-setting system reform for services provided by these long-term care providers.

PART U

Sec. U-1. Extension of deadline for expenditure of supplemental payments to long-term care providers provided in Public Law 2021, chapter 635. The Department of Health and Human Services shall extend, from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2024, the deadline for the expenditure of the one-time supplemental payments distributed to nursing and residential care facilities pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 635.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective February 21, 2023.

**CHAPTER 4
H.P. 120 - L.D. 196**

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission for Amending the Maine Uniform Probate Code and Related Provisions of 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, the Maine Uniform Probate Code took effect September 1, 2019, but the new confidentiality of records provisions applicable to adult guardianships, conservatorships and other protective arrangements were delayed until January 1, 2023 to allow the development and adoption of rules governing those records by the Supreme Judicial Court; and

Whereas, the rules governing confidentiality of probate court records have not yet been adopted; and

Whereas, the effective date of the statutory provisions should be delayed until the rules are adopted and any appropriate statutory amendments can be made; 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 §307, first ¶, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §11, is amended to read:

When a judge or register of probate is interested in that judge's or register of probate's own right, trust, or in any other manner, or is within the degree of kindred, by which in law that judge or register of probate may, by possibility, be heir to any part of the estate of the person deceased, or is named as executor, trustee or guardian of minor children in the will of any deceased resident of the county, such estate must be settled in the probate court of any adjoining county, which has as full jurisdiction thereof as if the deceased had died in that adjoining county. If the judge's or register of probate's interest arises after jurisdiction of such estate has been regularly assumed or existed at the time of the judge's or register of probate's appointment to office, and in all cases where an executor, administrator, guardian or trustee, whose trust is not fully executed, becomes judge or register of probate for the county in which that

judge's or register of probate's letters were granted, further proceedings in that county must be transferred to the probate court in any adjoining county and there remain until completed, as if such court had had original jurisdiction thereof, unless said disability is removed before that time. Whenever in any case ~~within~~ under this section the disability of the judge or register is removed before the proceedings have been fully completed, the proceedings must then be transferred to the probate court in the county of original jurisdiction or to the probate court that otherwise would have had jurisdiction. In all such cases the register in such adjoining county shall transmit copies of all records relating to such estate to the probate office of the county where such estate belongs, to be there recorded. If there are fewer than 4 counties adjoining the county of a probate court that is required to transfer proceedings to an adjoining county under this section, the proceedings must be transferred to a probate court in one of the 4 counties nearest to the transferring probate court, as measured by the shortest distance along paved roads between the building in which the registry of probate is located in the transferring county and the building in which the registry of probate is located in the other county.

Sec. 2. 18-C MRSA §1-504, 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. Certification. When required by subsection 1, the register shall certify to the register of deeds in the county where any affected real estate is situated a true copy of the portion of the will that devises the real estate, an abstract of the appointment of the personal representative or ~~a true copy of an~~ abstract of the petition for an elective share. Each certification must also include:

- A. A description of the real estate derived from the probated will or the petition upon which the appointment of the personal representative was made;
- B. The name of the decedent;
- C. The name or names of the devisees or heirs; and
- D. In the case of a will, the date of allowance of the will and an indication whether the will was probated formally or informally.

Sec. 3. 18-C MRSA §1-505, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1-505. Notices to devisees and heirs; furnishing of copies

1. Notice to devisees and heirs. A register shall, within 30 days after the filing of an application for the appointment of a personal representative, notify by mail all of the decedent's devisees and heirs of the right of a surviving spouse to demand an elective share and the time limit for making such an election and of the rights

of a surviving spouse and children to the homestead allowance, exempt property and family allowance.

2. Notice to devisees of probated will. A register shall, within 30 days after a will is probated, notify by mail all devisees under the will that devises have been made to them, stating the name of the testator and the name of the personal representative, if a personal representative has been appointed at the time this notification is sent.

3. Furnishing of copies. Devisees in a will may, upon application to the register, be furnished with a copy of the probated will upon payment of a fee of \$1 per page.

Sec. 4. 18-C MRSA §2-402, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

§2-402. Homestead allowance

A decedent's surviving spouse is entitled to a homestead allowance of \$22,500. If there is no surviving spouse, each minor child and each dependent child of the decedent is entitled to a homestead allowance amounting to \$22,500 divided by the number of minor and dependent children of the decedent. The homestead allowance is exempt from and has priority over all claims against the estate other than costs and expenses of administration and reasonable funeral expenses. ~~Homestead~~ The homestead allowance is in addition to any benefit or share passing to the surviving spouse or minor or dependent child by intestate succession or by way of elective share and is in addition to any benefit or share passing to the surviving spouse or minor or dependent child by the decedent's will unless otherwise provided by intestate succession or by way of elective share the decedent's will expressly provides that the benefit or share passing to the surviving spouse or minor or dependent child is intended to be made in lieu of the homestead allowance. The personal representative shall promptly satisfy the homestead allowance from available assets.

Sec. 5. 18-C MRSA §2-403, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

§2-403. Exempt property

In addition to the homestead allowance, the decedent's surviving spouse is entitled from the estate to a value, not exceeding \$15,000 in excess of any security interests in the estate of tangible personal property, including, but not limited to, in household furniture, automobiles, furnishings, appliances and personal effects. ~~If~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, if there is no surviving spouse, children of the decedent are entitled jointly to the same value; ~~however, the decedent, by will, may exclude one or more adult children from the receipt of exempt property.~~ If encumbered chattels are selected and the value in excess of security interests,

plus that of other exempt property, is less than \$15,000, or if there is not \$15,000 worth of exempt property in the estate, the spouse or children are entitled to other assets of the estate, if any, to the extent necessary to make up the \$15,000 value. ~~Rights~~ The rights to exempt property and assets needed to make up a deficiency of exempt property have priority over all claims against the estate other than costs and expenses of administration and reasonable funeral expenses, except that the right to any assets to make up a deficiency of exempt property abates as necessary to permit earlier payment of homestead allowance and family allowance. These rights are The right to exempt property is in addition to any benefit or share passing to the surviving spouse or children by intestate succession or by way of elective share and is in addition to any benefit or share passing to the surviving spouse or children by the decedent's will unless otherwise provided by intestate succession or by way of elective share the decedent's will expressly provides that the benefit or share passing to the surviving spouse or children is intended to be made in lieu of the exempt property right or unless the decedent's will expressly excludes one or more adult children from the receipt of exempt property without providing a benefit or share in lieu thereof. The personal representative shall promptly satisfy the exempt property from available assets.

Sec. 6. 18-C MRSA §2-404, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

§2-404. Family allowance

1. Family allowance during administration. In addition to the right to homestead allowance and exempt property, the decedent's surviving spouse and minor children whom the decedent was obligated to support and children who were in fact being supported by the decedent are entitled to a reasonable allowance in money out of the estate for their maintenance during the period of administration, which allowance may not continue for longer than one year if the estate is inadequate to discharge allowed claims. The allowance may be paid as a lump sum or in periodic installments. It is payable to the surviving spouse, if living, for the use of the surviving spouse and minor and dependent children; otherwise to the children, or persons having their care and custody. If a minor child or dependent child is not living with the surviving spouse, the allowance may be made partially to the child or the child's guardian or other person having the child's care and custody, and partially to the spouse, as their needs may appear. The family allowance is exempt from and has priority over all claims ~~but not over~~ except costs and expenses of administration, reasonable funeral expenses and the homestead allowance. The personal representative shall promptly satisfy the family allowance from available assets.

2. Not chargeable against Additional benefit or share; right terminates on death. ~~The family allowance is not chargeable against in addition to any benefit or share passing to the surviving spouse or minor or dependent children by intestate succession or by way of elective share and is in addition to any benefit or share passing to the surviving spouse or minor or dependent children by the decedent's will unless otherwise provided by intestate succession or by way of elective share the decedent's will expressly provides that the benefit or share passing to the surviving spouse or minor or dependent children is intended to be made in lieu of the allowance.~~ The death of any person entitled to family allowance terminates that person's right to allowance not yet paid.

Sec. 7. 18-C MRSA §3-108, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 4, §1, 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;

Sec. 8. 18-C MRSA §3-108, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. A, §4, is further amended to read:

E. ~~A~~ An informal or formal testacy proceeding may be commenced at any time after 3 years from the decedent's death for the purpose of establishing an instrument to direct or control the ownership of property passing or distributable after the decedent's death from a person other than the decedent when the property is to be appointed by the terms of the decedent's will or is to pass or be distributed as a part of the decedent's estate or its transfer is otherwise to be controlled by the terms of the decedent's will; and

Sec. 9. 18-C MRSA §3-805, sub-§1, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. Homestead allowance;

Sec. 10. 18-C MRSA §3-805, sub-§1, ¶B-2 is enacted to read:

B-2. Family allowance;

Sec. 11. 18-C MRSA §3-805, sub-§1, ¶B-3 is enacted to read:

B-3. Exempt property;

Sec. 12. 18-C MRSA §5-308, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2021, c. 4, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Effective date. This section takes effect ~~January April 1, 2023~~ 2025.

Sec. 13. 18-C MRSA §5-409, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2021, c. 4, §3, is further amended to read:

4. Effective date. This section takes effect ~~January April 1, 2023~~ 2025.

Sec. 14. 18-C MRSA §5-511, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2021, c. 4, §6, is further amended to read:

4. Effective date. This section takes effect ~~January April 1, 2023~~ 2025.

Sec. 15. 18-C MRSA §6-417, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

§6-417. ~~Optional form of~~ template for transfer on death deed

The following ~~form~~ template may be used to create a transfer on death deed. This template is not intended to be printed and recorded in its current format. The other sections of this Part govern the effect of this or any other instrument used to create a transfer on death deed.

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REVOCABLE TRANSFER ON DEATH DEED
NOTICE TO OWNER

You should carefully read ~~all information on the other side of this form~~ the "Common Questions about the Use of this Template" before using this template to create a transfer on death deed. ~~YOU MAY WANT ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT A LAWYER BEFORE USING THIS FORM TEMPLATE.~~

~~This form~~ A transfer on death deed must be recorded before your death, or it will not be effective.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Owner or Owners Making This Deed:

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Printed name.....Mailing address

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Printed name.....Mailing address

Legal description of the property:

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PRIMARY BENEFICIARY

I designate the following beneficiary if the beneficiary survives me.

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Printed name.....Mailing address, if available

ALTERNATE BENEFICIARY - Optional

If my primary beneficiary does not survive me, I designate the following alternate beneficiary if that beneficiary survives me.

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Printed name.....Mailing address, if available

TRANSFER ON DEATH

At my death, I transfer my interest in the described property to the beneficiaries as designated above.

Before my death, I have the right to revoke this deed.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR OWNERS MAKING THIS DEED

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(SEAL, if any).....

Signature.....Date.....

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(SEAL, if any).....

Signature.....Date.....

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

(insert acknowledgment for deed here)

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COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE USE OF THIS ~~FORM~~ TEMPLATE

What does the Transfer on Death (TOD) deed do? When you die, this deed transfers the described property, subject to any liens or mortgages (or other encumbrances) on the property at your death. Probate is not required. The TOD deed has no effect until you die. You can revoke it at any time. You are also free to transfer the property to someone else during your lifetime. If you do not own any interest in the property when you die, this deed will have no effect.

How do I make a TOD deed? ~~Complete this form.~~ You may use this template to create a TOD deed but be aware that the registry of deeds of each Maine county has specific requirements for a document to be accepted for recording, including requirements related to the top, bottom and side margins. Have ~~#~~ the TOD deed

acknowledged before a notary public or other individual authorized by law to take acknowledgments. Record the ~~form~~ TOD deed in each county where any part of the property is located. The ~~form~~ TOD deed has no effect unless it is acknowledged and recorded before your death.

Is the "legal description" of the property necessary? Yes.

How do I find the "legal description" of the property? This information may be on the deed you received when you became an owner of the property. This information may also be available in the registry of deeds for the county where the property is located. If you are not absolutely sure, consult a lawyer.

What is the proper form for the required acknowledgment of signatures on the TOD deed? Forms of acknowledgment may be found in Title 33, section 775 of the Maine Revised Statutes. You may also consult a notary public or a lawyer for the proper form of an acknowledgment.

Can I change my mind before I record the TOD deed? Yes. If you have not yet recorded the deed and want to change your mind, simply tear up or otherwise destroy the TOD deed.

How do I "record" the TOD deed? Take the completed and acknowledged ~~form~~ TOD deed to the registry of deeds of the county where the property is located. Follow the instructions given by the register of deeds to make the ~~form~~ TOD deed part of the official property records. If the property is in more than one county, you should record the TOD deed in each county.

Can I later revoke the TOD deed if I change my mind? Yes. You can revoke the TOD deed. No one, including the beneficiaries, can prevent you from revoking the TOD deed.

How do I revoke the TOD deed after it is recorded? There are three ways to revoke a recorded TOD deed: (1) Complete and acknowledge a revocation form, and record it in each county where the property is located. (2) Complete and acknowledge a new TOD deed that disposes of the same property, and record it in each county where the property is located. (3) Transfer the property to someone else during your lifetime by a recorded deed that expressly revokes the TOD deed. You may not revoke the TOD deed by will.

I am being pressured to ~~complete this form~~ make a TOD deed. What should I do? Do not ~~complete this form~~ make a TOD deed under pressure. Seek help from a trusted family member, friend, or lawyer.

Do I need to tell the beneficiaries about the TOD deed? No, but it is recommended. Secrecy can cause later complications and might make it easier for others to commit fraud.

I have other questions about this ~~form~~ template. What should I do? This ~~form~~ template TOD deed is designed to fit some but not all situations. If you have other questions, you are encouraged to consult a lawyer.

Sec. 16. 18-C MRSA §6-418, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

§6-418. Optional ~~form~~ of template for revocation

The following ~~form~~ template may be used to create an instrument of revocation under this Part. This template is not intended to be printed and recorded in its current format. The other sections of this Part govern the effect of this or any other instrument used to revoke a transfer on death deed.

(~~front of form~~)

REVOCATION OF TRANSFER ON DEATH DEED

NOTICE TO OWNER

You should carefully read the "Common Questions about the Use of this Template" before using this template to revoke a transfer on death deed. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSULT A LAWYER BEFORE USING THIS TEMPLATE.

This A revocation must be recorded before you die or it will not be effective. This A revocation is effective only as to the interests in the property of owners who sign this the revocation.

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

Owner or Owners of Property Making This Revocation:

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Printed name.....Mailing address

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Printed name.....Mailing address
Legal description of the property:

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REVOCATION

I revoke all my previous transfers of this property by transfer on death deed.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR OWNERS MAKING THIS REVOCATION

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(SEAL, if any).....
Signature.....Date.....
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(SEAL, if any).....
Signature.....Date.....

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

(insert acknowledgment)

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COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE USE OF THIS FORM TEMPLATE

How do I use this ~~form~~ template to revoke a Transfer on Death (TOD) deed? ~~Complete this form.~~ You may use this template to create a revocation but be aware that the registry of deeds of each Maine county has specific requirements for a document to be accepted for recording, including requirements related to the top, bottom and side margins. Have ~~it~~ the revocation acknowledged before a notary public or other individual authorized to take acknowledgments. Record the ~~form~~ revocation in the public records in the registry of deeds of each county where the property is located. The ~~form~~ revocation must be acknowledged and recorded before your death or it has no effect.

How do I find the "legal description" of the property? This information may be on the TOD deed. It may also be available in the registry of deeds for the county where the property is located. If you are not absolutely sure, consult a lawyer.

What is the proper form for the required acknowledgment of signatures on the revocation? Forms of acknowledgment may be found in Title 33, section 775 of the Maine Revised Statutes. You may also consult a notary public or a lawyer for the proper form of an acknowledgment.

How do I "record" the ~~form~~ revocation? Take the completed and acknowledged ~~form~~ revocation to the registry of deeds of the county where the property is located. Follow the instructions given by the register of deeds to make the ~~form~~ revocation part of the official property records. If the property is located in more than one county, you should record the ~~form~~ revocation in each of those counties.

I am being pressured to ~~complete this form~~ revoke a TOD deed. What should I do? Do not ~~complete this form~~ revoke a TOD deed under pressure. Seek help from a trusted family member, friend, or lawyer.

I have other questions about this ~~form~~ template. What should I do? This ~~form~~ template is designed to fit some but not all situations. If you have other questions, you are encouraged to consult a lawyer.

Sec. 17. Report. The Supreme Judicial Court shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters no later than January 1, 2025 summarizing the court's progress toward adopting rules governing the confidentiality of records in probate court proceedings,

specifically rules governing the confidentiality of adult guardianship, conservatorship and other protective arrangement proceedings, and identifying any potential conflicts between the adopted or proposed rules and any provisions of the Maine Uniform Probate Code. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters may report out legislation to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 based on the report.

Sec. 18. Retroactivity. Those sections of this Act that amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-C, section 5-308, subsection 4; section 5-409, subsection 4; and section 5-511, subsection 4 apply retroactively to January 1, 2023.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 13, 2023.

CHAPTER 5

H.P. 14 - L.D. 10

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Invasive Aquatic Plants

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §410-N, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2005, c. 561, §1, is further amended to read:

B. "Invasive aquatic plant" means a species identified by the department as an invasive aquatic plant or one of the following species:

- (1) ~~All Myriophyllum species nonindigenous to the State, including but not limited to variable-leaf water milfoil, Myriophyllum heterophyllum; Eurasian water milfoil water-milfoil, Myriophyllum spicatum; and parrot feather, Myriophyllum aquaticum;~~
- (2) ~~Variable leaf water milfoil, Myriophyllum heterophyllum;~~
- (3) ~~Parrot feather, Myriophyllum aquaticum;~~
- (4) ~~Water~~ All Trapa species, including but not limited to water chestnut, Trapa natans;
- (5) Hydrilla, Hydrilla verticillata;
- (6) ~~Fanwort~~ All Cabomba species, including but not limited to fanwort, Cabomba caroliniana;
- (7) Curly pondweed, Potamogeton crispus;
- (8) European naiad, Najas minor;

- (9) Brazilian elodea, *Egeria densa*;
- (10) Frogbit, *Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*; ~~and~~
- (11) Yellow floating heart, *Nymphoides peltata*;
- (12) Water soldier, *Stratiotes aloides*;
- (13) Giant salvinia, *Salvinia molesta*;
- (14) Swollen bladderwort, *Utricularia inflata*;
and
- (15) Starry stonewort, *Nitellopsis obtusa*.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §419-C, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2003, c. 627, §6, is further amended to read:

C. After September 1, 2000, sell or offer for sale in this State any invasive aquatic plant or any plant of the species and varieties in the genus *Myriophyllum* that is indigenous to the State; or

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 6
S.P. 50 - L.D. 83**

**An Act to Clarify State Policy
Regarding Cannabis
Paraphernalia in the Maine
Medical Use of Cannabis Act
and the Cannabis Legalization
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, in October 2022, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy notified medical use of cannabis registrants and adult use cannabis licensees that they must obtain a retail tobacco license in order to sell or give away certain items used to inhale, ingest or otherwise consume cannabis; and

Whereas, on November 16, 2022, the Attorney General issued a memorandum stating that the Office of the Attorney General would not bring action against any medical use of cannabis registrant or adult use cannabis licensee for selling or providing cannabis rolled for smoking without a retail tobacco license and urging the Legislature to clarify in statute that a retail tobacco license is not required for a medical use of cannabis registrant or adult use cannabis licensee to sell or give away certain items used to inhale, ingest or otherwise consume cannabis; and

Whereas, until statutory clarity is provided, the cannabis industry will face economic and regulatory

uncertainty and the state agencies regulating this industry will not be able to oversee the industry in an efficient or effective manner; 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 §2422, sub-§17 is enacted to read:

17. Cannabis paraphernalia. "Cannabis paraphernalia" means equipment, products, devices and materials that are used for planting, propagating, cultivating, harvesting, processing, preparing, testing, packaging or storing cannabis for medical use or used for ingesting, inhaling or otherwise consuming cannabis for medical use. "Cannabis paraphernalia" includes, but is not limited to:

A. Kits used for planting, propagating, cultivating or harvesting a cannabis plant;

B. Isomerization devices used for adjusting the potency of a cannabis plant;

C. Testing equipment used for identifying or analyzing the potency, effectiveness or purity of a cannabis plant or harvested cannabis;

D. Scales and balances used for weighing or measuring harvested cannabis;

E. Separation gins and sifters used for removing twigs and seeds from, or in otherwise cleaning or refining, harvested cannabis;

F. Envelopes and other containers used for packaging small quantities of harvested cannabis for medical use;

G. Containers and other objects used for storing harvested cannabis;

H. Rolling papers, cigarette papers or wraps used for rolling harvested cannabis for smoking;

I. Metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic or ceramic pipes, with or without screens, chillums or punctured metal bowls used for smoking harvested cannabis; and

J. Electronic smoking devices used for simulating the smoking of harvested cannabis or cannabis products through the inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the device.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§2, ¶P, as amended by PL 2021, c. 662, §12 and c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

P. Operate one caregiver retail store to sell harvested cannabis to qualifying patients for the patients' medical use in accordance with this chapter; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§2, ¶Q, as amended by PL 2021, c. 662, §13, is further amended to read:

Q. Be organized as any type of legal business entity recognized under the laws of the State; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§2, ¶S is enacted to read:

S. Notwithstanding chapter 262-A, sell, offer to sell or furnish cannabis paraphernalia to a qualifying patient, caregiver or registered dispensary for a qualifying patient's medical use of cannabis.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §2423-C, as amended by PL 2017, c. 452, §6 and PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

§2423-C. Authorized conduct

A Notwithstanding chapter 262-A, a person may provide a qualifying patient or a caregiver or a registered dispensary with cannabis paraphernalia for purposes of the a qualifying patient's medical use of cannabis in accordance with this chapter and. A person may be in the presence or vicinity of the medical use of cannabis as allowed under this chapter.

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §2426, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2009, c. 631, §38 and affected by §51 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

D. Operate, navigate or be in actual physical control of any motor vehicle, aircraft, motorboat, snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle while under the influence of cannabis; ~~or~~

Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §2426, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2019, c. 331, §21 and PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

E. Use or possess cannabis plants or harvested cannabis if that person is not a qualifying patient, caregiver, registered dispensary or other person authorized to use or possess cannabis under this chapter; ~~or~~

Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §2426, sub-§1, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. Sell, offer to sell or furnish any products containing tobacco, nicotine or synthetic nicotine to any person without first obtaining a retail tobacco license in accordance with chapter 262-A.

Sec. 9. 22 MRSA §2428, sub-§1-A, ¶K, as amended by PL 2021, c. 367, §14, is further amended to read:

K. Hire any number of assistants who are 21 years of age or older to assist in performing the duties of the dispensary; ~~and~~

Sec. 10. 22 MRSA §2428, sub-§1-A, ¶L, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 452, §16 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

L. Transport cannabis plants and harvested cannabis as necessary to carry out the activities authorized under this section; ~~and~~

Sec. 11. 22 MRSA §2428, sub-§1-A, ¶M is enacted to read:

M. Notwithstanding chapter 262-A, sell, offer to sell or furnish cannabis paraphernalia to a qualifying patient or to a caregiver for a qualifying patient's medical use of cannabis.

Sec. 12. 28-B MRSA §102, sub-§31-A is enacted to read:

31-A. Cannabis paraphernalia. "Cannabis paraphernalia" means equipment, products, devices and materials that are used for planting, propagating, cultivating, harvesting, processing, preparing, testing, packaging or storing adult use cannabis or used for ingesting, inhaling or otherwise consuming adult use cannabis. "Cannabis paraphernalia" includes, but is not limited to:

A. Kits used for planting, propagating, cultivating or harvesting a cannabis plant;

B. Isomerization devices used for adjusting the potency of a cannabis plant;

C. Testing equipment used for identifying or analyzing the potency, effectiveness or purity of a cannabis plant or cannabis;

D. Scales and balances used for weighing or measuring cannabis;

E. Separation gins and sifters used for removing twigs and seeds from, or in otherwise cleaning or refining, cannabis;

F. Envelopes and other containers used for packaging small quantities of cannabis for adult use;

G. Containers and other objects used for storing cannabis;

H. Rolling papers, cigarette papers or wraps used for rolling cannabis for smoking;

I. Metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic or ceramic pipes, with or without screens, chillums or punctured metal bowls used for smoking cannabis; and

J. Electronic smoking devices used for simulating the smoking of cannabis or cannabis products through the inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the device.

Sec. 13. 28-B MRSA §103, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

B. Sell or offer for sale cannabis or cannabis products; ~~or~~

Sec. 14. 28-B MRSA §103, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

C. Use, possess, transport, transfer, furnish or purchase cannabis or cannabis products; ~~or~~

Sec. 15. 28-B MRSA §103, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Sell, offer for sale or furnish any products containing tobacco, nicotine or synthetic nicotine to any person without first obtaining a retail tobacco license in accordance with Title 22, chapter 262-A.

Sec. 16. 28-B MRSA §504, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

A. Adult use cannabis; ~~or adult use cannabis products and cannabis paraphernalia;~~

Sec. 17. 28-B MRSA §504, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

C. Consumable products not containing cannabis, including, but not limited to, sodas, candies and baked goods; ~~and~~

Sec. 18. 28-B MRSA §504, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

D. Any other nonconsumable products, including, but not limited to, apparel and cannabis-related products; ~~and~~

Sec. 19. 28-B MRSA §504, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Notwithstanding Title 22, chapter 262-A, cannabis paraphernalia for adult use cannabis or adult use cannabis products.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective March 15, 2023.

**CHAPTER 7
H.P. 155 - L.D. 234**

**An Act to Raise from 12 to 24
the Annual Limit on the
Number of Public Events and
Meals Nonprofit Organizations
May Have That Are Exempt
from Certain Rules and
Regulations**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2501, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 2011, c. 193, Pt. B, §10, is further amended to read:

Nonprofit organizations including, but not limited to, 4-H Clubs, scouts and agricultural societies are exempt from department rules and regulations relating to dispensing foods and nonalcoholic beverages at not more than ~~12~~ 24 public events or meals within one calendar year.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 8
H.P. 137 - L.D. 216**

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Governing Storm Water
Management to Provide an
Exemption for Trails for
Hiking and Other Similar
Activities**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §420-D, sub-§7, ¶J, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 507, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) The trail is intended, constructed and managed for use by persons walking, snowshoeing, skiing, hiking or riding mountain bikes;

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 9
H.P. 19 - L.D. 15**

**An Act to Amend the Law
Governing the State Grant
Program Administered by the
Maine Historic Preservation
Commission**

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

Sec. 1. 27 MRSA §505, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 585, §2, is amended to read:

D. The director may administer a program of state financed grants for the ~~stabilization preservation~~ and restoration of ~~unique historic structures prop- erties~~ consistent with the following conditions.

- (1) An applicant for a grant must be either a governmental or a nonprofit organization.
- (2) The historic ~~structure which property that~~ is the subject of the grant application must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places as ~~provided~~ authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 or have been nominated to the register by the commission.
- (3) An applicant must provide assurance that public access to the ~~structure historic property~~ will be reasonably provided with respect to admission fees, visitation hours and physical accessibility, while maintaining the ~~historical historic~~ integrity of the ~~structure historic prop- erty~~.
- (4) Applications must address, to the satisfac- tion of the commission, the applicant's organi- zational and financial capacity to provide long-term maintenance of ~~that structure which~~ the historic property that is the subject of the application.
- (5) Grants ~~shall~~ may not exceed 50% of the total expense of the proposed project, except that grants to ~~this the~~ State may be 100% of the total expense of the proposed project.
- (6) All grants ~~shall be~~ are subject to final ap- proval, by the commission.
- (7) Prior to final approval, the commission may require the applicant to execute a cove- nant to secure continued public access to and maintenance of the historic integrity of the ~~structure, and a right of first refusal for the State historic property.~~

With respect to the quality of work to be performed through this grant program, the commission and the director ~~shall~~ must be guided by the United

States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for ~~Re- habilitation~~ the Treatment of Historic Properties.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 10
H.P. 190 - L.D. 292**

**An Act to Establish Maine
Needham Day**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-S is enacted to read:

§150-S. Maine Needham Day

The last Saturday in September of each year is des- ignated as Maine Needham Day, and the Governor shall annually issue a proclamation recognizing the need- ham's place in the State's cultural and culinary tradi- tions. A state agency may promote Maine Needham Day prior to and on the last Saturday in September us- ing appropriate existing budgeted resources.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 11
H.P. 218 - L.D. 344**

**An Act to Establish Maine
Alewife Day**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-S is enacted to read:

§150-S. Maine Alewife Day

The Saturday before Memorial Day of each year is designated as Maine Alewife Day, and the Governor shall issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe this day in suitable places with appropriate activity.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 12
H.P. 18 - L.D. 14**

**An Act to Simplify an
Assessment Notice
Requirement Under
Department of Labor Laws**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §61, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1993, c. 52, §2, is further amended to read:

3. Notice of assessments. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee shall send notice of the assessments ~~by certified mail~~ to each licensed carrier and each group or individual self-insured employer. Payment of assessments must be received in an office of the Department of Labor designated by the commissioner before a date specified in the notice, but not more than 90 days after the date of the ~~mailing notice~~. The department may, through the rules governing this section, assess penalties for late payment. Such penalties may not exceed 6% per year.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 13

S.P. 59 - L.D. 120

**An Act Regarding the
Committee Structure of the
State Workforce Board**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 246, §4, is 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. 2. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§5-B, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §17, is further amended to read:

5-B. Commission on Disability and Employment. In addition to its other duties, the board, through its Commission on Disability and Employment, a ~~standing~~ committee created pursuant to subsection 7, ~~paragraph A, subparagraph (2)~~ and referred to in this subsection as "the standing committee," shall perform the duties of the former Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

A. The standing committee shall:

- (1) Advise, consult and assist the executive and legislative branches of State Government on activities of State Government that affect the employment of ~~disabled~~ individuals with disabilities. The standing committee is solely advisory in nature. The standing committee may advise regarding state and federal plans and proposed budgetary, legislative or policy actions affecting ~~disabled~~ individuals with disabilities;
- (2) Serve as an advocate on behalf of ~~disabled~~ citizens with disabilities promoting and assisting activities designed to further equal opportunity for ~~people~~ individuals with disabilities;
- (3) Conduct educational programs considered necessary to promote public understanding of the employment-related needs and abilities of ~~disabled~~ citizens of this State with disabilities;
- (4) Provide information, training and technical assistance to promote greater employer acceptance of ~~disabled~~ workers with disabilities;
- (5) Advise and assist employers and other organizations interested in developing employment opportunities for ~~disabled people~~ individuals with disabilities; and
- (6) Work with state and local government officials, organizations representing ~~persons~~ individuals with disabilities and the business community to inform the public of the benefits of making facilities and services accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

B. The standing committee shall administer in accordance with current fiscal and accounting regulations of the State, and in accordance with the philosophy, objectives and authority of this subsection, any funds appropriated for expenditure by the standing committee or any grants or gifts that may become available and are accepted and received by the standing committee.

C. The standing committee shall submit an annual report directly to the Governor and the Legislature not later than January 1st of each year concerning its work, recommendations and interest of the previous fiscal year and future plans. The standing committee shall make any interim reports it considers advisable.

D. The standing committee shall keep minutes of all meetings, including a list of people in attendance.

E. The standing committee may employ, subject to the Civil Service Law, the staff necessary to carry out its objectives. The standing committee may employ consultants and contract for projects it determines necessary. To the extent feasible and reasonable, the standing committee must be given the staff, facilities, equipment, supplies, information and other assistance required to carry out its activities.

F. The standing committee may make necessary rules, consistent with this subsection, for promoting its purposes.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §2006, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §19, is further amended to read:

7. Committee structure Committees. The board has the following committee structure may establish committees as necessary to meet the strategic vision of the board and to address specific problems and issues that arise. A committee established pursuant to this subsection shall make recommendations to the full board.

~~A. The board shall create 6 standing committees. The standing committees shall make recommendations to the full board. The 6 standing committees are as follows:~~

- ~~(1) Younger workers;~~
- ~~(2) Commission on Disability and Employment;~~
- ~~(3) Women's employment issues;~~
- ~~(4) Older workers;~~
- ~~(5) Veterans employment; and~~
- ~~(6) The Program Partners Committee. Organizations with representation on the Program Partners Committee may include, but are not~~

~~limited to, organizations that conduct programs or activities as specified in Section 121(b)(1)(B) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.~~

~~B. The board may create committees in addition to those in paragraph A to address specific problems and issues. These committees shall make recommendations to the full board.~~

~~D. The standing committees under paragraph A committee established pursuant to this subsection may receive and accept, from any source, allocations, appropriations, loans, grants and contributions of money or other things of value to be held, used or applied to carry out this section, subject to the conditions upon which the loans, grants and contributions may be made, including, but not limited to, appropriations, allocations, loans, grants or gifts from a private source, federal agency or governmental subdivision of the State or its agencies.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 14

H.P. 107 - L.D. 166

An Act to Provide Revenue for Property Tax Relief and Capital Infrastructure Projects

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3009, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2019, c. 648, §2, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3), division (c) to read:

(c) To acquire, construct, maintain and operate public parking areas; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3009, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2019, c. 648, §2, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (3), division (c-1) to read:

(c-1) To provide for property tax relief;

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §3009, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2019, c. 648, §2, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (3), division (c-2) to read:

(c-2) To acquire, construct, maintain and operate capital infrastructure projects; and

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 15
S.P. 128 - L.D. 269

**An Act to Designate Granitic
Pegmatite as the Maine State
Rock**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §230 is enacted to read:

§230. State rock

Granitic pegmatite is the official state rock.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 16
S.P. 140 - L.D. 319

**An Act to Amend Maine's
Underground Oil Storage Tank
Laws**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §564, sub-§5, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 276, §1, is amended to read:

5. Mandatory facility replacement. Upon the expiration date of a manufacturer's warranty for a tank, the tank and its associated piping must be removed from service and properly abandoned in accordance with section 566-A, except that a double-walled tank may continue in service ~~up to 10 years~~ beyond the expiration of the warranty if:

A. During the year the warranty expires but on a date before the warranty expires, a precision test is conducted to determine the integrity of the tank. Results of the test conducted must be submitted to the commissioner by the facility owner; and

B. ~~During the 5th to 10th years~~ Beginning in the 5th year after the expiration of the warranty, a precision test is conducted annually to determine the integrity of the tank. Results of each test must be submitted to the commissioner by the facility owner.

This subsection does not apply until January 1, 2008 to a tank installed before December 31, 1985 that has been retrofitted to meet the requirements of subsections 1-A and 1-B.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 17
H.P. 257 - L.D. 424

**An Act Making Certain
Appropriations and Allocations
and Changing Certain
Provisions of the Law
Necessary to the Proper
Operations of State
Government for the Fiscal
Years Ending June 30, 2023,
June 30, 2024 and
June 30, 2025**

**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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$772,957	\$772,957
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$772,957</u>	<u>\$772,957</u>

RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$116,951,295	\$116,951,295
RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND TOTAL	<u>\$116,951,295</u>	<u>\$116,951,295</u>

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15,000	15,000
Personal Services	\$1,484,670	\$1,524,200
All Other	\$1,607,403	\$1,607,403
ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,092,073</u>	<u>\$3,131,603</u>

FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$97,160	\$101,161

All Other	\$47,876	\$47,876
FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND TOTAL	\$145,036	\$149,037

Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of one Public Service Coordinator I position from range 25 to range 28.

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,259	\$10,817
ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$7,259	\$10,817

Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455

Initiative: Continues one Public Service Manager II position, previously established by Financial Order 002232 F3, until June 6, 2025 to assist with the design of the benefits portion of the human resource management system project.

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$122,487	\$129,126
ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$122,487	\$129,126

ACCIDENT - SICKNESS - HEALTH INSURANCE 0455

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$772,957	\$772,957
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$772,957	\$772,957

RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$116,951,295	\$116,951,295
RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND TOTAL	\$116,951,295	\$116,951,295

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.000	15.000
Personal Services	\$1,614,416	\$1,664,143
All Other	\$1,607,403	\$1,607,403

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$3,221,819	\$3,271,546
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FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$97,160	\$101,161
All Other	\$47,876	\$47,876
FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND TOTAL	\$145,036	\$149,037

Administration - Human Resources 0038

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$2,791,214	\$2,866,357
All Other	\$365,705	\$365,705
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,156,919	\$3,232,062

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000

Administration - Human Resources 0038

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Coordinator I position from the Administration - Human Resources program, General Fund to the Division of Financial and Personnel Services program, Financial and Personnel Services Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$98,037)	(\$103,271)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$98,037)	(\$103,271)

ADMINISTRATION - HUMAN RESOURCES 0038

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21.000	21.000
Personal Services	\$2,693,177	\$2,763,086
All Other	\$365,705	\$365,705
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,058,882	\$3,128,791

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000

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

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$358,416	\$358,416

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$358,416	\$358,416
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ADULT USE CANNABIS PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY FUND AND MUNICIPAL OPT-IN FUND Z263

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$358,416	\$358,416

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$358,416	\$358,416
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Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,830,817	\$2,894,254
All Other	\$20,331	\$20,331

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,851,148	\$2,914,585
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$325,179	\$341,888
All Other	\$550,000	\$550,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$875,179	\$891,888
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Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for an upgrade to the trace and track system in the Office of Cannabis Policy in order to comply with Public Law 2021, chapter 628, An Act To Allow the State's Adult Use Marijuana Tracking System To Track Plants and Products by Group.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$150,000	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$150,000	\$0
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ADULT USE CANNABIS REGULATORY COORDINATION FUND Z264

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,830,817	\$2,894,254
All Other	\$170,331	\$20,331

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,001,148	\$2,914,585
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$325,179	\$341,888
All Other	\$550,000	\$550,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$875,179	\$891,888
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Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,094,980	\$1,129,560
All Other	\$490,924	\$490,924

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,585,904	\$1,620,484
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$19,190	\$19,190

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$19,190	\$19,190
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STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$600,958	\$615,942
All Other	\$192,380,991	\$192,380,991

STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL	\$192,981,949	\$192,996,933
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - GENERAL OPERATION 0015

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,094,980	\$1,129,560
All Other	\$490,924	\$490,924

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,585,904	\$1,620,484
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$19,190	\$19,190
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$19,190	\$19,190
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$600,958	\$615,942
All Other	\$192,380,991	\$192,380,991
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL	\$192,981,949	\$192,996,933

American Rescue Plan Audit, Controller and Program Management Z302

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,451,175	\$1,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$7,451,175	\$1,000

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN AUDIT, CONTROLLER AND PROGRAM MANAGEMENT Z302

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,451,175	\$1,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$7,451,175	\$1,000

Budget - Bureau of the 0055

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,595,731	\$1,617,507
All Other	\$92,683	\$92,683
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,688,414	\$1,710,190

Budget - Bureau of the 0055

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Public Service Coordinator I position from range 21 to range 25 to better align with the Bureau of the Budget's position control responsibilities.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,357	\$9,661
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,357	\$9,661

BUDGET - BUREAU OF THE 0055

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,602,088	\$1,627,168
All Other	\$92,683	\$92,683
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,694,771	\$1,719,851

Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	88.000	88.000
Personal Services	\$6,648,736	\$6,809,471
All Other	\$7,316,050	\$7,316,050
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,964,786	\$14,125,521

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$711,277	\$711,277

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$711,277	\$711,277
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REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$342,323	\$351,252
All Other	\$26,585,877	\$26,585,877

REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$26,928,200	\$26,937,129
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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OPERATIONS 0080

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	88.000	88.000
Personal Services	\$6,648,736	\$6,809,471
All Other	\$7,316,050	\$7,316,050
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,964,786	\$14,125,521

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$711,277	\$711,277

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$711,277	\$711,277
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REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$342,323	\$351,252

All Other	\$26,585,877	\$26,585,877
REAL PROPERTY LEASE	\$26,928,200	\$26,937,129
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND		
TOTAL		

Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund 0883

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$310,587	\$310,587
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$310,587	\$310,587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$645,000	\$645,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$645,000	\$645,000

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

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$310,587	\$310,587
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$310,587	\$310,587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$645,000	\$645,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$645,000	\$645,000

Bureau of Revenue Services Fund 0885

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$151,720	\$151,720
BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$151,720	\$151,720

BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND 0885

PROGRAM SUMMARY

BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$151,720	\$151,720
BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$151,720	\$151,720

Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Administration 0059

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$301,836	\$301,836

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$301,836	\$301,836
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$948,359	\$948,359

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$948,359	\$948,359
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CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION/REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS - ADMINISTRATION 0059

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$301,836	\$301,836
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$301,836	\$301,836

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$948,359	\$948,359

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$948,359	\$948,359
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Central Administrative Applications Z234

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,889,980	\$22,889,980
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,889,980	\$22,889,980

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS Z234

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,889,980	\$22,889,980
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,889,980	\$22,889,980

Central Fleet Management 0703

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

CENTRAL MOTOR POOL POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	16,000	16,000
All Other	\$1,260,839	\$1,300,231
	\$8,049,202	\$8,049,202

CENTRAL MOTOR POOL TOTAL	\$9,310,041	\$9,349,433
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Central Fleet Management 0703

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 3 Auto Mechanic II positions to Public Safety Mechanic positions; 4 Fleet Support Specialist positions from range 16 to range 20; and one Motor Transport Services Manager position from range 21 to range 24.

CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$46,766	\$51,655

CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	\$46,766	\$51,655
TOTAL		

CENTRAL FLEET MANAGEMENT 0703

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	2023-24	2024-25
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	16.000	16.000
POSITIONS -		
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,307,605	\$1,351,886
All Other	\$8,049,202	\$8,049,202

CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	\$9,356,807	\$9,401,088
TOTAL		

Central Services - Purchases 0004

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2023-24	2024-25
POSTAL, PRINTING AND		
SUPPLY FUND		
POSITIONS -	31.000	31.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,551,392	\$2,624,428
All Other	\$1,542,220	\$1,542,220

POSTAL, PRINTING AND	\$4,093,612	\$4,166,648
SUPPLY FUND TOTAL		

Central Services - Purchases 0004

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of one Office Associate II position to an Accounting Technician position and one Central Services Supervisor position to a Business Manager I position.

	2023-24	2024-25
POSTAL, PRINTING AND		
SUPPLY FUND		
Personal Services	\$9,232	\$9,904

POSTAL, PRINTING AND	\$9,232	\$9,904
SUPPLY FUND TOTAL		

CENTRAL SERVICES - PURCHASES 0004

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	2023-24	2024-25
POSTAL, PRINTING AND		
SUPPLY FUND		
POSITIONS -	31.000	31.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,560,624	\$2,634,332
All Other	\$1,542,220	\$1,542,220

POSTAL, PRINTING AND	\$4,102,844	\$4,176,552
SUPPLY FUND TOTAL		

County Tax Reimbursement 0263

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL		
REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
FUNDS TOTAL		

COUNTY TAX REIMBURSEMENT 0263

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL		
REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
FUNDS TOTAL		

COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Z337

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL		
REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$408,408,000	\$408,408,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$408,408,000	\$408,408,000
FUNDS TOTAL		

COVID PANDEMIC RELIEF PAYMENT PROGRAM Z337

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL		
REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$408,408,000	\$408,408,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$408,408,000	\$408,408,000
FUNDS TOTAL		

Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority 0893

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	\$21,955,674	\$21,955,674

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$21,955,674	\$21,955,674
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DEBT SERVICE - GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AUTHORITY 0893

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	\$21,955,674	\$21,955,674

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$21,955,674	\$21,955,674
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Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board Z363

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	\$137,682	\$137,682

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$137,682	\$137,682
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DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY BOARD Z363

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	\$137,682	\$137,682

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$137,682	\$137,682
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Elderly Tax Deferral Program 0650

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$843,870	\$500
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$843,870	\$500

ELDERLY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM 0650

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$843,870	\$500
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$843,870	\$500

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	275,000	275,000
Personal Services	\$26,675,684	\$27,399,986
All Other	\$1,628,168	\$1,628,168
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FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$28,303,852	\$29,028,154

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of one Office Associate II position to an Accounting Analyst position to support federal grant management within the Natural Resources Service Center.

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$16,238	\$16,740
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FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$16,238	\$16,740

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Coordinator I position from the Administration - Human Resources

program, General Fund to the Division of Financial and Personnel Services program, Financial and Personnel Services Fund.

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$98,037	\$103,271
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FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$98,037	\$103,271

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

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	276,000	276,000
Personal Services	\$26,789,959	\$27,519,997
All Other	\$1,628,168	\$1,628,168
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FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$28,418,127	\$29,148,165

**Homestead Property Tax Exemption
Reimbursement 0886**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$97,580,000	\$97,580,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$97,580,000	\$97,580,000

**Homestead Property Tax Exemption
Reimbursement 0886**

Initiative: Provides funding for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program for the increase in property tax exemption reimbursement to municipalities under Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part PPPP.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,920,000	\$10,920,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,920,000	\$10,920,000

**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION
REIMBURSEMENT 0886**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$103,500,000	\$108,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$103,500,000</u>	<u>\$108,500,000</u>

Information Services 0155

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,024,549	\$2,106,240
All Other	\$9,650,400	\$9,650,400

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$11,674,949</u>	<u>\$11,756,640</u>
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,550,000	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$4,550,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$50,829,991	\$52,049,762
All Other	\$7,319,599	\$7,319,599

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$58,149,590</u>	<u>\$59,369,361</u>
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INFORMATION SERVICES 0155

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,024,549	\$2,106,240
All Other	\$9,650,400	\$9,650,400

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$11,674,949</u>	<u>\$11,756,640</u>
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,550,000	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$4,550,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$50,829,991	\$52,049,762
All Other	\$7,319,599	\$7,319,599

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$58,149,590</u>	<u>\$59,369,361</u>
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Leased Space Reserve Fund Program Z145

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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LEASED SPACE RESERVE FUND PROGRAM Z145

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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Lottery Operations 0023

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

STATE LOTTERY FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,951,437	\$2,001,435
All Other	\$2,608,012	\$2,608,012

STATE LOTTERY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,559,449</u>	<u>\$4,609,447</u>
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LOTTERY OPERATIONS 0023

PROGRAM SUMMARY

STATE LOTTERY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$1,951,437	\$2,001,435
All Other	\$2,608,012	\$2,608,012
STATE LOTTERY FUND TOTAL	\$4,559,449	\$4,609,447

Maine Board of Tax Appeals Z146

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$316,155	\$329,621
All Other	\$42,948	\$42,948
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$359,103	\$372,569

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$45,000	\$45,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$45,000	\$45,000

MAINE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS Z146 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$316,155	\$329,621
All Other	\$42,948	\$42,948
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$359,103	\$372,569

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$45,000	\$45,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$45,000	\$45,000

Maine Developmental Disabilities Council Z185

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$160,155	\$160,155
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$160,155	\$160,155

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$480,465	\$480,465
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$480,465	\$480,465

MAINE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL Z185 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$160,155	\$160,155

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$160,155	\$160,155
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$480,465	\$480,465
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$480,465	\$480,465

Mandate BETE - Reimburse Municipalities Z065

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,500	\$20,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,500	\$20,500

Mandate BETE - Reimburse Municipalities Z065

Initiative: Provides increased funding in the Mandate BETE - Reimburse Municipalities program to reimburse municipalities for state-mandated costs related to the implementation and administration of the business equipment tax exemption.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,000	\$7,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,000	\$7,500

MANDATE BETE - REIMBURSE MUNICIPALITIES Z065 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$26,500	\$28,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$26,500	\$28,000

Medical Use of Cannabis Fund Z265

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	20.000	20.000
Personal Services	\$1,699,469	\$1,753,051
All Other	\$1,325,883	\$1,325,883
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,025,352	\$3,078,934

MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS FUND Z265 PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	20.000	20.000
Personal Services	\$1,699,469	\$1,753,051
All Other	\$1,325,883	\$1,325,883
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,025,352	\$3,078,934

Office of the Commissioner - Administrative and Financial Services 0718

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,818,578	\$1,855,476
All Other	\$153,687	\$153,687
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,972,265	\$2,009,163

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER - ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES 0718

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,818,578	\$1,855,476
All Other	\$153,687	\$153,687
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,972,265	\$2,009,163

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000

Property Tax Stabilization Z368

Initiative: Provides funding for reimbursement to municipalities for the amount of property tax assessed in excess of the amount stabilized on a homestead of a permanent resident who is at least 65 years of age pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 751, An Act To Stabilize Property Taxes for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older Who Own a Homestead for at Least 10 Years.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000,000	\$31,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,000,000	\$31,000,000

PROPERTY TAX STABILIZATION Z368

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000,000	\$31,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,000,000	\$31,000,000

Property Tax Stabilization Mandate Z369

Initiative: Provides funding for reimbursement to municipalities for the state-mandated costs related to the

implementation of the property tax stabilization program for the homestead of a permanent resident who is at least 65 years of age pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 751, An Act To Stabilize Property Taxes for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older Who Own a Homestead for at Least 10 Years.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$550,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$550,000

PROPERTY TAX STABILIZATION MANDATE Z369

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$550,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$550,000

Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration 0057

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,426,113	\$1,447,608
All Other	\$1,014,951	\$1,014,951
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,441,064	\$2,462,559

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$31,000	\$31,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$31,000	\$31,000

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS - PLANNING/ CONSTRUCTION - ADMINISTRATION 0057

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,426,113	\$1,447,608
All Other	\$1,014,951	\$1,014,951
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,441,064	\$2,462,559

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$31,000	\$31,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$31,000	\$31,000

Purchases - Division of 0007

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.500	13.500

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Personal Services	\$1,568,447	\$1,615,935
All Other	\$521,761	\$521,761

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,090,208	\$2,137,696
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,000	\$4,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,000	\$4,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$749,500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$749,500	\$500
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PURCHASES - DIVISION OF 0007

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	13.500	13.500
All Other	\$1,568,447	\$1,615,935
	\$521,761	\$521,761

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,090,208	\$2,137,696
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,000	\$4,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,000	\$4,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$749,500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$749,500	\$500
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Renewable Energy Facilities Property Tax Exemption Z296

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,722,000	\$1,722,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,722,000	\$1,722,000
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Renewable Energy Facilities Property Tax Exemption Z296

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in the expected reimbursement to municipalities under the Renewable Energy Facilities Property Tax Exemption program due to anticipated new projects.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$550,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$550,000
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RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION Z296

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,772,000	\$2,272,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,772,000	\$2,272,000
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Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	288.500	288.500
All Other	\$30,427,536	\$31,026,696
	\$16,859,531	\$16,859,531

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$47,287,067	\$47,886,227
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,463,848	\$11,463,848

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,463,848	\$11,463,848
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$155,130	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$155,130	\$500
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Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 8 full-time Senior Property Appraiser positions and one part-time Senior Property Appraiser position to Senior Revenue Agent positions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$109,014	\$97,293

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$109,014	\$97,293
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Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 11 full-time Principal Property Appraiser positions and 2 part-time Principal Property Appraiser positions to Principal Revenue Agent positions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$171,101	\$172,136

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$171,101	\$172,136
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Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Taxation Division Assistant Executive position and 2 Tax Section Manager positions to District Tax Audit Manager positions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$17,113	\$17,102
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$17,113</u>	<u>\$17,102</u>

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Public Service Coordinator I position to a Public Service Coordinator II position within the Office of Tax Policy. The reorganization is necessary due to the expansion of duties required of the position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,183	\$10,708
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,183</u>	<u>\$10,708</u>

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides funding for debt service authorized in Public Law 2019, chapter 343, Part O for the acquisition, licensing, installation, implementation, maintenance and support of computer hardware and software and other systems to support the operations of the tax collection system.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,829,950	\$6,496,058
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,829,950</u>	<u>\$6,496,058</u>

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides funding to reimburse municipalities 50% of the amount of property tax reduction resulting from the exemption of central labor councils from property tax as required by Public Law 2021, chapter 410, An Act To Improve Maine's Tax Laws by Providing a Property Tax Exemption for Central Labor Councils.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,300	\$1,350
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,300</u>	<u>\$1,350</u>

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming to add lines to the individual income tax and fiduciary income tax returns required as a result of the enactment of Public Law 2021, chapter 707, An Act To Reinstate and Increase the Income Tax Deduction for Contributions to Education Savings Plans.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$22,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming to add lines to the individual, fiduciary and

corporate income tax returns required as a result of the enactment of Public Law 2021, chapter 681, An Act To Enhance Tribal-State Collaboration, To Revise the Tax Laws Regarding the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation and To Authorize Casinos, Off-track Betting Facilities, Federally Recognized Indian Tribes and Certain Commercial Tracks To Conduct Sports Wagering.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$66,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$66,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming to add lines to the individual, fiduciary and corporate income tax returns required as a result of the enactment of Public Law 2021, chapter 482, An Act To Revitalize Maine's Paper Industry through the Establishment of an Income Tax Credit for Paper Manufacturing.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$33,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$33,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides funding for reimbursement to municipalities for the state-mandated costs related to the implementation of the property tax stabilization program for the homestead of a permanent resident who is at least 65 years of age pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 751, An Act To Stabilize Property Taxes for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older Who Own a Homestead for at Least 10 Years.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$196,250)	(\$196,250)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$196,250)</u>	<u>(\$196,250)</u>

REVENUE SERVICES, BUREAU OF 0002

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	288.500	288.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$30,734,947	\$31,323,935
All Other	\$22,615,531	\$23,160,689
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$53,350,478</u>	<u>\$54,484,624</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,463,848	\$11,463,848
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$11,463,848</u>	<u>\$11,463,848</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY

All Other	\$155,130	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$155,130	\$500

Risk Management - Claims 0008

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$587,281	\$600,522
All Other	\$3,444,799	\$3,444,799
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$4,032,080	\$4,045,321

STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515
STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND TOTAL	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515

Risk Management - Claims 0008

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of one Public Service Manager II position to a Public Service Manager III position.

RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,241	\$12,732
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$7,241	\$12,732

RISK MANAGEMENT - CLAIMS 0008

PROGRAM SUMMARY

RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$594,522	\$613,254
All Other	\$3,444,799	\$3,444,799
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	\$4,039,321	\$4,058,053

STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515
STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND TOTAL	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515

Snow Grooming Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement Z024

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$26,880	\$26,880

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$26,880	\$26,880
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Snow Grooming Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement Z024

Initiative: Provides funding for an expected increase in reimbursements in the Snow Grooming Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program due to increased registration costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,120	\$3,120
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,120	\$3,120

SNOW GROOMING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT Z024

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000

Solid Waste Management Fund 0659

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$816,851	\$816,851
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$816,851	\$816,851

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$103,219	\$108,721
All Other	\$250,531	\$250,531

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$353,750	\$359,252
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Solid Waste Management Fund 0659

Initiative: Provides funding for the Maine Solid Waste Management Fund to address and mitigate perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, contaminants.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND 0659

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$916,851	\$916,851
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$916,851	\$916,851

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$103,219	\$108,721

All Other	\$250,531	\$250,531
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$353,750	\$359,252
FUNDS TOTAL		

State Benefit Mandate Defrayal Z373

Initiative: Provides funding for the cost of the benefit mandate providing coverage of infertility treatment as enacted by Public Law 2021, chapter 692, An Act To Provide Access to Fertility Care.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000

STATE BENEFIT MANDATE DEFRAYAL Z373

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000

State Controller - Office of the 0056

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	27.000	27.000
Personal Services	\$3,332,552	\$3,394,942
All Other	\$164,581	\$164,581
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,497,133	\$3,559,523

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,000	\$11,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,000	\$11,000
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State Controller - Office of the 0056

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of 2 Public Service Manager II positions from range 30 to range 32.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$20,014	\$20,009
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,014	\$20,009

STATE CONTROLLER - OFFICE OF THE 0056

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	27.000	27.000
Personal Services	\$3,352,566	\$3,414,951
All Other	\$164,581	\$164,581
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,517,147	\$3,579,532

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$11,000	\$11,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$11,000	\$11,000
FUNDS TOTAL		

Statewide Radio Network System 0112

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151

STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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STATEWIDE RADIO NETWORK SYSTEM 0112

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,199,151	\$4,199,151

STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Trade Adjustment Assistance Health Insurance Z001

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,385	\$8,385
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,385	\$8,385

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000
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TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE HEALTH INSURANCE Z001

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,385	\$8,385

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,385	\$8,385
FUND TOTAL		

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000

Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement 0261

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,800,000	\$10,800,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,800,000	\$10,800,000

Tree Growth Tax Reimbursement 0261

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in the tree growth tax reimbursement to municipalities based on previous years' trends and market changes. Reimbursement is required under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 578.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,200,000	\$2,400,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,200,000	\$2,400,000

TREE GROWTH TAX REIMBURSEMENT 0261

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,000,000	\$13,200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,000,000	\$13,200,000

Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund - Finance 0573

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$26,091,788	\$26,091,788
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$26,091,788	\$26,091,788

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.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$908,212	\$2,908,212
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$908,212	\$2,908,212

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY EDUCATION AND SERVICES FUND - FINANCE 0573

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$27,000,000	\$29,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$27,000,000	\$29,000,000

Veterans' Organizations Tax Reimbursement Z062

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$44,800	\$44,800
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$44,800	\$44,800

Veterans' Organizations Tax Reimbursement Z062

Initiative: Provides funding for an expected increase in reimbursements to municipalities in the Veterans' Organizations Tax Reimbursement Program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,200	\$5,200
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,200	\$5,200

VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS TAX REIMBURSEMENT Z062

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000

Veterans Tax Reimbursement 0407

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,260,000	\$1,260,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,260,000	\$1,260,000

Veterans Tax Reimbursement 0407

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in reimbursements to municipalities based on the expansion of the veterans' property tax exemption enacted in Public Law 2021, chapter 682, An Act To Expand Eligibility for the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$40,000	\$140,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$40,000	\$140,000

VETERANS TAX REIMBURSEMENT 0407

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,300,000	\$1,400,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,300,000	\$1,400,000

Waste Facility Tax Reimbursement 0907

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,920	\$10,920
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,920</u>	<u>\$10,920</u>

Waste Facility Tax Reimbursement 0907

Initiative: Provides funding to reflect previous years' trends and actual requests submitted for the waste facility tax reimbursement program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,080	\$5,080
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,080</u>	<u>\$5,080</u>

WASTE FACILITY TAX REIMBURSEMENT 0907

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000	\$16,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$16,000</u>

Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13,000	13,000
Personal Services	\$1,915,136	\$1,959,938
All Other	\$18,162,695	\$18,162,695
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$20,077,831</u>	<u>\$20,122,633</u>

Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of one Public Service Coordinator I position from range 22 to range 24.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,802	\$9,473
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,802</u>	<u>\$9,473</u>

Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of one Public Service Manager II position from range 30 to range 33.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,488	\$15,730
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,488</u>	<u>\$15,730</u>

Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator I position previously established by Financial Order 001935 F2 to assist with a broad range of professional services and administrative support to the office of employee health, wellness and workers' compensation.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$98,343	\$103,712
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$98,343</u>	<u>\$103,712</u>

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND PROGRAM 0802

PROGRAM SUMMARY

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14,000	14,000
Personal Services	\$2,029,769	\$2,088,853
All Other	\$18,162,695	\$18,162,695
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$20,192,464</u>	<u>\$20,251,548</u>

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
FEDERAL	\$288,349,078	\$312,802,888
EXPENDITURES FUND	\$489,350	\$489,350
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$456,015,371	\$458,091,164
FEDERAL	\$13,749,675	\$2,500
EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY		
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	\$28,418,127	\$29,148,165
POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND	\$4,102,844	\$4,176,552

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	\$58,149,590	\$59,369,361
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	\$4,039,321	\$4,058,053
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	\$20,192,464	\$20,251,548
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	\$9,356,807	\$9,401,088
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	\$26,928,200	\$26,937,129
BUREAU OF REVENUE SERVICES FUND	\$151,720	\$151,720
RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	\$116,951,295	\$116,951,295
ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	\$3,221,819	\$3,271,546
STATEWIDE RADIO AND NETWORK SYSTEM RESERVE FUND	\$500	\$500
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND	\$192,981,949	\$192,996,933
STATE-ADMINISTERED FUND	\$2,042,515	\$2,042,515
STATE LOTTERY FUND	\$4,559,449	\$4,609,447
FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND	\$145,036	\$149,037
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,229,845,110	\$1,244,900,791

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	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,086,493	\$1,120,231
All Other	\$1,422,513	\$1,422,513
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,509,006	\$2,542,744

Animal Welfare Fund 0946

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager I position established in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$107,222	\$113,031
All Other	\$10,437	\$10,801
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$117,659	\$123,832

ANIMAL WELFARE FUND 0946

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,193,715	\$1,233,262
All Other	\$1,432,950	\$1,433,314
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,626,665	\$2,666,576

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	59.000	59.000
Personal Services	\$6,002,541	\$6,170,431
All Other	\$1,537,595	\$1,537,595
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,540,136	\$7,708,026

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.500	8.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.554	0.554
Personal Services	\$893,682	\$919,014
All Other	\$2,962,225	\$2,962,225
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,855,907	\$3,881,239

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.000	19.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	7.748	7.748
Personal Services	\$2,320,739	\$2,406,208
All Other	\$1,636,524	\$1,636,524
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,957,263	\$4,042,732

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$600,000	\$600,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$110,424	\$1,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$110,424</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Transfers funding for the VISTA ending hunger program from the Office of the Commissioner program to the Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account and establishes a baseline allocation in the corresponding Other Special Revenue Funds account.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$84,630	\$84,630
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$84,630</u>	<u>\$84,630</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$80,000	\$80,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$80,000</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Planning and Research Associate II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 to work with the federal emergency food assistance program and commodity supplemental food program and provides funding for related All Other costs. This position will end June 7, 2025.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$93,249	\$98,393
All Other	\$9,561	\$9,884
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$102,810</u>	<u>\$108,277</u>

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Manager I position from 100% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 55% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 45% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$58,889	\$59,549
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$58,889</u>	<u>\$59,549</u>

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Public Service Coordinator I position from 50% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds and

50% Harness Racing Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 50% Harness Racing Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds, 25% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 25% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$31,252	\$31,743
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$31,252</u>	<u>\$31,743</u>

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Office Associate II position from 50% Harness Racing Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 50% Harness Racing Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds, 25% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 25% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$18,341	\$18,653
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$18,341</u>	<u>\$18,653</u>

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Volunteer Services Coordinator position from 100% Office of the Commissioner program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 60% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund and 40% Bureau of Agriculture program, Federal Expenditures Fund and decreases All Other in the Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account to fund the transfer.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$63,315	\$64,531
All Other	(\$63,315)	(\$64,531)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$42,211	\$43,020
All Other	\$2,645	\$2,695
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$44,856</u>	<u>\$45,715</u>

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Entomology Technician position from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program and provides funding to increase the hours of the position from 48 hours to 80 hours bi-weekly.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.277)	(0.277)

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Personal Services	(\$14,280)	(\$14,275)
All Other	(\$895)	(\$894)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$15,175)	(\$15,169)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.462	0.462
Personal Services	\$23,605	\$23,596
All Other	\$1,479	\$1,478
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$25,084	\$25,074

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Environmental Specialist III position, one part-time Environmental Specialist II position and one part-time Office Associate II position from 100% Pesticides Control - Board of program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Office of the Commissioner program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$177,707	\$187,591
All Other	\$10,500	\$10,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$188,207	\$198,091

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE 0393

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	61.000	61.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$6,352,045	\$6,532,498
All Other	\$1,569,410	\$1,568,194
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,921,455	\$8,100,692

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.500	8.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.277	0.277
Personal Services	\$1,014,862	\$1,046,152
All Other	\$2,973,536	\$2,973,910
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,988,398	\$4,020,062

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.000	19.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	8.210	8.210
Personal Services	\$2,344,344	\$2,429,804
All Other	\$1,718,003	\$1,718,002

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,062,347	\$4,147,806
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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$600,000	\$600,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$110,424	\$1,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$110,424	\$1,000
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Certified Seed Fund 0787

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$561,541	\$578,642
All Other	\$335,277	\$335,277
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$896,818	\$913,919

CERTIFIED SEED FUND 0787

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$561,541	\$578,642
All Other	\$335,277	\$335,277

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$896,818	\$913,919
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Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	77.000	77.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.307	2.307
Personal Services	\$9,072,958	\$9,295,924
All Other	\$2,487,972	\$2,487,972

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$11,560,930	\$11,783,896
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.192	2.192

Personal Services	\$356,398	\$363,228
All Other	\$720,644	\$720,644
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,077,042	\$1,083,872
FUND TOTAL		
OTHER SPECIAL	2023-24	2024-25
REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$227,529	\$227,529
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$227,529	\$227,529
FUNDS TOTAL		

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 4 Ranger Pilot positions from range 25 to range 26.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$23,151	\$23,139
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$23,151	\$23,139

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Ranger Pilot Supervisor from range 27 to range 28.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,652	\$6,651
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,652	\$6,651

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Office Associate II position to a Forest Service Mobilization Coordinator position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,060	\$5,059
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,060	\$5,059

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Office Associate II position to a District Forest Ranger position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$44,019	\$46,014
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$44,019	\$46,014

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Forest Fire Prevention Specialist position from range 22 to range 24.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$14,596	\$14,593
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,596	\$14,593

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for annual health screening for forest rangers due to exposure to hazardous chemicals. Public Law 2021, chapter 678 added forest rangers to the list of firefighters covered under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 328-B.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$25,326	\$25,326
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,326	\$25,326

DIVISION OF FOREST PROTECTION Z232

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	77.000	77.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.307	2.307
Personal Services	\$9,166,436	\$9,391,380
All Other	\$2,513,298	\$2,513,298
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$11,679,734	\$11,904,678

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.192	2.192
Personal Services	\$356,398	\$363,228
All Other	\$720,644	\$720,644

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,077,042	\$1,083,872
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$227,529	\$227,529
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$227,529	\$227,529

Emergency Food Assistance Program Fund Z332

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUND Z332

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund Z364

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund Z364

Initiative: Provides funding for the Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program created in Public Law 2021, chapter 729, An Act To Establish a Fund for Farmers Adversely Affected by Drought Conditions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$300,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FARMERS DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM FUND Z364

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$300,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	39.000	39.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.904	2.904
Personal Services	\$4,433,590	\$4,390,367
All Other	\$746,557	\$746,557
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,180,147</u>	<u>\$5,136,924</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	8.597	8.597
Personal Services	\$810,420	\$828,474
All Other	\$835,553	\$835,553
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,645,973</u>	<u>\$1,664,027</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$290,829	\$290,829
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$290,829</u>	<u>\$290,829</u>

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 13 Forester I positions to Forester II positions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$74,429	\$93,781
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$74,429</u>	<u>\$93,781</u>

FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT Z233

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	39.000	39.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.904	2.904
Personal Services	\$4,508,019	\$4,484,148
All Other	\$746,557	\$746,557
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,254,576</u>	<u>\$5,230,705</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	8.597	8.597
Personal Services	\$810,420	\$828,474
All Other	\$835,553	\$835,553
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,645,973</u>	<u>\$1,664,027</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$290,829	\$290,829
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$290,829</u>	<u>\$290,829</u>

Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives Z329

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

FUND TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY AND PROVIDE NUTRITION INCENTIVES Z329

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

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

Geology and Resource Information Z237

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,676,475	\$1,717,931
All Other	\$239,628	\$239,628

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,916,103	\$1,957,559
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$365,073	\$375,481
All Other	\$646,173	\$646,173

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,011,246	\$1,021,654
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$127,478	\$129,356
All Other	\$89,220	\$89,220

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$216,698	\$218,576
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GEOLOGY AND RESOURCE INFORMATION Z237

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,676,475	\$1,717,931
All Other	\$239,628	\$239,628

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,916,103	\$1,957,559
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$365,073	\$375,481
All Other	\$646,173	\$646,173

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,011,246	\$1,021,654
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$127,478	\$129,356

All Other	\$89,220	\$89,220
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$216,698	\$218,576
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Harness Racing Commission 0320

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	5.000	5.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.596	2.596
Personal Services	\$784,511	\$802,692
All Other	\$11,008,130	\$11,008,130

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,792,641	\$11,810,822
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Harness Racing Commission 0320

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Public Service Coordinator I position from 50% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Harness Racing Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 50% Harness Racing Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds, 25% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 25% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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HARNESS RACING COMMISSION 0320

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.596	2.596
Personal Services	\$784,511	\$802,692
All Other	\$11,008,130	\$11,008,130

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,792,641	\$11,810,822
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Land for Maine's Future Z162

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$186,044	\$192,143
All Other	\$19,630	\$19,630

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$205,674	\$211,773
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$96,601	\$100,928
All Other	\$9,549	\$9,549
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$106,150	\$110,477
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$47,560	\$47,560
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$47,560	\$47,560

Land for Maine's Future Z162

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,115	\$5,114
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,115	\$5,114

LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE Z162

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$191,159	\$197,257
All Other	\$19,630	\$19,630
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$210,789	\$216,887

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$96,601	\$100,928
All Other	\$9,549	\$9,549
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$106,150	\$110,477
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$47,560	\$47,560
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$47,560	\$47,560

Land for Maine's Future - Community Conservation Projects Z307

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$179,559	\$189,827
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$179,559	\$189,827

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
FUNDS TOTAL		

Land for Maine's Future - Community Conservation Projects Z307

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one limited-period Paralegal Assistant position to a Secretary Specialist position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,091	\$6,518
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,091	\$6,518

LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE - COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PROJECTS Z307

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$185,650	\$196,345
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$185,650	\$196,345

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
FUNDS TOTAL		

Land Management and Planning Z239

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$37,557	\$37,557

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$37,557	\$37,557
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	40.000	40.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.308	2.308
Personal Services	\$4,202,850	\$4,280,426
All Other	\$14,471,719	\$14,471,719

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$18,674,569	\$18,752,145
FUNDS TOTAL		

LAND MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING Z239

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$37,557	\$37,557
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$37,557	\$37,557

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	40.000	40.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.308	2.308
Personal Services	\$4,202,850	\$4,280,426
All Other	\$14,471,719	\$14,471,719
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$18,674,569	\$18,752,145

Maine Conservation Corps Z149

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$231,044	\$235,448
All Other	\$163,096	\$163,096
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$394,140	\$398,544

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$13,368	\$13,552
All Other	\$731,209	\$731,209
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$744,577	\$744,761

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$122,620	\$125,820
All Other	\$675,221	\$675,221
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$797,841	\$801,041

MAINE CONSERVATION CORPS Z149

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$231,044	\$235,448
All Other	\$163,096	\$163,096
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$394,140	\$398,544

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$13,368	\$13,552
All Other	\$731,209	\$731,209
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$744,577	\$744,761

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$122,620	\$125,820

All Other	\$675,221	\$675,221
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$797,841	\$801,041

Maine Farms for the Future Program 0925

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$142,589	\$142,589

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$142,589	\$142,589
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MAINE FARMS FOR THE FUTURE PROGRAM 0925

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$142,589	\$142,589

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$142,589	\$142,589
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Maine Forestry Operations Cleanup and Response Fund Z327

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,000	\$20,000
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MAINE FORESTRY OPERATIONS CLEANUP AND RESPONSE FUND Z327

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,000	\$20,000
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Maine Healthy Soils Fund Z328

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Maine Healthy Soils Fund Z328

Initiative: Provides funding for the Maine Healthy Soils Fund created in Public Law 2021, chapter 143, An Act To Establish the Maine Healthy Soils Program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$500,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500,000
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

MAINE HEALTHY SOILS FUND Z328 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,000,500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,000,500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$2,374,081	\$2,451,887
All Other	\$208,494	\$208,494
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,582,575</u>	<u>\$2,660,381</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,300	\$3,300
All Other	\$108,178	\$108,178
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$111,478</u>	<u>\$111,478</u>

MAINE LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION Z236

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$2,374,081	\$2,451,887
All Other	\$208,494	\$208,494
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,582,575</u>	<u>\$2,660,381</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,300	\$3,300
All Other	\$108,178	\$108,178
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$111,478</u>	<u>\$111,478</u>

Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund Z313

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

MAINE WORKING FARMLAND ACCESS AND PROTECTION FUND Z313

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Milk Commission 0188

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$233,740	\$236,810
All Other	\$5,236,757	\$5,236,757
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$5,470,497</u>	<u>\$5,473,567</u>

Milk Commission 0188

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Manager I position from 100% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 55% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 45% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$58,889)	(\$59,549)
All Other	(\$3,689)	(\$3,731)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$62,578)</u>	<u>(\$63,280)</u>

Milk Commission 0188

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Public Service Coordinator I position from 50% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Harness Racing Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 50% Harness Racing Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds, 25% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 25% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$31,257)	(\$31,746)
All Other	(\$1,958)	(\$1,989)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	(\$33,215)	(\$33,735)
FUNDS TOTAL		

Milk Commission 0188

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Office Associate II position from 50% Harness Racing Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 50% Harness Racing Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds, 25% Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 25% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$18,341)	(\$18,653)
All Other	(\$1,149)	(\$1,168)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	(\$19,490)	(\$19,821)
FUNDS TOTAL		

MILK COMMISSION 0188

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$125,253	\$126,862
All Other	\$5,229,961	\$5,229,869

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$5,355,214	\$5,356,731
FUNDS TOTAL		

Natural Areas Program Z821

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$223,855	\$230,313
All Other	\$16,242	\$16,242

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$240,097	\$246,555
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$217,832	\$221,318
All Other	\$138,893	\$138,893

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$356,725	\$360,211
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$326,338	\$333,383
All Other	\$456,977	\$456,977

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$783,315	\$790,360
FUNDS TOTAL		

Natural Areas Program Z821

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one vacant Biologist I position to a Biologist II position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$11,704	\$12,237
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$11,704	\$12,237

Natural Areas Program Z821

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$8,948	\$8,944
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,948	\$8,944

Natural Areas Program Z821

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one vacant Biologist I position to a Biologist II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,925	\$3,060
All Other	\$333	\$348

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,258	\$3,408
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$8,779	\$9,177
All Other	\$999	\$1,044

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$9,778	\$10,221
FUNDS TOTAL		

Natural Areas Program Z821

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Biologist II position from 50% Federal Expenditures Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% General Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$116,839	\$118,246

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$116,839	\$118,246
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$58,417)	(\$59,121)
All Other	(\$6,648)	(\$6,727)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$65,065)	(\$65,848)
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$58,422)	(\$59,125)
All Other	(\$6,648)	(\$6,727)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$65,070)	(\$65,852)

Personal Services	\$3,823	\$3,821
All Other	\$27	\$27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,850	\$3,848

NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM Z821 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$361,346	\$369,740
All Other	\$16,242	\$16,242
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$377,588	\$385,982

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Transfers funding for the VISTA ending hunger program from the Office of the Commissioner program to the Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account and establishes a baseline allocation in the corresponding Other Special Revenue Funds account.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$84,630)	(\$84,630)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$84,630)	(\$84,630)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$162,340	\$165,257
All Other	\$132,578	\$132,514
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$294,918	\$297,771

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Planning and Research Associate II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 to work with the federal emergency food assistance program and commodity supplemental food program and provides funding for related All Other costs. This position will end June 7, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,292	\$3,292
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,292	\$3,292

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4,000	4,000
Personal Services	\$276,695	\$283,435
All Other	\$451,328	\$451,294
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$728,023	\$734,729

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$585	\$585
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$585	\$585

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8,000	8,000
Personal Services	\$1,206,394	\$1,232,844
All Other	\$3,447,651	\$3,447,651
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,654,045	\$4,680,495

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator I position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$121,542	\$123,587
All Other	\$848	\$863
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$122,390	\$124,450

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10,000	10,000
Personal Services	\$1,213,428	\$1,238,600
All Other	\$57,084,330	\$57,084,330
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$58,297,758	\$58,322,930

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Volunteer Services Coordinator position continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 to work on the Maine Prosperity Corps VISTA project to support the development of Maine's roadmap for ending hunger by 2030. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

Office of the Commissioner 0401

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$105,915	\$107,964
All Other	\$739	\$754
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$106,654	\$108,718

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Agency GIS/Technology Coordinator position previously continued in Financial Order 002245 F3. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$113,387	\$115,433
All Other	\$791	\$806
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$114,178	\$116,239

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Volunteer Services Coordinator position from 100% Office of the Commissioner program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 60% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund and 40% Bureau of Agriculture program, Federal Expenditures Fund and decreases All Other in the Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund account to fund the transfer.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$105,526)	(\$107,551)
All Other	(\$737)	(\$751)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$106,263)	(\$108,302)

Office of the Commissioner 0401

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Environmental Specialist III position, one part-time Environmental Specialist II position and one part-time Office Associate II position from 100% Pesticides Control - Board of program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Office of the Commissioner program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$9,741	\$9,741
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,741	\$9,741

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,731	\$1,731

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,731	\$1,731
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GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$1,206,394	\$1,232,844
All Other	\$3,376,054	\$3,376,054
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,582,448	\$4,608,898

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,452,569	\$1,481,854
All Other	\$57,088,314	\$57,088,345
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$58,540,883	\$58,570,199

Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	5.731	5.731
Personal Services	\$2,026,041	\$2,059,653
All Other	\$12,051,731	\$12,051,731
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$14,077,772	\$14,111,384

OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES PROGRAM Z224 PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	5.731	5.731
Personal Services	\$2,026,041	\$2,059,653
All Other	\$12,051,731	\$12,051,731
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$14,077,772	\$14,111,384

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	48.000	48.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	77.407	77.407
Personal Services	\$9,375,596	\$9,604,417
All Other	\$1,027,140	\$1,027,140
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,402,736	\$10,631,557

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$57,162	\$57,691
All Other	\$1,771,346	\$1,771,346

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,828,508	\$1,829,037
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$556,656	\$570,579
All Other	\$2,172,878	\$2,172,878

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,729,534	\$2,743,457
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$188,037	\$0
All Other	\$29,399,243	\$412,720

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$29,587,280	\$412,720
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Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Park Manager II position to a Park Manager III position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,787	\$6,292

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,787	\$6,292
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Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 2 Public Service Manager II positions from range 29 to range 33.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$28,406	\$34,738

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$28,406	\$34,738
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PARKS - GENERAL OPERATIONS Z221

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	48.000	48.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	77.407	77.407
Personal Services	\$9,409,789	\$9,645,447
All Other	\$1,027,140	\$1,027,140

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,436,929	\$10,672,587
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$57,162	\$57,691
All Other	\$1,771,346	\$1,771,346

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,828,508	\$1,829,037
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$556,656	\$570,579
All Other	\$2,172,878	\$2,172,878

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,729,534	\$2,743,457
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY

Personal Services	\$188,037	\$0
All Other	\$29,399,243	\$412,720

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$29,587,280	\$412,720
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Pesticides Control - Board of 0287

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.018	2.018
Personal Services	\$278,340	\$284,569
All Other	\$211,630	\$211,630

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$489,970	\$496,199
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.500	15.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.893	2.893
Personal Services	\$1,786,960	\$1,836,511
All Other	\$451,701	\$451,701

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,238,661	\$2,288,212
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Pesticides Control - Board of 0287

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Environmental Specialist III position, one part-time Environmental Specialist II position and one part-time Office Associate II position from 100% Pesticides Control - Board of program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Office of the Commissioner program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$177,707)	(\$187,591)
All Other	(\$22,291)	(\$22,910)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$199,998)	(\$210,501)

PESTICIDES CONTROL - BOARD OF 0287

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.018	2.018
Personal Services	\$278,340	\$284,569
All Other	\$211,630	\$211,630
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$489,970	\$496,199

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.500	14.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.893	1.893
Personal Services	\$1,609,253	\$1,648,920
All Other	\$429,410	\$428,791
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,038,663	\$2,077,711

Statewide Hunger Relief Program Z288

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

STATEWIDE HUNGER RELIEF PROGRAM Z288

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Submerged Lands and Island Registry Z241

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$299,614	\$309,787
All Other	\$713,753	\$713,753

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,013,367	\$1,023,540
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SUBMERGED LANDS AND ISLAND REGISTRY Z241

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$299,614	\$309,787
All Other	\$713,753	\$713,753
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,013,367	\$1,023,540

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$46,684,576	\$48,275,847
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$11,224,339	\$11,305,417
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$149,300,431	\$144,678,032
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$600,000	\$600,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$29,697,704	\$413,720
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$237,507,050	\$205,273,016

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

ARTS COMMISSION, MAINE

Arts - Administration 0178

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$706,897	\$735,693
All Other	\$319,241	\$319,241
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,026,138	\$1,054,934

ARTS - ADMINISTRATION 0178

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$706,897	\$735,693
All Other	\$319,241	\$319,241
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,026,138	\$1,054,934

Arts - General Grants Program 0177

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$357,051	\$357,051
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$357,051	\$357,051

ARTS - GENERAL GRANTS PROGRAM 0177

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$357,051	\$357,051
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$357,051	\$357,051

Arts - Sponsored Program 0176

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$384,688	\$397,765
All Other	\$759,000	\$759,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,143,688	\$1,156,765

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$102,168	\$102,168
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$102,168	\$102,168

ARTS - SPONSORED PROGRAM 0176

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$384,688	\$397,765
All Other	\$759,000	\$759,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,143,688	\$1,156,765

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$102,168	\$102,168
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$102,168	\$102,168

**ARTS COMMISSION,
MAINE**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$1,026,138	\$1,054,934
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$1,500,739	\$1,513,816

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$102,168	\$102,168
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,629,045	\$2,670,918
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Sec. A-4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF
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Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	63.500	63.500
Personal Services	\$8,044,830	\$8,237,650
All Other	\$837,997	\$837,997
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,882,827	\$9,075,647

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,642,249	\$1,688,597
All Other	\$268,629	\$268,629
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,910,878	\$1,957,226

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	55.500	55.500
Personal Services	\$8,015,004	\$8,261,592
All Other	\$789,718	\$789,718
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,804,722	\$9,051,310

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent of one Secretary Associate Legal position continued by Financial Order 002299 F3 dedicated to the litigation division and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$77,846	\$82,559
All Other	\$6,908	\$6,997
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$84,754	\$89,556

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent of one Research Assistant MSEA-B position continued by Financial Order 002276 F3 dedicated to the criminal division and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$96,108	\$98,136
All Other	\$5,248	\$5,248
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$101,356	\$103,384

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the increased hours of one Research Assistant MSEA-B position funded by the General Fund from 40 hours biweekly to 80 hours biweekly, eliminates another 40-hour-biweekly Research Assistant MSEA-B position funded by Other Special Revenue Funds and establishes one Research Assistant MSEA-B position, allocating the costs of the position to 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program, and provides for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	0.500	0.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$107)	(\$108)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$107)	(\$108)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(0.500)	(0.500)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$109)	(\$111)
All Other	(\$3)	(\$3)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$112)	(\$114)

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Establishes one Research Assistant MSEA-B position in compliance with Public Law 2021, chapter 460, An Act To Implement the Attorney General's Recommendations on Data Collection in Order To Eliminate Profiling in Maine, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$76,548	\$80,696
All Other	\$5,248	\$5,248
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$81,796	\$85,944

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Director Investigations position to a Research Assistant position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,006	\$5,005
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,006	\$5,005

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Reallocates one Research Assistant MSEA-B position from 100% General Fund to 55% General Fund and 45% Other Special Revenue Funds.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$36,554)	(\$38,457)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$36,554)	(\$38,457)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$36,554	\$38,457
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$36,554	\$38,457

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Reallocates one Deputy Attorney General position from 60% General Fund and 40% Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% General Fund and one Assistant Attorney General position from 100% General Fund to 60% General Fund and 40% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$1,159)	(\$1,127)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,159)	(\$1,127)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,070	\$1,127
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,070	\$1,127

ADMINISTRATION - ATTORNEY GENERAL 0310

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	66.000	66.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$8,184,672	\$8,381,795
All Other	\$848,493	\$848,493
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,033,165	\$9,230,288

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	10.000	10.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,642,249	\$1,688,597
All Other	\$268,629	\$268,629
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,910,878	\$1,957,226

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	56.000	56.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$8,130,365	\$8,383,624
All Other	\$796,623	\$796,712

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$8,926,988	\$9,180,336
FUNDS TOTAL		
Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412		
Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET		
GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,799,684	\$1,854,431
All Other	\$818,089	\$818,089
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,617,773	\$2,672,520
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$71,704	\$72,710
All Other	\$278,398	\$278,398
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$350,102	\$351,108
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$185,003	\$185,003
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$185,003	\$185,003

CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER - OFFICE OF 0412

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,799,684	\$1,854,431
All Other	\$818,089	\$818,089
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,617,773	\$2,672,520
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$71,704	\$72,710
All Other	\$278,398	\$278,398
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$350,102	\$351,108
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$185,003	\$185,003
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$185,003	\$185,003

Civil Rights 0039

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$183,339	\$185,336
All Other	\$97,255	\$97,255
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$280,594	\$282,591

CIVIL RIGHTS 0039

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$183,339	\$185,336
All Other	\$97,255	\$97,255
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$280,594	\$282,591

District Attorneys Salaries 0409

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	97.500	97.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$14,282,600	\$14,865,531
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,282,600	\$14,865,531

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$736,396	\$774,688
All Other	\$41,483	\$41,483
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$777,879	\$816,171

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.500	1.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$179,814	\$189,326
All Other	\$11,157	\$11,157

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$190,971	\$200,483
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DISTRICT ATTORNEYS SALARIES 0409

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	97.500	97.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$14,282,600	\$14,865,531
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,282,600	\$14,865,531

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$736,396	\$774,688

All Other	\$41,483	\$41,483
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$777,879	\$816,171
FUND TOTAL		

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.500	1.500
Personal Services	\$179,814	\$189,326
All Other	\$11,157	\$11,157

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$190,971	\$200,483
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FHM - Attorney General 0947

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$144,239	\$151,768
All Other	\$21,164	\$21,164

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$165,403	\$172,932
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FHM - ATTORNEY GENERAL 0947

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$144,239	\$151,768
All Other	\$21,164	\$21,164

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$165,403	\$172,932
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Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	82.500	82.500
Personal Services	\$10,389,805	\$10,731,293
All Other	\$1,414,889	\$1,414,889

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,804,694	\$12,146,182
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Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Assistant Attorney General position continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 29 dedicated to the child protection division and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$158,268	\$166,852

All Other	\$14,778	\$14,799
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$173,046	\$181,651
FUNDS TOTAL		

Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent of one Secretary Associate Legal position continued by Financial Order 002300 F3 dedicated to the child protection division and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$83,319	\$88,245
All Other	\$6,965	\$7,049

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$90,284	\$95,294
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Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Research Assistant MSEA-B position continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 398 and provides funding for DICAP costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$112,565	\$114,587
All Other	\$2,106	\$2,144

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$114,671	\$116,731
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HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION 0696

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	85.500	85.500
Personal Services	\$10,743,957	\$11,100,977
All Other	\$1,438,738	\$1,438,881

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,182,695	\$12,539,858
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Maine Recovery Fund Z343

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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MAINE RECOVERY FUND Z343

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Road Commission Fund Z353

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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ROAD COMMISSION FUND Z353

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Victims' Compensation Board 0711

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$225,549	\$225,549

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$225,549	\$225,549
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$265,848	\$269,224
All Other	\$600,508	\$600,508

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$866,356	\$869,732
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VICTIMS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0711

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$225,549	\$225,549

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$225,549	\$225,549
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$265,848	\$269,224
All Other	\$600,508	\$600,508

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$866,356	\$869,732
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ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$26,214,132	\$27,050,930
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$3,264,408	\$3,350,054
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$165,403	\$172,932
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$22,353,013	\$22,976,412

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$51,996,956	\$53,550,328
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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: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,676,700	\$1,721,314
All Other	\$79,144	\$79,144

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,755,844	\$1,800,458
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$2,552,379	\$2,633,069
All Other	\$293,030	\$293,030

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,845,409	\$2,926,099
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Audit Bureau 0067

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$9,354	\$12,112

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,354	\$12,112
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Audit Bureau 0067

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Senior Auditor position to a Principal Auditor position.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$15,809	\$20,456

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,809	\$20,456
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Audit Bureau 0067

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Public Service Manager II to a Public Service Manager III position.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,592	\$12,110
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$6,592</u>	<u>\$12,110</u>

Audit Bureau 0067

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Executive II position from range 35 to range 37.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$8,240	\$14,548
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$8,240</u>	<u>\$14,548</u>

Audit Bureau 0067

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Secretary Specialist position to a Public Service Coordinator I position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,520	\$8,378
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,520</u>	<u>\$8,378</u>

AUDIT BUREAU 0067

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,700,814	\$1,756,352
All Other	\$79,144	\$79,144
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,779,958</u>	<u>\$1,835,496</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	22.000
Personal Services	\$2,574,780	\$2,665,635
All Other	\$293,030	\$293,030
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,867,810</u>	<u>\$2,958,665</u>

Unorganized Territory 0075

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$186,064	\$190,184
All Other	\$94,089	\$94,089
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$280,153</u>	<u>\$284,273</u>

UNORGANIZED TERRITORY 0075

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$186,064	\$190,184
All Other	\$94,089	\$94,089
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$280,153</u>	<u>\$284,273</u>

AUDITOR, OFFICE OF THE STATE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$1,779,958	\$1,835,496
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$3,147,963	\$3,242,938
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$4,927,921</u>	<u>\$5,078,434</u>

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	24.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	21.909	21.909
Personal Services	\$3,897,529	\$4,001,706
All Other	\$1,349,275	\$1,349,275
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$5,246,804</u>	<u>\$5,350,981</u>

Baxter State Park Authority 0253

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager II position previously established by Financial Order 002362 F3 funded 100% Other Special Revenue Funds to enhance the leadership team at Baxter State Park and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$131,829	\$138,686
All Other	\$5,717	\$5,829
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$137,546</u>	<u>\$144,515</u>

BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY 0253

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	25.000	25.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	21.909	21.909
Personal Services	\$4,029,358	\$4,140,392
All Other	\$1,354,992	\$1,355,104
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,384,350	\$5,495,496

BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$5,384,350	\$5,495,496
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$5,384,350	\$5,495,496
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Sec. A-7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

BLUEBERRY COMMISSION OF MAINE, WILD

Blueberry Commission 0375

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,875,000	\$1,875,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,875,000	\$1,875,000
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Blueberry Commission 0375

Initiative: Deallocates funds for the blueberry tax exemption for wild blueberries grown on tribal lands pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 681, An Act To Enhance Tribal-State Collaboration, To Revise the Tax Laws Regarding the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation and To Authorize Casinos, Off-track Betting Facilities, Federally Recognized Indian Tribes and Certain Commercial Tracks To Conduct Sports Wagering.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$95,000)	(\$95,000)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$95,000)	(\$95,000)
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BLUEBERRY COMMISSION 0375

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,780,000	\$1,780,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,780,000	\$1,780,000
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BLUEBERRY COMMISSION OF MAINE, WILD

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,780,000	\$1,780,000
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$118,009	\$118,009

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$118,009	\$118,009
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CENTERS FOR INNOVATION 0911

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$118,009	\$118,009

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$118,009	\$118,009
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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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$15,400	\$15,400
All Other	\$679,409	\$679,409

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$694,809	\$694,809
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MAINE CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION Z137

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$15,400	\$15,400
All Other	\$679,409	\$679,409

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$694,809	\$694,809
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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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$48,300	\$48,300
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$48,300</u>	<u>\$48,300</u>

**MAINE CHILDREN'S TRUST INCORPORATED
0798**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$48,300	\$48,300
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$48,300</u>	<u>\$48,300</u>

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$78,789,013	\$78,789,013
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$78,789,013</u>	<u>\$78,789,013</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,032,595	\$4,032,595
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,032,595</u>	<u>\$4,032,595</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,980,200	\$4,106,600
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$12,980,200</u>	<u>\$4,106,600</u>

Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for grant awards to support homeless youth in Maine as enacted by Public Law 2019, chapter 538.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$63,000	\$63,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$63,000</u>	<u>\$63,000</u>

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM -
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 0556**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$78,852,013	\$78,852,013
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$78,852,013</u>	<u>\$78,852,013</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,032,595	\$4,032,595
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,032,595</u>	<u>\$4,032,595</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,980,200	\$4,106,600
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$12,980,200</u>	<u>\$4,106,600</u>

Regional Fire Service Training Fund Z356

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

**REGIONAL FIRE SERVICE TRAINING FUND
Z356**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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GENERAL FUND	\$79,052,013	\$79,052,013
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$4,032,595	\$4,032,595
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$12,980,200	\$4,106,600

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$96,064,808</u>	<u>\$87,191,208</u>
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Sec. A-12. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CONNECTMAINE AUTHORITY

ConnectMaine Fund Z294

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,716,285	\$1,716,285
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,716,285	\$1,716,285

CONNECTMAINE FUND Z294

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,716,285	\$1,716,285
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,716,285	\$1,716,285

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

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Corrections 0141

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,261,017	\$6,361,422
All Other	\$9,598,189	\$9,598,189
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,859,206	\$15,959,611

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$90,487	\$95,277
All Other	\$879,205	\$879,205
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$969,692	\$974,482

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$387,798	\$395,513
All Other	\$633,625	\$633,625
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,021,423	\$1,029,138

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

Administration - Corrections 0141

Initiative: Transfers one Office Associate II position and one part-time Public Service Coordinator I position from the Juvenile Community Corrections program to the Administration - Corrections program.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$142,004	\$149,478
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$142,004	\$149,478

Administration - Corrections 0141

Initiative: Transfers one Secretary Specialist position and one part-time Office Associate II position from the Adult Community Corrections program to the Administration - Corrections program within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$130,288	\$137,435
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$130,288	\$137,435

ADMINISTRATION - CORRECTIONS 0141

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,533,309	\$6,648,335
All Other	\$9,598,189	\$9,598,189
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,131,498	\$16,246,524

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$90,487	\$95,277
All Other	\$879,205	\$879,205
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$969,692	\$974,482

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$387,798	\$395,513
All Other	\$633,625	\$633,625
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,021,423	\$1,029,138

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

Adult Community Corrections 0124

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	115.500	115.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$12,885,309	\$13,149,094
All Other	\$1,446,123	\$1,446,123
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,331,432	\$14,595,217
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$156,101	\$156,101
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$156,101	\$156,101
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$305,959	\$305,959
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$305,959	\$305,959

Adult Community Corrections 0124

Initiative: Transfers one Secretary Specialist position and one part-time Office Associate II position from the Adult Community Corrections program to the Administration - Corrections program within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1.500)	(1.500)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$130,288)	(\$137,435)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$130,288)	(\$137,435)

ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 0124

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	114.000	114.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$12,755,021	\$13,011,659
All Other	\$1,446,123	\$1,446,123
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,201,144	\$14,457,782
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$156,101	\$156,101
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$156,101	\$156,101
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$305,959	\$305,959
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$305,959	\$305,959

Bolduc Correctional Facility Z155

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	54.000	54.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$5,966,823	\$6,075,658
All Other	\$556,500	\$556,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,523,323	\$6,632,158
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$85,971	\$85,971
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$85,971	\$85,971

BOLDUC CORRECTIONAL FACILITY Z155

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	54.000	54.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$5,966,823	\$6,075,658
All Other	\$556,500	\$556,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,523,323	\$6,632,158
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$85,971	\$85,971
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$85,971	\$85,971

Capital Construction/Repairs/Improvements - Corrections 0432

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION/REPAIRS/IMPROVEMENTS - CORRECTIONS 0432

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Correctional Center 0162

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	286.000	286.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$31,237,319	\$32,055,257

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All Other	\$2,868,422	\$2,868,422
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$34,105,741</u>	<u>\$34,923,679</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$60,971	\$60,971
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$60,971</u>	<u>\$60,971</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$226,786	\$237,731
All Other	\$151,393	\$151,393
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$378,179</u>	<u>\$389,124</u>

CORRECTIONAL CENTER 0162

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	286.000	286.000
Personal Services	\$31,237,319	\$32,055,257
All Other	\$2,868,422	\$2,868,422
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$34,105,741</u>	<u>\$34,923,679</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$60,971	\$60,971
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$60,971</u>	<u>\$60,971</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$226,786	\$237,731
All Other	\$151,393	\$151,393
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$378,179</u>	<u>\$389,124</u>

Correctional Medical Services Fund 0286

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$32,882,373	\$32,882,373
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$32,882,373</u>	<u>\$32,882,373</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,914	\$11,914

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$11,914</u>	<u>\$11,914</u>
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Correctional Medical Services Fund 0286

Initiative: Provides funding for increased medical services costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,677,001	\$1,677,001
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,677,001</u>	<u>\$1,677,001</u>

Correctional Medical Services Fund 0286

Initiative: Provides funds for substance use disorder treatment.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,100,000</u>	<u>\$1,100,000</u>

CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES FUND 0286

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$35,659,374	\$35,659,374
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$35,659,374</u>	<u>\$35,659,374</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,914	\$11,914

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$11,914</u>	<u>\$11,914</u>
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Corrections Food Z177

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,322,546	\$4,322,546
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,322,546</u>	<u>\$4,322,546</u>

CORRECTIONS FOOD Z177

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,322,546	\$4,322,546
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,322,546</u>	<u>\$4,322,546</u>

Corrections Industries Z166

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$646,642	\$668,769
All Other	\$1,973,828	\$1,973,828
PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND TOTAL	\$2,620,470	\$2,642,597

CORRECTIONS INDUSTRIES Z166

PROGRAM SUMMARY

PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$646,642	\$668,769
All Other	\$1,973,828	\$1,973,828
PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND TOTAL	\$2,620,470	\$2,642,597

County Jails Operation Fund Z227

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,342,104	\$20,342,104
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,342,104	\$20,342,104

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$565,503	\$565,503
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$565,503	\$565,503

COUNTY JAILS OPERATION FUND Z227

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,342,104	\$20,342,104
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,342,104	\$20,342,104

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$565,503	\$565,503
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$565,503	\$565,503

Departmentwide - Overtime 0032

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,376,222	\$1,421,150
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,376,222	\$1,421,150

DEPARTMENTWIDE - OVERTIME 0032

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,376,222	\$1,421,150

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,376,222	\$1,421,150
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Downeast Correctional Facility 0542

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	16.000	16.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,713,390	\$1,753,811
All Other	\$379,206	\$379,206

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,092,596	\$2,133,017
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DOWNEAST CORRECTIONAL FACILITY 0542

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	16.000	16.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,713,390	\$1,753,811
All Other	\$379,206	\$379,206

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,092,596	\$2,133,017
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Justice - Planning, Projects and Statistics 0502

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$50,464	\$50,945
All Other	\$1,968	\$1,968

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$52,432	\$52,913
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$136,928	\$141,695
All Other	\$688,760	\$688,760

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$825,688	\$830,455
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JUSTICE - PLANNING, PROJECTS AND STATISTICS 0502

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$50,464	\$50,945
All Other	\$1,968	\$1,968

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$52,432	\$52,913
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$136,928	\$141,695
All Other	\$688,760	\$688,760

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$825,688	\$830,455
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Juvenile Community Corrections 0892

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Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	66.500	66.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$7,786,635	\$7,946,032
All Other	\$5,665,719	\$5,665,719

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,452,354	\$13,611,751
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$90,032	\$90,032

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$90,032	\$90,032
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$223,622	\$223,622

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

Initiative: Transfers one Office Associate II position and one part-time Public Service Coordinator I position from the Juvenile Community Corrections program to the Administration - Corrections program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1.500)	(1.500)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$142,004)	(\$149,478)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$142,004)	(\$149,478)
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JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 0892

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	65.000	65.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$7,644,631	\$7,796,554
All Other	\$5,665,719	\$5,665,719

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,310,350	\$13,462,273
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$90,032	\$90,032

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$90,032	\$90,032
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	151.000	151.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.402	0.402
Personal Services	\$16,201,649	\$16,672,298
All Other	\$1,444,140	\$1,444,140

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,645,789	\$18,116,438
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$114,789	\$114,789

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$114,789	\$114,789
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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: Transfers 2 Office Associate II positions from the Long Creek Youth Development Center program to the State Prison program within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(2.000)	(2.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$151,895)	(\$159,581)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$151,895)	(\$159,581)
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LONG CREEK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER 0163

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	149.000	149.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.402	0.402
Personal Services	\$16,049,754	\$16,512,717
All Other	\$1,444,140	\$1,444,140

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,493,894	\$17,956,857
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$114,789	\$114,789

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$114,789	\$114,789
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$38,694	\$38,694

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$38,694	\$38,694
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Mountain View Correctional Facility 0857

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	163,000	163,000
Personal Services	\$17,925,656	\$18,358,239
All Other	\$1,870,108	\$1,870,108

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$19,795,764 \$20,228,347

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$73,408	\$73,408

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$73,408 \$73,408

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$136,897	\$136,897

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$136,897 \$136,897

MOUNTAIN VIEW CORRECTIONAL FACILITY 0857

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	163,000	163,000
Personal Services	\$17,925,656	\$18,358,239
All Other	\$1,870,108	\$1,870,108

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$19,795,764 \$20,228,347

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$73,408	\$73,408

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$73,408 \$73,408

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$136,897	\$136,897

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$136,897 \$136,897

Office of Victim Services 0046

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4,000	4,000
Personal Services	\$369,472	\$383,369
All Other	\$299,202	\$299,202

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$668,674 \$682,571

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$14,974	\$14,974

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$14,974 \$14,974

Office of Victim Services 0046

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Chief Victim Services Advocate position to a Public Service Manager I position. This approved reclassification is retroactive to March 10, 2020.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$68,173	\$17,591

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$68,173 \$17,591

OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES 0046 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4,000	4,000
Personal Services	\$437,645	\$400,960
All Other	\$299,202	\$299,202

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$736,847 \$700,162

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$14,974	\$14,974

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$14,974 \$14,974

Parole Board 0123

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,650	\$1,650
All Other	\$2,828	\$2,828

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$4,478 \$4,478

PAROLE BOARD 0123 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,650	\$1,650
All Other	\$2,828	\$2,828

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$4,478 \$4,478

State Prison 0144

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	309,000	309,000
Personal Services	\$33,875,663	\$34,693,372
All Other	\$4,789,930	\$4,789,930

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$38,665,593 \$39,483,302

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$500	\$500
FUND TOTAL		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$34,034	\$34,034
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$34,034	\$34,034

State Prison 0144

Initiative: Transfers 2 Office Associate II positions from the Long Creek Youth Development Center program to the State Prison program within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	2.000	2.000
	\$151,895	\$159,581
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$151,895	\$159,581

STATE PRISON 0144

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	311.000	311.000
All Other	\$34,027,558	\$34,852,953
	\$4,789,930	\$4,789,930
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$38,817,488	\$39,642,883

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$34,034	\$34,034

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$34,034	\$34,034
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CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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GENERAL FUND	\$224,965,801	\$228,186,247
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$2,292,181	\$2,301,738
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$2,817,170	\$2,835,830
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$500,000	\$500,000
PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND	\$2,620,470	\$2,642,597

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$233,195,622	\$236,466,412
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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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$39,445	\$39,445

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$39,445	\$39,445
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$65,424	\$65,424

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$65,424	\$65,424
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NEW CENTURY PROGRAM FUND 0904

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$39,445	\$39,445

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$39,445	\$39,445
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$65,424	\$65,424

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$65,424	\$65,424
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State of Maine Bicentennial Celebration Z260

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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STATE OF MAINE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION Z260

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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GENERAL FUND	\$39,445	\$39,445
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$65,924	\$65,924

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - \$105,369 \$105,369
ALL FUNDS

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$337,137	\$337,250
All Other	\$62,120	\$62,120
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$399,257</u>	<u>\$399,370</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100	\$100

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$100</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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Administration - Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management 0109

Initiative: Reallocates the costs of one Public Service Coordinator I position funded 10% General Fund in the Administration - Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management program and 90% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Military Training and Operations program to 100% General Fund in the Administration - Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management program and adjusts All Other.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$113,919	\$114,808
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$118,919</u>	<u>\$119,808</u>

ADMINISTRATION - DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 0109

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$451,056	\$452,058
All Other	\$67,120	\$67,120
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$518,176</u>	<u>\$519,178</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100	\$100

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$100</u>	<u>\$100</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$685,046	\$707,350
All Other	\$288,823	\$288,823
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$973,869</u>	<u>\$996,173</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	14.000	14.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,140,569	\$2,199,764
All Other	\$31,455,037	\$31,455,037

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$33,595,606</u>	<u>\$33,654,801</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$237,114	\$243,826
All Other	\$464,640	\$464,640

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$701,754</u>	<u>\$708,466</u>
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Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Civil Engineer II position to a State Dam Inspector position and reallocates the cost from 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund in the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$67,813	\$71,906
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$67,813</u>	<u>\$71,906</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$52,427)	(\$55,228)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	(\$52,427)	(\$55,228)
FUND TOTAL		

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Assistant Engineer position to an Assistant State Dam Inspector position and reallocates the cost from 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund in the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$53,439	\$56,350

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$53,439	\$56,350
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$43,865)	(\$46,260)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$43,865)	(\$46,260)
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Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Contract/Grant Manager position to a Public Service Manager II position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,110	\$4,235

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,110	\$4,235
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$9,329	\$12,698

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$9,329	\$12,698
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Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Senior Planner position to a Contract/Grant Manager position. The primary responsibility of this position is to oversee all hazard mitigation assistance grant opportunities and all substantial and heavily nuanced programs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,278	\$2,564

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,278	\$2,564
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,277	\$2,559

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,277	\$2,559
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Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Planning and Research Associate II position to a Senior Planner position. Upon reclassification, this position will be responsible for the comprehensive natural hazards risk analysis and in turn the development of mitigation policy recommendations that ultimately reduce natural hazard risk across the State.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,449	\$4,115

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,449	\$4,115
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,450	\$4,115

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,450	\$4,115
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Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Senior Contract/Grant Specialist position to a Contract/Grant Manager position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,193	\$2,192

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,193	\$2,192
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,117	\$5,116

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$5,117	\$5,116
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Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Senior Planner position to a Contract/Grant Manager position. This key position works closely with the State Emergency Response Commission.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,221	\$8,927

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,221	\$8,927
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Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Planning & Research Associate II position to a Senior Planner position. This key position works closely with the State Emergency Response Commission.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,547	\$6,850
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>\$6,547</u>	<u>\$6,850</u>
FUNDS TOTAL		

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Planning & Research Associate II position to a Contract/Grant Manager position.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,730	\$9,930
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$5,730</u>	<u>\$9,930</u>
FUND TOTAL		

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Planning & Research Associate II position to a Senior Planner position. The required skill sets for the position have changed to include the knowledge and ability to design and update websites, manage the agency's social media presence and develop other public-facing products, often requiring the use of advanced graphic design tools.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$4,899	\$8,230
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$4,899</u>	<u>\$8,230</u>
FUND TOTAL		

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Contract/Grant Specialist position previously established by Financial Order CV0540 F3 to act as a public assistance grant administrator and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$98,956	\$103,886
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$103,956</u>	<u>\$108,886</u>

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Senior Planner position previously continued in Financial Order 002258 F3 to function as a mass care coordinator to provide disaster state relations services, including mass care sheltering, feeding and volunteer agency coordination during and after disaster events.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$110,538	\$115,894
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$110,538</u>	<u>\$115,894</u>

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Reallocates one Director of Maine Emergency Management Agency position funded 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$172,245	\$178,783
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$172,245</u>	<u>\$178,783</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$172,245)	(\$178,783)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>(\$172,245)</u>	<u>(\$178,783)</u>
FUND TOTAL		

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Senior Planner position to a Contract/Grant Manager position. The predominant responsibility of this position is to oversee a major federal grant program, the Homeland Security Grant Program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$4,329	\$5,080
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$4,329</u>	<u>\$5,080</u>
FUND TOTAL		

ADMINISTRATION - MAINE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY 0214

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.000	15.000
Personal Services	\$1,198,067	\$1,247,275
All Other	\$293,823	\$293,823
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,491,890</u>	<u>\$1,541,098</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,906,163	\$1,967,221

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All Other	\$31,455,037	\$31,455,037
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$33,361,200	\$33,422,258
FUND TOTAL		

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$248,882	\$259,603
All Other	\$464,640	\$464,640

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$713,522	\$724,243
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Emergency Response Operations 0918

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$60,238	\$62,932
All Other	\$13,473	\$13,473

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$73,711	\$76,405
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EMERGENCY RESPONSE OPERATIONS 0918

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$60,238	\$62,932
All Other	\$13,473	\$13,473

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$73,711	\$76,405
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Maine National Guard Postsecondary Fund Z190

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$150,000	\$150,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Maine National Guard Postsecondary Fund Z190

Initiative: Provides funding for tuition assistance to veterans attending state postsecondary education institutions and private postsecondary education institutions pursuant to Public Law 2017, chapter 419, An Act To Broaden Educational Opportunities to Members of the Maine National Guard and Provide Financial Assistance to Veterans.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$600,000	\$600,000

MAINE NATIONAL GUARD POSTSECONDARY FUND Z190

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$750,000	\$750,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$750,000	\$750,000
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund Z358

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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MAINE VETERANS' HOMES STABILIZATION FUND Z358

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$942,855	\$968,816
All Other	\$2,401,126	\$2,401,126

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,343,981	\$3,369,942
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	107.000	107.000

Personal Services	\$10,229,983	\$10,487,815
All Other	\$12,720,092	\$12,720,092

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$22,950,075	\$23,207,907
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$101,320	\$103,234
All Other	\$487,218	\$487,218
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$588,538	\$590,452
MAINE MILITARY AUTHORITY ENTERPRISE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$111,449	\$113,327
All Other	\$395,042	\$395,042
MAINE MILITARY AUTHORITY ENTERPRISE FUND TOTAL	\$506,491	\$508,369

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Superintendent of Buildings position to a Public Service Manager III position and transfers and reallocates the position to 73% Federal Expenditures Fund and 27% General Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$1,694	\$3,089
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,694	\$3,089
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$4,579	\$8,341
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,579	\$8,341

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of one Contract/Grant Specialist position to a Procurement Manager position, retroactive to October 2020.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,242	\$8,394
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$5,242	\$8,394

Military Training and Operations 0108

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

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$14,851	\$18,992

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$14,851	\$18,992
FUND TOTAL		

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Inventory & Property Associate II position to an Inventory & Property Specialist position and reallocates the cost from 27% General Fund and 73% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$19,923)	(\$21,033)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$19,923)	(\$21,033)

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
FUND**

Personal Services	\$24,384	\$25,734
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$24,384	\$25,734

Military Training and Operations 0108

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

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$8,938	\$8,935
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,938	\$8,935

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Building Custodian position to an Inventory & Property Associate II position.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$8,113	\$10,600
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,113	\$10,600

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Reallocates the costs of one Public Service Coordinator I position funded 10% General Fund in the Administration - Defense and Veterans Services program and 90% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Military Training and Operations program to 100% General Fund in the Administration - Defense & Veterans Services program and adjust All Other.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$113,919)	(\$114,808)
All Other	(\$5,000)	(\$5,000)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$118,919)	(\$119,808)

**MILITARY TRAINING AND OPERATIONS
0108**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	10.000	10.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$924,626	\$950,872
All Other	\$2,401,126	\$2,401,126
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,325,752	\$3,351,998

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	108.000	108.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$10,182,171	\$10,454,003
All Other	\$12,715,092	\$12,715,092
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$22,897,263	\$23,169,095

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$101,320	\$103,234
All Other	\$487,218	\$487,218
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$588,538	\$590,452

MAINE MILITARY AUTHORITY ENTERPRISE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$111,449	\$113,327
All Other	\$395,042	\$395,042
MAINE MILITARY AUTHORITY ENTERPRISE FUND TOTAL	\$506,491	\$508,369

Stream Gaging Cooperative Program 0858

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$175,005	\$175,005
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$175,005	\$175,005

**STREAM GAGING COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
0858**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$175,005	\$175,005
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$175,005	\$175,005

**Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership
Fund Z298**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

**VETERANS' HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION
PARTNERSHIP FUND Z298**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	45.000	45.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$3,925,932	\$4,078,102
All Other	\$876,927	\$876,927
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,802,859	\$4,955,029

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$249,818	\$258,442
All Other	\$320,629	\$320,629
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$570,447	\$579,071

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$368,509	\$368,509

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$368,509	\$368,509
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Veterans Services 0110

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$13,114	\$16,841
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,114	\$16,841

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Grounds & Equipment Maintenance Manager position to a Deputy Superintendent-Cemetery position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,355	\$11,525
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,355	\$11,525

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Superintendent of Buildings position from a supervisory bargaining unit to confidential.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$4,471	\$4,458
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,471	\$4,458

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Supervisor Veterans Services position from a supervisory bargaining unit to confidential.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$8,399	\$8,701
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,399	\$8,701

Veterans Services 0110

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$14,890	\$16,262
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,890	\$16,262

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides funding for burial of members of the Maine National Guard and Reserves of the United States Armed Forces in the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 593.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$90,000	\$90,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$90,000	\$90,000

VETERANS SERVICES 0110

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	45.000	45.000
Personal Services	\$3,974,161	\$4,135,889
All Other	\$966,927	\$966,927
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,941,088	\$5,102,816

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$249,818	\$258,442
All Other	\$320,629	\$320,629
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$570,447	\$579,071

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$368,509	\$368,509

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$368,509	\$368,509
FUNDS TOTAL		

Veterans Temporary Assistance Fund Z268

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000

VETERANS TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FUND Z268

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	\$11,551,911	\$11,790,095
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$56,829,010	\$57,170,524
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,745,780	\$1,761,109
MAINE MILITARY AUTHORITY ENTERPRISE FUND	\$506,491	\$508,369

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$70,633,192	\$71,230,097
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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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$58,444	\$58,444
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$58,444	\$58,444

DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION 0198

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$58,444	\$58,444
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$58,444	\$58,444

Sec. A-17. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DIRIGO HEALTH

Dirigo Health Fund 0988

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$377,634	\$390,445
All Other	\$852,590	\$852,590
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,230,224	\$1,243,035

DIRIGO HEALTH FUND 0988

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$377,634	\$390,445
All Other	\$852,590	\$852,590
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,230,224	\$1,243,035

Sec. A-18. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER

Disability Rights Center 0523

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$126,045	\$126,045
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$126,045	\$126,045

DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER 0523

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$126,045	\$126,045
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$126,045	\$126,045

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,554	\$12,554
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,554	\$12,554

DOWNEAST INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED MARINE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION 0993

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,554	\$12,554

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,554	\$12,554
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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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	5.000	5.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$787,018	\$797,283
All Other	\$1,065,246	\$1,065,246

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,852,264	\$1,862,529
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$283,176	\$147,602

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$283,176	\$147,602
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ADMINISTRATION - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 0069

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	5.000	5.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$787,018	\$797,283
All Other	\$1,065,246	\$1,065,246

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,852,264	\$1,862,529
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$283,176	\$147,602

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$283,176	\$147,602
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**Applied Technology Development Center System
0929**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$178,838	\$178,838
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$178,838	\$178,838

**APPLIED TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT
CENTER SYSTEM 0929**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$178,838	\$178,838
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$178,838	\$178,838

Business Development 0585

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$989,490	\$1,008,781
All Other	\$869,604	\$869,604
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,859,094	\$1,878,385

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL
RECOVERY**

All Other	\$2,500	\$2,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$2,500	\$2,500

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT 0585

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$989,490	\$1,008,781
All Other	\$869,604	\$869,604
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,859,094	\$1,878,385

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL
RECOVERY**

All Other	\$2,500	\$2,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$2,500	\$2,500

Communities for Maine's Future Fund Z108

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**COMMUNITIES FOR MAINE'S FUTURE FUND
Z108**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

**Community Development Block Grant Program
0587**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$203,039	\$204,862
All Other	\$88,262	\$88,262
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$291,301	\$293,124

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
FUND**

All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

**OTHER SPECIAL
REVENUE FUNDS**

All Other	\$616,011	\$616,011
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$616,011	\$616,011

**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT
FUND**

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$464,422	\$472,587
All Other	\$21,260,658	\$21,260,658
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$21,725,080	\$21,733,245

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM 0587**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$203,039	\$204,862
All Other	\$88,262	\$88,262
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$291,301	\$293,124

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,500,000</u>	<u>\$1,500,000</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$616,011	\$616,011
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$616,011</u>	<u>\$616,011</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$464,422	\$472,587
All Other	\$21,260,658	\$21,260,658
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$21,725,080</u>	<u>\$21,733,245</u>

Energy Rate Relief Fund Z344

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

ENERGY RATE RELIEF FUND Z344

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Housing Opportunity Program Z336

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$254,810	\$0
All Other	\$2,656,126	\$2,656,126
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,910,936</u>	<u>\$2,656,126</u>

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM Z336

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$254,810	\$0
All Other	\$2,656,126	\$2,656,126
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,910,936</u>	<u>\$2,656,126</u>

International Commerce 0674

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$335,325	\$338,507
All Other	\$924,709	\$924,709
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,260,034</u>	<u>\$1,263,216</u>

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE 0674

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$335,325	\$338,507
All Other	\$924,709	\$924,709
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,260,034</u>	<u>\$1,263,216</u>

Leadership and Entrepreneurial Development Program Z071

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM Z071

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Maine Coworking Development Fund Z195

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>
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MAINE COWORKING DEVELOPMENT FUND Z195

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Maine Economic Development Evaluation Fund Z057

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

MAINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION FUND Z057

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

Maine Economic Growth Council 0727

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$90,395	\$90,395
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$90,395</u>	<u>\$90,395</u>

MAINE ECONOMIC GROWTH COUNCIL 0727

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$90,395	\$90,395
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$90,395</u>	<u>\$90,395</u>

Maine Small Business and Entrepreneurship Commission 0675

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$683,684	\$683,684
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$683,684</u>	<u>\$683,684</u>

MAINE SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMMISSION 0675

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$683,684	\$683,684
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$683,684</u>	<u>\$683,684</u>

Maine State Film Office 0590

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$109,753	\$110,745
All Other	\$170,605	\$170,605
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$280,358</u>	<u>\$281,350</u>

MAINE STATE FILM OFFICE 0590

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$109,753	\$110,745
All Other	\$170,605	\$170,605
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$280,358</u>	<u>\$281,350</u>

Municipal Grant Fund Z323

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

MUNICIPAL GRANT FUND Z323

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Office of Broadband Development Z245

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$278,113	\$285,561

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All Other	\$1,068,000	\$1,068,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$1,346,113	\$1,353,561
FUNDS TOTAL		

OFFICE OF BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT Z245

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$278,113	\$285,561
All Other	\$1,068,000	\$1,068,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,346,113	\$1,353,561

Office of Innovation 0995

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$292,669	\$294,557
All Other	\$6,794,260	\$6,794,260
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,086,929	\$7,088,817

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,500	\$1,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,500	\$1,500

OFFICE OF INNOVATION 0995

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$292,669	\$294,557
All Other	\$6,794,260	\$6,794,260
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,086,929	\$7,088,817

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,143,605	\$1,162,919
All Other	\$17,980,611	\$17,980,611

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$19,124,216	\$19,143,530
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OFFICE OF TOURISM 0577

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,143,605	\$1,162,919
All Other	\$17,980,611	\$17,980,611

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$19,124,216	\$19,143,530
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Renewable Energy Resources Fund Z072

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$88,000	\$88,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$88,000	\$88,000
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RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES FUND Z072

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$88,000	\$88,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$88,000	\$88,000
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Rural Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grant Fund Z322

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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RURAL WORKFORCE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION GRANT FUND Z322

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$16,313,475	\$16,095,114
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$1,500,500	\$1,500,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$21,687,698	\$21,715,452
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$21,725,080	\$21,733,245
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$287,176	\$151,602
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$61,513,929	\$61,195,913

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EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF Adult Education 0364

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	4.000	4.000
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$422,525	\$432,846
All Other	\$6,574,898	\$6,574,898

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$6,997,423 \$7,007,744

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$244,703	\$245,538
All Other	\$1,874,267	\$1,874,267

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$2,118,970 \$2,119,805

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$112,181	\$0
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL \$112,681 \$500

Adult Education 0364

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Office Specialist I position to an Office Specialist II position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,034	\$5,033

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$5,034 \$5,033

ADULT EDUCATION 0364 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$427,559	\$437,879
All Other	\$6,574,898	\$6,574,898

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$7,002,457 \$7,012,777

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$244,703	\$245,538
All Other	\$1,874,267	\$1,874,267

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$2,118,970 \$2,119,805

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$112,181	\$0
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL \$112,681 \$500

Charter School Program Z129

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$500 \$500

CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Z129 PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$500 \$500

Child Development Services 0449

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$43,468,518	\$43,468,518

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$43,468,518 \$43,468,518

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,307,392	\$2,307,392

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,307,392	\$2,307,392
FUND TOTAL		

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES 0449

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$43,468,518	\$43,468,518
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$43,468,518	\$43,468,518

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,307,392	\$2,307,392

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,307,392	\$2,307,392
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Climate Education Professional Development Pilot Program Fund Z361

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$108,053	\$113,918
All Other	\$8,998	\$8,998

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$117,051	\$122,916
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CLIMATE EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PILOT PROGRAM FUND Z361

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$108,053	\$113,918
All Other	\$8,998	\$8,998

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$117,051	\$122,916
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Community Schools Program Z284

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$500	\$500
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PROGRAM Z284

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Criminal History Record Check Fund Z014

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,664	\$7,760
All Other	\$25,700	\$25,700

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$33,364	\$33,460
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CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD CHECK FUND Z014

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,664	\$7,760
All Other	\$25,700	\$25,700

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$33,364	\$33,460
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Digital Literacy Fund Z130

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$456,115	\$456,115

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$456,115	\$456,115
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DIGITAL LITERACY FUND Z130

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$456,115	\$456,115

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$456,115	\$456,115
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Early Childhood Infrastructure Z315

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$4,979,734	\$21,404
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$4,979,734	\$21,404

**EARLY CHILDHOOD INFRASTRUCTURE
Z315**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,979,734	\$21,404
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$4,979,734	\$21,404

Education in Unorganized Territory 0220

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	23.500	23.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	23.996	23.996
Personal Services	\$3,883,969	\$3,992,701
All Other	\$9,212,381	\$9,212,381
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,096,350	\$13,205,082

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.707	0.707
Personal Services	\$158,984	\$164,881
All Other	\$211,445	\$211,445

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$370,429	\$376,326
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,135	\$8,135

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,135	\$8,135
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Education in Unorganized Territory 0220

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Education in the Unorganized Territory Building and Fleet Maintenance Manager position previously continued by Financial Order 002263 F3. This initiative also eliminates 2 Janitor/Bus Driver positions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$3,209)	(\$4,667)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$3,209)	(\$4,667)

**EDUCATION IN UNORGANIZED TERRITORY
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PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	23.500	23.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	23.996	23.996
Personal Services	\$3,880,760	\$3,988,034
All Other	\$9,212,381	\$9,212,381
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,093,141	\$13,200,415

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.707	0.707
Personal Services	\$158,984	\$164,881
All Other	\$211,445	\$211,445

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$370,429	\$376,326
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,135	\$8,135

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,135	\$8,135
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**English Language Acquisition and Workforce
Training Z312**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION AND
WORKFORCE TRAINING Z312**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Facilities, Safety and Transportation Z271

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5,000	5,000
Personal Services	\$676,905	\$686,167
All Other	\$391,389	\$391,389
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,068,294	\$1,077,556

Facilities, Safety and Transportation Z271

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Public Service Coordinator II position from range 29 to range 31 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$9,700	\$9,696
All Other	\$230	\$230
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$9,930	\$9,926

FACILITIES, SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION Z271

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5,000	5,000
Personal Services	\$686,605	\$695,863
All Other	\$391,619	\$391,619
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,078,224	\$1,087,482

FHM - School Breakfast Program Z068

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$213,720	\$213,720
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$213,720	\$213,720

FHM - SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM Z068

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$213,720	\$213,720
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$213,720	\$213,720

Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services Z005

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

FUND FOR THE EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES Z005

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	20,000	20,000
Personal Services	\$2,619,261	\$2,693,432
All Other	\$1,331,839,805	\$1,331,839,805
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,334,459,066	\$1,334,533,237

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$21,397,865	\$21,397,865

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$21,397,865	\$21,397,865
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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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$148,916	\$148,916
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$148,916	\$148,916

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides funding to extend projects for career and technical education exploration programs for middle school level students.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

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%.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$41,556,232	\$59,489,389
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$41,556,232	\$59,489,389

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Executive II position from 50% Leadership Team program and 50% General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program to 70% Leadership Team program and 30% General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program all within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$37,630)	(\$38,006)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$37,630)	(\$38,006)

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 II position and reduces funding in All Other to fund the reorganization.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,792	\$12,200
All Other	(\$7,792)	(\$12,200)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Transfers one Education Specialist III position from the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund to the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also provides funding in the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN Personal Services	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$121,334)	(\$123,041)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$121,334)	(\$123,041)

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,271,398	\$2,330,571
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,271,398	\$2,330,571

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Manager II position from range 30 to 33 and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the reorganization.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$12,531	\$13,177

All Other	(\$12,531)	(\$13,177)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Regional Education Representative position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund, transfers the position to the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP within the same program beginning October 1, 2023 and then transfers the position to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund to fund the position beginning October 1, 2024.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN Personal Services	0.000	1.000
All Other	\$0	\$90,530
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$90,530)

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Education Specialist III position and one Public Service Manager III position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 and reduces All Other to fund the positions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN Personal Services	2.000	2.000
All Other	\$273,758	\$281,897
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$281,897)

GENERAL PURPOSE AID FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS 0308

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN Personal Services	21.000	22.000
All Other	\$2,754,378	\$2,930,189
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,373,750,872	\$1,391,580,306

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$23,669,263	\$23,728,436
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$23,669,263	\$23,728,436

Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	14.500	14.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,546,828	\$1,575,423
All Other	\$359,003	\$359,003
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,905,831	\$1,934,426

Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager II position and one part-time Office Associate II position from the Higher Education and Educator Support Services program to the Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways program within the same fund. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1.500)	(1.500)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$185,950)	(\$188,332)
All Other	(\$17,720)	(\$17,720)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$203,670)	(\$206,052)

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EDUCATOR SUPPORT SERVICES Z082

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	13.000	13.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,360,878	\$1,387,091
All Other	\$341,283	\$341,283
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,702,161	\$1,728,374

Higher Education Interpersonal Violence Advisory Commission Fund Z351

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$36,000	\$76,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$36,000	\$76,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

HIGHER EDUCATION INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE ADVISORY COMMISSION FUND Z351

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$36,000	\$76,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$36,000	\$76,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Innovative Instruction and Tutoring Grant Program Fund Z345

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTION AND TUTORING GRANT PROGRAM FUND Z345

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Leadership Team Z077

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	21.000	21.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,618,573	\$2,675,379
All Other	\$464,405	\$464,405
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,082,978	\$3,139,784

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$156,705	\$157,626
All Other	\$2,233,712	\$2,233,712
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,390,417	\$2,391,338

Leadership Team Z077

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Management Analyst II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29. This initiative also provides funding for the approved reorganization of the Management Analyst II position to a Public Service Coordinator I position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$114,602	\$120,194
All Other	\$8,860	\$8,860
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$123,462	\$129,054

Leadership Team Z077

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Executive II position previously continued by Financial Order CV0543 F3 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP and transfers this position from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP to the Leadership Team program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$115,064
All Other	\$0	\$6,645
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$121,709

Leadership Team Z077

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Executive II position from 50% Leadership Team program and 50% General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program to 70% Leadership Team program and 30% General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program all within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$37,630	\$38,006
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$37,630	\$38,006

LEADERSHIP TEAM Z077

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	22.000	23.000
Personal Services	\$2,770,805	\$2,948,643
All Other	\$473,265	\$479,910
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,244,070	\$3,428,553

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$156,705	\$157,626

All Other	\$2,233,712	\$2,233,712
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,390,417	\$2,391,338

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$266,731	\$269,944
All Other	\$2,839,086	\$2,839,086
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,105,817	\$3,109,030

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	18.000
Personal Services	\$2,291,269	\$2,164,040
All Other	\$103,694,429	\$103,694,429
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$105,985,698	\$105,858,469

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$54,640	\$54,640
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$54,640	\$54,640

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$871,428	\$83,629
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$871,428	\$83,629

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$593,407	\$0
All Other	\$55,960	\$55,960
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$649,367	\$55,960

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Transfers one Education Specialist III position from the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund to the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also provides funding in the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$121,334	\$123,041

All Other	\$2,883	\$2,923
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$124,217	\$125,964
FUND TOTAL		

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Education Specialist III position to a Public Service Coordinator II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
Personal Services	\$17,340	\$17,952
All Other	\$412	\$427
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$17,752	\$18,379
FUND TOTAL		

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Transfers one Education Specialist III position and related All Other costs from the Learning Systems Team program to the Office of Innovation program within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$117,216)	(\$118,581)
All Other	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$127,216)	(\$128,581)

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position previously established by Financial Order CV0463 F3 through November 30, 2023 and reduces All Other to fund the position.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
Personal Services	\$61,766	\$0
All Other	(\$61,766)	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$0	\$0
FUND TOTAL		

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Manager III position previously continued by Financial Order CV0444 F3 through September 30, 2024 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND - ARP		
Personal Services	\$168,035	\$54,200
All Other	\$3,993	\$1,288
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$172,028	\$55,488
FUND - ARP TOTAL		

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Education Specialist II position previously continued by Financial Order CV0457 F3 through September 30, 2024 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND - ARP		
Personal Services	\$89,790	\$30,360
All Other	\$11,204	\$2,989
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$100,994	\$33,349
FUND - ARP TOTAL		

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Manager III position, one limited-period Public Service Manager II position, 3 limited-period Public Service Coordinator II positions and 4 limited-period Management Analyst II positions previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 through January 18, 2025. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND - ARP		
Personal Services	\$459,252	\$615,288
All Other	\$10,912	\$14,619
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$470,164	\$629,907
FUND - ARP TOTAL		

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position previously continued by Financial Order CV0458 F3 through September 30, 2024 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND - ARP		
Personal Services	\$136,912	\$44,033
All Other	\$12,324	\$3,314
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$149,236	\$47,347
FUND - ARP TOTAL		

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Regional Education Representative position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP within the same program beginning October 1, 2023 and then transfers the position to the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also reduces All Other funding in the General Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund to fund the position beginning October 1, 2024.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND - ARP		
POSITIONS -	1.000	0.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		

Personal Services	\$89,830	\$30,177
All Other	\$2,134	\$717
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$91,964</u>	<u>\$30,894</u>
FUND - ARP TOTAL		

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Office Specialist I position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and transfers the position from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP to the Office of Innovation program, General Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND - ARP		
Personal Services	(\$19,173)	\$0
All Other	(\$456)	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>(\$19,629)</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FUND - ARP TOTAL		

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 2 Regional Education Representative positions previously continued by Financial Order CV0544 F3 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP and transfers these positions from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP to the School and Student Supports program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND - ARP		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$265,564	\$67,401
All Other	\$24,451	\$6,137
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$290,015</u>	<u>\$73,538</u>
FUND - ARP TOTAL		

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Regional Education Representative position previously continued by Financial Order CV0456 F3 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP and transfers this position from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP to the School and Student Supports program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND - ARP		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$132,782	\$33,700

All Other	\$12,225	\$3,068
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$145,007</u>	<u>\$36,768</u>
FUND - ARP TOTAL		

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Executive II position previously continued by Financial Order CV0543 F3 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP and transfers this position from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP to the Leadership Team program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND - ARP		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$145,625	\$38,355
All Other	\$12,531	\$3,179

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$158,156</u>	<u>\$41,534</u>
FUND - ARP TOTAL		

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Interdisciplinary Instruction Specialist position from 90% Federal Expenditures Fund and 10% General Fund in the Learning Systems Team program to 100% General Fund in the Office of Innovation program and adjusts funding for All Other costs related to the position. This initiative also provides funding in the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund to keep the allocation in line with available resources.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$12,559)	(\$12,702)
All Other	(\$10,000)	(\$10,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$22,559)</u>	<u>(\$22,702)</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$113,041)	(\$114,316)
All Other	\$113,041	\$114,316

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FUND TOTAL		

**LEARNING SYSTEMS TEAM Z081
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$136,956	\$138,661
All Other	\$2,819,086	\$2,819,086
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,956,042</u>	<u>\$2,957,747</u>

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18,000	18,000
Personal Services	\$2,378,668	\$2,190,717
All Other	\$103,748,999	\$103,812,095
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$106,127,667	\$106,002,812

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$54,640	\$54,640
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$54,640	\$54,640

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$871,428	\$83,629
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$871,428	\$83,629

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5,000	0,000
Personal Services	\$2,062,024	\$913,514
All Other	\$145,278	\$91,271
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$2,207,302	\$1,004,785

Learning Through Technology Z029

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,141,815	\$12,141,815
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,141,815	\$12,141,815

LEARNING THROUGH TECHNOLOGY Z029

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,141,815	\$12,141,815
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,141,815	\$12,141,815

Local Foods Program Z297

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$86,198	\$90,758

All Other	\$326,000	\$326,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$412,198	\$416,758

LOCAL FOODS PROGRAM Z297

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$86,198	\$90,758
All Other	\$326,000	\$326,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$412,198	\$416,758

Maine Climate Corps Prog - ME Commission for Comm Svc Z350

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$81,310	\$81,310
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$81,310	\$81,310

MAINE CLIMATE CORPS PROG - ME COMMISSION FOR COMM SVC Z350

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$81,310	\$81,310
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$81,310	\$81,310

Maine Commission for Community Service Z134

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$35,269	\$36,987
All Other	\$50,786	\$50,786
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$86,055	\$87,773

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6,000	6,000
Personal Services	\$506,117	\$523,531
All Other	\$2,269,136	\$2,269,136

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,775,253	\$2,792,667
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$17,314	\$18,259
All Other	\$194,282	\$194,282

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$211,596	\$212,541
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$53,392	\$0

All Other	\$2,864	\$2,864
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$56,256	\$2,864

MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE Z134

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$35,269	\$36,987
All Other	\$50,786	\$50,786

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$86,055	\$87,773
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$506,117	\$523,531
All Other	\$2,269,136	\$2,269,136

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,775,253	\$2,792,667
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$17,314	\$18,259
All Other	\$194,282	\$194,282

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$211,596	\$212,541
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$53,392	\$0
All Other	\$2,864	\$2,864

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$56,256	\$2,864
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Maine HIV Prevention Education Program Z182

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$134,400	\$134,400

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$134,400	\$134,400
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MAINE HIV PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM Z182

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$134,400	\$134,400

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$134,400	\$134,400
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Maine School Safety Center Z293

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$107,843	\$107,803

All Other	\$23,175	\$23,175
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$131,018	\$130,978

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$201,131	\$145,686
All Other	\$151,496	\$151,496

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$352,627	\$297,182
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Maine School Safety Center Z293

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Regional Education Representative position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 and transfers the position from the Federal Expenditures Fund to the General Fund within the same program beginning October 1, 2023. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$97,365	\$130,750
All Other	\$6,645	\$8,860

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$104,010	\$139,610
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Maine School Safety Center Z293

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29. This initiative also provides funding for the approved reorganization of the Public Service Manager II position to a Public Service Executive II position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$174,392	\$176,392

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$174,392	\$176,392
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Maine School Safety Center Z293

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29. This initiative also provides funding for the approved reorganization of the Public Service Coordinator II position to a Public Service Manager II position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$156,806	\$158,811

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$156,806	\$158,811
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Maine School Safety Center Z293

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator I position previously continued in Financial Order 002262 F3 funded 100% Federal Expenditures Fund and transfers the position from the Federal Expenditures Fund to the General Fund within the same program beginning October 1, 2023. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$94,415	\$127,904
All Other	\$6,645	\$8,860
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$101,060	\$136,764

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$31,472	\$0
All Other	\$748	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$32,220	\$0

MAINE SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER Z293 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$630,821	\$701,660
All Other	\$36,465	\$40,895
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$667,286	\$742,555

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$232,603	\$145,686
All Other	\$152,244	\$151,496
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$384,847	\$297,182

Maine Service Fellows Program Z311

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

MAINE SERVICE FELLOWS PROGRAM Z311 PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund Z147

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$335,000	\$335,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$335,000	\$335,000

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION SALARY SUPPLEMENT FUND Z147 PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$335,000	\$335,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$335,000	\$335,000

National Board Certification Scholarship Fund Z148

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND Z148 PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000

Obesity and Chronic Disease Fund Z111

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

OBESITY AND CHRONIC DISEASE FUND Z111

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

Office of Innovation Z333

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,324,152	\$1,342,170
All Other	\$157,219	\$157,219
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,481,371	\$1,499,389

Office of Innovation Z333

Initiative: Transfers one Education Specialist III position and related All Other costs from the Learning Systems Team program to the Office of Innovation program within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$117,216	\$118,581
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$127,216	\$128,581

Office of Innovation Z333

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Office Specialist I position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and transfers the position from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP to the Office of Innovation program, General Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$76,694	\$81,327
All Other	\$8,860	\$8,860
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$85,554	\$90,187

Office of Innovation Z333

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Interdisciplinary Instruction Specialist position from 90% Federal Expenditures Fund and 10% General Fund in the Learning Systems Team program to 100% General Fund in the Office of Innovation program and adjusts funding

for All Other costs related to the position. This initiative also provides funding in the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund to keep the allocation in line with available resources.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$125,600	\$127,018
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$135,600	\$137,018

OFFICE OF INNOVATION Z333

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,643,662	\$1,669,096
All Other	\$186,079	\$186,079
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,829,741	\$1,855,175

Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$414,587	\$424,622
All Other	\$216,374	\$216,374
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$630,961	\$640,996

Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager II position and one part-time Office Associate II position from the Higher Education and Educator Support Services program to the Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways program within the same fund. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.500	1.500
Personal Services	\$185,950	\$188,332
All Other	\$17,720	\$17,720
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$203,670	\$206,052

Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334

Initiative: Provides funding for debt service costs associated with the bonding authority for career and technical education centers and regions as enacted in Public Law 2021, chapter 398.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$1,400,000	\$2,833,143
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,400,000	\$2,833,143

OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATIVE PATHWAYS Z334

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	4.500	4.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$600,537	\$612,954
All Other	\$1,634,094	\$3,067,237
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,234,631	\$3,680,191

Retired Teachers Group Life Insurance Z033

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,726,664	\$4,726,664
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,726,664	\$4,726,664

Retired Teachers Group Life Insurance Z033

Initiative: Provides funding for group life insurance for retired teachers.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$132,590	\$266,219
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$132,590	\$266,219

RETIRED TEACHERS GROUP LIFE INSURANCE Z033

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,859,254	\$4,992,883
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,859,254	\$4,992,883

Retired Teachers' Health Insurance 0854

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000

RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE 0854

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$45,000,000	\$45,000,000

School and Student Supports Z270

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	7.000	7.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$884,276	\$898,809

All Other	\$795,915	\$795,915
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,680,191	\$1,694,724

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.500	1.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.577	0.577
Personal Services	\$217,229	\$221,251
All Other	\$1,646,033	\$1,646,033
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,863,262	\$1,867,284

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$122,357	\$124,486
All Other	\$316,933	\$316,933

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$439,290	\$441,419
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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND

	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$236,523	\$239,097
All Other	\$46,001	\$46,001

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$282,524	\$285,098
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School and Student Supports Z270

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 2 Regional Education Representative positions previously continued by Financial Order CV0544 F3 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP and transfers these positions from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP to the School and Student Supports program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	0.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$0	\$202,193
All Other	\$0	\$13,290

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$215,483
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School and Student Supports Z270

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Regional Education Representative position previously continued by Financial Order CV0456 F3 funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP and transfers this position from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP to the School and Student Supports program,

General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	0.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$0	\$101,097
All Other	\$0	\$6,645
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$107,742

School and Student Supports Z270

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Secretary Specialist Supervisor position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$99,615	\$101,643
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$99,615	\$101,643

SCHOOL AND STUDENT SUPPORTS Z270

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	8.000	11.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$983,891	\$1,303,742
All Other	\$795,915	\$815,850
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,779,806	\$2,119,592

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.500	1.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.577	0.577
Personal Services	\$217,229	\$221,251
All Other	\$1,646,033	\$1,646,033
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,863,262	\$1,867,284

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$122,357	\$124,486
All Other	\$316,933	\$316,933
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$439,290	\$441,419

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$236,523	\$239,097
All Other	\$46,001	\$46,001
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$282,524	\$285,098

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$551,424	\$565,443
All Other	\$29,797,005	\$29,797,005
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,348,429	\$30,362,448

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,317,519	\$1,352,993
All Other	\$66,277,175	\$66,277,175
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$67,594,694	\$67,630,168

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,545	\$15,545

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,545	\$15,545
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School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Provides funding to school administrative units for the increased cost of maintaining an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under federal School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program as enacted by Public Law 2019, chapter 480.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$68,000	\$68,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$68,000	\$68,000

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Provides funding to pay the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free breakfast or lunch and the full price of a breakfast or lunch for publicly funded students who attend a private school approved for tuition purposes that enrolls 60% or more publicly funded students who are ineligible for a free breakfast or lunch pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 759, An Act To Correct Errors in Recently Enacted Legislation.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,835,816	\$1,835,816
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,835,816	\$1,835,816

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Provides funding to pay the difference between the federal reimbursement for a free breakfast or lunch and the full price of a breakfast or lunch for students who are ineligible for a free or reduced-price

breakfast or lunch pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part OOOO.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$27,101,065	\$27,101,065
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$27,101,065</u>	<u>\$27,101,065</u>

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Establishes one Education Specialist III position and provides funding for related All Other costs to support the increased number of child and adult care food program participants pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 428.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$98,506	\$104,185
All Other	\$8,860	\$8,860
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$107,366</u>	<u>\$113,045</u>

SCHOOL FINANCE AND OPERATIONS Z078

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$649,930	\$669,628
All Other	\$58,810,746	\$58,810,746
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$59,460,676</u>	<u>\$59,480,374</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,317,519	\$1,352,993
All Other	\$66,277,175	\$66,277,175
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$67,594,694</u>	<u>\$67,630,168</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,545	\$15,545
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$15,545</u>	<u>\$15,545</u>

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Council Z175

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS COUNCIL Z175

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Special Services Team Z080

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$130,246	\$132,051
All Other	\$3,089,443	\$3,089,443
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,219,689</u>	<u>\$3,221,494</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	25.500	25.500
Personal Services	\$3,076,355	\$3,138,775
All Other	\$59,716,800	\$59,716,800
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$62,793,155</u>	<u>\$62,855,575</u>

Special Services Team Z080

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Education Specialist III position previously continued by Financial Order 002249 F3 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$125,071	\$127,088
All Other	\$2,972	\$3,020
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$128,043</u>	<u>\$130,108</u>

SPECIAL SERVICES TEAM Z080

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$130,246	\$132,051
All Other	\$3,089,443	\$3,089,443
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,219,689</u>	<u>\$3,221,494</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	26.500	26.500
Personal Services	\$3,201,426	\$3,265,863
All Other	\$59,719,772	\$59,719,820
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$62,921,198</u>	<u>\$62,985,683</u>

State Mandate Reimbursement - Collective Bargaining Z355

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$52,200	\$52,200
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$52,200	\$52,200

STATE MANDATE REIMBURSEMENT - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING Z355

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$52,200	\$52,200
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$52,200	\$52,200

Teacher Retirement 0170

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,007,436	\$200,007,436
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,007,436	\$200,007,436

Teacher Retirement 0170

Initiative: Provides funding for teacher retirement costs based upon actuarial estimates from the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$14,910,301	\$20,820,539
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,910,301	\$20,820,539

TEACHER RETIREMENT 0170

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$214,917,737	\$220,827,975
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$214,917,737	\$220,827,975

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	\$1,782,742,622	\$1,809,075,559
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$246,467,212	\$246,382,819
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$213,720	\$213,720
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$41,028,455	\$41,106,842
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$282,524	\$285,098
	\$5,963,843	\$105,533

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	\$2,263,558	\$1,007,649
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,078,961,934	\$2,098,177,220
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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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$106,679	\$107,680
All Other	\$81,844	\$81,844
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$188,523	\$189,524

State Board of Education 0614

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Specialist position to an Office Specialist II position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,575	\$6,572
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,575	\$6,572

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 0614

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$113,254	\$114,252
All Other	\$81,844	\$81,844
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$195,098	\$196,096

EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	\$195,098	\$196,096
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$195,098	\$196,096

Sec. A-23. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST

Efficiency Maine Trust Z100

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$145,417	\$147,316
All Other	\$15,747	\$15,747
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$161,164	\$163,063
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$19,000,000	\$17,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$19,000,000	\$17,000,000

EFFICIENCY MAINE TRUST Z100 PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$145,417	\$147,316
All Other	\$15,747	\$15,747
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$161,164	\$163,063
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$19,000,000	\$17,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$19,000,000	\$17,000,000

Sec. A-24. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Environmental Protection 0251

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$873,472	\$888,191
All Other	\$901,409	\$901,409
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,774,881	\$1,789,600
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	24.000
Personal Services	\$2,666,054	\$2,722,998
All Other	\$3,843,445	\$3,843,445

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$6,509,499	\$6,566,443
FUNDS TOTAL		

Administration - Environmental Protection 0251

Initiative: Transfers funding for statewide technology end-user services from the Maine Environmental Protection Fund program to the Administration - Environmental Protection program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$61,602	\$61,602
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$61,602	\$61,602

Administration - Environmental Protection 0251

Initiative: Establishes one Environmental Specialist III position to support the implementation of Public Law 2021, chapter 742, An Act To Promote a Circular Economy through Increased Post-consumer Recycled Plastic Content in Plastic Beverage Containers, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,825	\$2,825
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,825	\$2,825

ADMINISTRATION - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 0251 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$873,472	\$888,191
All Other	\$965,836	\$965,836
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,839,308	\$1,854,027

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	24.000
Personal Services	\$2,666,054	\$2,722,998
All Other	\$3,843,445	\$3,843,445

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$6,509,499	\$6,566,443
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Air Quality 0250

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.000	15.000
Personal Services	\$1,454,385	\$1,502,411
All Other	\$62,099	\$62,099
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,516,484	\$1,564,510

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$290,745	\$297,582
All Other	\$685,774	\$685,774
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$976,519	\$983,356

Air Quality 0250

Initiative: Transfers one Environmental Engineering Services Manager position and related All Other costs from the Maine Environmental Protection Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Air Quality program, General Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$148,882	\$150,008
All Other	\$7,609	\$8,097
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$156,491	\$158,105

Air Quality 0250

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager II position and related All Other costs from the Maine Environmental Protection Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Air Quality program, General Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$154,648	\$156,001
All Other	\$1,513	\$1,513
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$156,161	\$157,514

AIR QUALITY 0250

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,757,915	\$1,808,420
All Other	\$71,221	\$71,709
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,829,136	\$1,880,129

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$290,745	\$297,582
All Other	\$685,774	\$685,774
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$976,519	\$983,356

Board of Environmental Protection Fund 0025

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$250,697	\$256,831
All Other	\$100,587	\$100,587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$351,284	\$357,418

BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND 0025

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$250,697	\$256,831
All Other	\$100,587	\$100,587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$351,284	\$357,418

Eelgrass and Salt Marsh Vegetation Mapping Fund Z324

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

EELGRASS AND SALT MARSH VEGETATION MAPPING FUND Z324

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Land Application Contaminant Monitoring Fund Z325

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

LAND APPLICATION CONTAMINANT MONITORING FUND Z325

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Land Resources Z188

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	24.000
Personal Services	\$2,320,954	\$2,394,391
All Other	\$102,886	\$102,886
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,423,840	\$2,497,277

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$315,281	\$324,385
All Other	\$18,471	\$18,471
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$333,752	\$342,856

Land Resources Z188

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 Environmental Specialist IV positions to Environmental Licensing Supervisor positions, 14 Environmental Specialist III positions to Environmental Licensing Specialist II positions and 4 Environmental Specialist II positions to Environmental Licensing Specialist I positions and related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$74,423	\$75,358
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$74,423	\$75,358

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$18,500	\$18,974
All Other	\$278	\$285
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$18,778	\$19,259

LAND RESOURCES Z188

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	24.000
Personal Services	\$2,395,377	\$2,469,749
All Other	\$102,886	\$102,886
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,498,263	\$2,572,635

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$333,781	\$343,359
All Other	\$18,749	\$18,756
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$352,530	\$362,115

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	24.000
Personal Services	\$2,184,809	\$2,275,886
All Other	\$110,377	\$110,377
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,295,186	\$2,386,263

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	63.000	63.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.654	0.654
Personal Services	\$6,483,218	\$6,649,240
All Other	\$9,568,546	\$9,568,546
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$16,051,764	\$16,217,786

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,203,500	\$1,003,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,203,500	\$1,003,500

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 Environmental Specialist IV positions to Environmental Licensing Supervisor positions, 14 Environmental Specialist III positions to Environmental Licensing Specialist II positions and 4 Environmental Specialist II positions to Environmental Licensing Specialist I positions and related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$26,409	\$27,751
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$26,409	\$27,751

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$20,117	\$20,367
All Other	\$302	\$306
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,419	\$20,673

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Transfers funding for statewide technology end-user services from the Maine Environmental Protection Fund program to the Administration - Environmental Protection program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$61,602)	(\$61,602)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$61,602)	(\$61,602)

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 4 Geology Technician II positions, one Environmental Specialist III position and one GIS Coordinator position previously established as limited-period positions by Public Law 2021, chapter 398.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$510,482	\$537,533
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$510,482</u>	<u>\$537,533</u>

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Establishes one Environmental Specialist III position to support the implementation of Public Law 2021, chapter 742, An Act To Promote a Circular Economy through Increased Post-consumer Recycled Plastic Content in Plastic Beverage Containers, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$88,699	\$93,646
All Other	\$1,513	\$1,513
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$90,212</u>	<u>\$95,159</u>

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Transfers one Environmental Engineering Services Manager position and related All Other costs from the Maine Environmental Protection Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Air Quality program, General Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$148,882)	(\$150,008)
All Other	(\$9,958)	(\$10,470)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$158,840)</u>	<u>(\$160,478)</u>

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Environmental Specialist IV position and related All Other costs from 65% Water Quality program, Federal Expenditures Fund and 35% Maine Environmental Protection Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% Water Quality program, Federal Expenditures Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$38,927)	(\$39,274)
All Other	(\$584)	(\$590)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$39,511)</u>	<u>(\$39,864)</u>

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager II position and related All Other costs from the Maine Environmental Protection Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Air Quality program, General Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$154,648)	(\$156,001)
All Other	(\$3,857)	(\$3,877)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$158,505)</u>	<u>(\$159,878)</u>

MAINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND 0421

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	31.000	31.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,810,399	\$2,934,816
All Other	\$50,288	\$50,288
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,860,687</u>	<u>\$2,985,104</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	61.000	61.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.654	0.654
Personal Services	\$6,160,878	\$6,324,324
All Other	\$9,554,449	\$9,553,915
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$15,715,327</u>	<u>\$15,878,239</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,203,500	\$1,003,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$1,203,500</u>	<u>\$1,003,500</u>

Performance Partnership Grant 0851

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	55.000	55.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$5,595,036	\$5,736,858
All Other	\$3,500,127	\$3,500,127
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$9,095,163</u>	<u>\$9,236,985</u>

Performance Partnership Grant 0851

Initiative: Transfers one Biologist II position and related All Other costs from the Performance Partnership

Grant program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Water Quality program, General Fund.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$111,493)	(\$112,484)
All Other	(\$3,209)	(\$3,224)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$114,702)	(\$115,708)

Performance Partnership Grant 0851

Initiative: Transfers one Biologist I position and related All Other costs from the Performance Partnership Grant program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Water Quality program, General Fund.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$102,278)	(\$103,726)
All Other	(\$3,071)	(\$3,093)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$105,349)	(\$106,819)

Performance Partnership Grant 0851

Initiative: Transfers one Certified Environmental Hydrogeologist position and related All Other costs from the Performance Partnership Grant program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Water Quality program, General Fund.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$92,651)	(\$97,705)
All Other	(\$2,926)	(\$3,002)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$95,577)	(\$100,707)

PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT 0851

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	52.000	52.000
Personal Services	\$5,288,614	\$5,422,943
All Other	\$3,490,921	\$3,490,808
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,779,535	\$8,913,751

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000

Personal Services	\$743,101	\$759,211
All Other	\$151,706	\$151,706
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$894,807	\$910,917

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	23.000	23.000
Personal Services	\$2,320,188	\$2,377,250
All Other	\$1,336,504	\$1,336,504
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,656,692	\$3,713,754

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	99.000	99.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.308	0.308
Personal Services	\$10,218,072	\$10,481,122
All Other	\$18,826,970	\$18,826,970
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$29,045,042	\$29,308,092

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: Transfers 3 Public Service Manager II positions and related All Other costs from Other Special Revenue Funds to General Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$396,266	\$414,379
All Other	\$4,539	\$4,539
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$400,805	\$418,918

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(3.000)	(3.000)
Personal Services	(\$396,266)	(\$414,379)
All Other	(\$10,554)	(\$10,827)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$406,820)	(\$425,206)

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: Transfers one Office Specialist II Supervisor position and related All Other costs from Other Special Revenue Funds to General Fund within the same program.

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND		
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$100,730	\$102,274
All Other	\$1,513	\$1,513
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$102,243	\$103,787
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$100,730)	(\$102,274)
All Other	(\$3,048)	(\$3,071)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$103,778)	(\$105,345)

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: Transfers one Clerk IV position and related All Other costs from Other Special Revenue Funds to General Fund within the same program.

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND		
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$80,213	\$81,327
All Other	\$1,513	\$1,513
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$81,726	\$82,840
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$80,213)	(\$81,327)
All Other	(\$2,740)	(\$2,756)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$82,953)	(\$84,083)

REMEDICATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT 0247

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND		
POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,320,310	\$1,357,191
All Other	\$159,271	\$159,271
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,479,581	\$1,516,462
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
POSITIONS -	23.000	23.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,320,188	\$2,377,250
All Other	\$1,336,504	\$1,336,504
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,656,692	\$3,713,754

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS -	94.000	94.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.308	0.308
Personal Services	\$9,640,863	\$9,883,142
All Other	\$18,810,628	\$18,810,316
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$28,451,491	\$28,693,458

	2023-24	2024-25
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY		
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$1,000,000

Water Quality 0248

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND		
POSITIONS -	25.000	25.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,718,493	\$2,790,256
All Other	\$806,565	\$806,565
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,525,058	\$3,596,821
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$186,622	\$188,514
All Other	\$563,243	\$563,243
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$749,865	\$751,757

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS -	18.000	18.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,708,576	\$1,758,814
All Other	\$2,858,144	\$2,858,144
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,566,720	\$4,616,958

Water Quality 0248

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for aerial imagery acquisition and processing and annual equipment maintenance and replacement pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 424.

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	\$43,154	\$35,926
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$43,154	\$35,926

Water Quality 0248

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager II position from Other Special Revenue Funds to General Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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Water Quality 0248

Initiative: Transfers one Biologist II position and related All Other costs from the Federal Expenditures Fund to General Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$114,328	\$115,577
All Other	\$1,513	\$1,513

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$115,841	\$117,090
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$114,328)	(\$115,577)
All Other	(\$3,252)	(\$3,271)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$117,580)	(\$118,848)
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Water Quality 0248

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Environmental Specialist IV position and related All Other costs from 65% Water Quality program, Federal Expenditures Fund and 35% Maine Environmental Protection Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% Water Quality program, Federal Expenditures Fund.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$38,927	\$39,274
All Other	\$584	\$590

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$39,511	\$39,864
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Water Quality 0248

Initiative: Transfers one Biologist II position and related All Other costs from the Performance Partnership Grant program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Water Quality program, General Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$111,493	\$112,484
All Other	\$1,513	\$1,513

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$113,006	\$113,997
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Water Quality 0248

Initiative: Transfers one Biologist I position and related All Other costs from the Performance Partnership Grant program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Water Quality program, General Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$102,278	\$103,726
All Other	\$1,513	\$1,513

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$103,791	\$105,239
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Water Quality 0248

Initiative: Transfers one Certified Environmental Hydrogeologist position and related All Other costs from the Performance Partnership Grant program, Federal Expenditures Fund to the Water Quality program, General Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$92,651	\$97,705
All Other	\$1,513	\$1,513

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$94,164	\$99,218
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WATER QUALITY 0248

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	30.000	30.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$3,139,243	\$3,219,748
All Other	\$855,771	\$848,543

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,995,014	\$4,068,291
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$111,221	\$112,211
All Other	\$560,575	\$560,562

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$671,796	\$672,773
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	17.000	17.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,708,576	\$1,758,814

All Other	\$2,858,144	\$2,858,144
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,566,720	\$4,616,958
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$14,501,989	\$14,876,648
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$14,437,072	\$14,645,749
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$55,595,321	\$56,113,516
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$3,203,500	\$2,003,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$87,737,882	\$87,639,413

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$365,831	\$376,589
All Other	\$116,718	\$116,718
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$482,549	\$493,307
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$394,520	\$404,256
All Other	\$2,873,178	\$2,873,178
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,267,698	\$3,277,434

GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES - COMMISSION ON 0414

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$365,831	\$376,589
All Other	\$116,718	\$116,718
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$482,549	\$493,307

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$394,520	\$404,256
All Other	\$2,873,178	\$2,873,178
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,267,698	\$3,277,434

Sec. A-26. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Administration - Executive - Governor's Office 0165

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	23.500	23.500
Personal Services	\$3,472,207	\$3,628,611
All Other	\$470,269	\$470,269
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,942,476	\$4,098,880

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$115,014	\$115,014

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$115,014	\$115,014
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

ADMINISTRATION - EXECUTIVE - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE 0165

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	23.500	23.500
Personal Services	\$3,472,207	\$3,628,611
All Other	\$470,269	\$470,269
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,942,476	\$4,098,880

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$115,014	\$115,014

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$115,014	\$115,014
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Blaine House 0072

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.540	0.540
Personal Services	\$759,564	\$795,157
All Other	\$72,055	\$72,055
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$831,619	\$867,212

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,240	\$5,240
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,240	\$5,240

BLAINE HOUSE 0072 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.540	0.540
Personal Services	\$759,564	\$795,157
All Other	\$72,055	\$72,055
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$831,619	\$867,212

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,240	\$5,240
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,240	\$5,240

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$559,827	\$581,078
All Other	\$316,116	\$316,116
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$875,943	\$897,194

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$592,863	\$621,748
All Other	\$1,870,564	\$1,870,564
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,463,427	\$2,492,312

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$143,564	\$150,663
All Other	\$344,097	\$344,097

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$487,661	\$494,760
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY

All Other	\$1,431,319	\$163,745
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,431,319	\$163,745

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Continues one Public Service Coordinator II position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 398 and provides related All Other costs. This position ends November 25, 2024.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$140,087	\$59,684
All Other	\$4,961	\$2,001

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$145,048	\$61,685
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Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator II position previously continued by Financial Order 002250 F3 and provides related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$134,650	\$142,102
All Other	\$6,406	\$6,510

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$141,056	\$148,612
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Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator II position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 29 and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$149,900	\$156,698
All Other	(\$149,900)	(\$156,698)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE Z122

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	5.000	5.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$709,727	\$737,776
All Other	\$166,216	\$159,418
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$875,943	\$897,194
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$592,863	\$621,748
All Other	\$1,870,564	\$1,870,564
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,463,427	\$2,492,312
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$418,301	\$352,449
All Other	\$355,464	\$352,608
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$773,765	\$705,057
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,431,319	\$163,745
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,431,319	\$163,745

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	13.000	13.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,853,385	\$1,896,107
All Other	\$1,885,297	\$1,885,297
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,738,682	\$3,781,404
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$137,954	\$138,992
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$138,454	\$139,492
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$531,726	\$388,801

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$531,726	\$388,801
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OFFICE OF POLICY INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE Z135

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	13.000	13.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,853,385	\$1,896,107
All Other	\$1,885,297	\$1,885,297
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,738,682	\$3,781,404
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$137,954	\$138,992
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$138,454	\$139,492
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$531,726	\$388,801

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$531,726	\$388,801
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Offshore Wind Research Consortium Fund Z314

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

OFFSHORE WIND RESEARCH CONSORTIUM FUND Z314

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Ombudsman Program 0103

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$341,539	\$341,539
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$341,539</u>	<u>\$341,539</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$57,150	\$57,150
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$57,150</u>	<u>\$57,150</u>

OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM 0103

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$341,539	\$341,539
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$341,539</u>	<u>\$341,539</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$57,150	\$57,150
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$57,150</u>	<u>\$57,150</u>

Public Advocate 0410

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,546,486	\$1,576,473
All Other	\$2,180,729	\$2,180,729
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,727,215</u>	<u>\$3,757,202</u>

PUBLIC ADVOCATE 0410

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,546,486	\$1,576,473
All Other	\$2,180,729	\$2,180,729
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,727,215</u>	<u>\$3,757,202</u>

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$9,730,259	\$9,986,229
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$2,636,091	\$2,664,976
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$4,645,674	\$4,607,991
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,963,045	\$552,546
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$18,975,069</u>	<u>\$17,811,742</u>

Sec. A-27. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Dairy Improvement Fund Z143

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$395,139	\$395,139
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$395,139</u>	<u>\$395,139</u>

DAIRY IMPROVEMENT FUND Z143

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$395,139	\$395,139
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$395,139</u>	<u>\$395,139</u>

Doctors For Maine's Future Scholarship Fund Z090

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

DOCTORS FOR MAINE'S FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP FUND Z090

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Educational Opportunity Tax Credit Marketing Fund Z174

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT MARKETING FUND Z174

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000

FHM - Dental Education 0951

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$237,740	\$237,740

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$237,740	\$237,740
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FHM - DENTAL EDUCATION 0951

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$237,740	\$237,740

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$237,740	\$237,740
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FHM - Health Education Centers 0950

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$110,000	\$110,000

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$110,000	\$110,000
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FHM - HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS 0950

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$110,000	\$110,000

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$110,000	\$110,000
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Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program Fund Z286

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000
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FOREIGN CREDENTIALING AND SKILLS RECOGNITION REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FUND Z286

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000
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Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Fund Z330

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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MAINE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LOAN REPAYMENT FUND Z330

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Small Enterprise Growth Fund Z235

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000
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SMALL ENTERPRISE GROWTH FUND Z235

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000
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Student Financial Assistance Programs 0653

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$27,890,394	\$27,890,394
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$27,890,394</u>	<u>\$27,890,394</u>

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS 0653

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$27,890,394	\$27,890,394
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$27,890,394</u>	<u>\$27,890,394</u>

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$28,540,394	\$28,540,394
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$500	\$500
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$347,740	\$347,740
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$395,639	\$395,639
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,000,000	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$30,284,273</u>	<u>\$29,284,273</u>

Sec. A-28. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION, MAINE

Maine Fire Protection Services Commission 0936

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000	\$2,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$627,692	\$658,809
All Other	\$1,462,940	\$1,462,940
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,090,632</u>	<u>\$2,121,749</u>

MAINE HEALTH DATA ORGANIZATION 0848

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$627,692	\$658,809
All Other	\$1,462,940	\$1,462,940
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,090,632</u>	<u>\$2,121,749</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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,090,651	\$7,090,651
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,090,651</u>	<u>\$7,090,651</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND

	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.000	19.000
Personal Services	\$1,798,764	\$1,838,732
All Other	\$32,948,828	\$32,948,828
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$34,747,592</u>	<u>\$34,787,560</u>

Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment 0146

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 7 Senior Planner positions previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$743,291	\$770,200
All Other	\$64,953	\$65,607

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT	\$808,244	\$835,807
FUND TOTAL		

Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment 0146

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Family Independence Program Manager position and 15 limited-period Senior Planner positions previously established by Financial Order 001974 F2 through June 14, 2025. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,676,939	\$1,755,575
All Other	\$146,044	\$148,221
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$1,822,983	\$1,903,796

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE IN RETRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT 0146

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,090,651	\$7,090,651
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,090,651	\$7,090,651

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	26.000	26.000
Personal Services	\$4,218,994	\$4,364,507
All Other	\$33,159,825	\$33,162,656
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$37,378,819	\$37,527,163

Aids Lodging House 0518

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$37,496	\$37,496
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$37,496	\$37,496

AIDS LODGING HOUSE 0518

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$37,496	\$37,496
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$37,496	\$37,496

Brain Injury Z213

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$759,340	\$773,123

All Other	\$565,274	\$565,274
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,324,614	\$1,338,397

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000

Brain Injury Z213

Initiative: Transfers 4 Developmental Disabilities Resources Coordinator positions, one Health Program Manager position, one Public Service Manager II position and one Social Services Program Specialist II position from the Brain Injury program to the Developmental Services - Community program within the same fund and transfers funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(7.000)	(7.000)
All Other	(\$759,340)	(\$773,123)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$565,274)	(\$565,274)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,324,614)	(\$1,338,397)

BRAIN INJURY Z213

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	0.000	0.000
All Other	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000

Breast Cancer Services Special Program Fund Z069

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$212,328	\$212,328
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$212,328	\$212,328

BREAST CANCER SERVICES SPECIAL PROGRAM FUND Z069

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$212,328	\$212,328
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$212,328	\$212,328
FUNDS TOTAL		

Bridging Rental Assistance Program Z205

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,606,361	\$6,606,361
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,606,361	\$6,606,361

BRIDGING RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Z205

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,606,361	\$6,606,361
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,606,361	\$6,606,361

Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$200,288	\$211,095
All Other	\$12,226,854	\$12,226,854
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,427,142	\$12,437,949

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.500	19.500
Personal Services	\$1,905,457	\$1,972,498
All Other	\$40,059,636	\$40,059,636
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$41,965,093	\$42,032,134

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$107,941	\$107,942
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$107,941	\$107,942

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$100,079	\$0
All Other	\$40,920,284	\$40,920,284
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$41,020,363	\$40,920,284

Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates 33 positions from various accounts in the Division of Licensing and Certification program to various accounts in the Office of

Child and Family Services - Central program and Child Care Services program to place them in the proper functional location. This initiative also transfers funding for related All Other costs. Position detail is on file in the Bureau of the Budget.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21.000	21.000
Personal Services	\$1,800,623	\$1,833,885
All Other	\$214,165	\$214,968

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$2,014,788	\$2,048,853
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Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Financial Resources Specialist position continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 to assist with the increased caseload under the child care subsidy program. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$77,181	\$81,275
All Other	\$8,557	\$8,656

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$85,738	\$89,931
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Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Provides funding to annualize funds received in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 for salary supplements awarded to individuals who provide child care or are early childhood educators.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,900,000	\$3,900,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,900,000	\$3,900,000

CHILD CARE SERVICES 0563

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$200,288	\$211,095
All Other	\$16,126,854	\$16,126,854
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,327,142	\$16,337,949

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	41.500	41.500
Personal Services	\$3,783,261	\$3,887,658
All Other	\$40,282,358	\$40,283,260

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$44,065,619	\$44,170,918
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$107,941	\$107,942
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$107,941</u>	<u>\$107,942</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$100,079	\$0
All Other	\$40,920,284	\$40,920,284
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	<u>\$41,020,363</u>	<u>\$40,920,284</u>

Child Support 0100

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	128.000	128.000
Personal Services	\$4,025,048	\$4,138,886
All Other	\$1,017,801	\$1,017,801
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,042,849</u>	<u>\$5,156,687</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$12,840,962	\$13,216,888
All Other	\$5,597,054	\$5,597,054
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$18,438,016</u>	<u>\$18,813,942</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	91.500	91.500
Personal Services	\$2,589,889	\$2,669,750
All Other	\$108,359,359	\$108,359,359

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$110,949,248</u>	<u>\$111,029,109</u>
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**CHILD SUPPORT 0100
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	128.000	128.000
Personal Services	\$4,025,048	\$4,138,886
All Other	\$1,017,801	\$1,017,801
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,042,849</u>	<u>\$5,156,687</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$12,840,962	\$13,216,888
All Other	\$5,597,054	\$5,597,054

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$18,438,016</u>	<u>\$18,813,942</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	91.500	91.500
Personal Services	\$2,589,889	\$2,669,750
All Other	\$108,359,359	\$108,359,359

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$110,949,248</u>	<u>\$111,029,109</u>
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Community Services Block Grant 0716

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$87,760	\$92,550
All Other	\$8,433,454	\$8,433,454

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$8,521,214</u>	<u>\$8,526,004</u>
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Community Services Block Grant 0716

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 through June 14, 2025 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$108,378	\$113,666
All Other	\$9,705	\$9,866
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$118,083</u>	<u>\$123,532</u>

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT 0716

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$196,138	\$206,216
All Other	\$8,443,159	\$8,443,320

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$8,639,297</u>	<u>\$8,649,536</u>
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Consent Decree Z204

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,797,300	\$5,797,300
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,797,300</u>	<u>\$5,797,300</u>

CONSENT DECREE Z204

PROGRAM SUMMARY

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GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,797,300	\$5,797,300

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,797,300</u>	<u>\$5,797,300</u>
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Crisis Outreach Program Z216

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	57.000	57.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,914,646	\$2,989,987
All Other	\$161,828	\$161,828

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,076,474</u>	<u>\$3,151,815</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,648,556	\$2,716,994
All Other	\$229,279	\$229,279

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,877,835</u>	<u>\$2,946,273</u>
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CRISIS OUTREACH PROGRAM Z216

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	57.000	57.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,914,646	\$2,989,987
All Other	\$161,828	\$161,828

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,076,474</u>	<u>\$3,151,815</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,648,556	\$2,716,994
All Other	\$229,279	\$229,279

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,877,835</u>	<u>\$2,946,273</u>
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Data, Research and Vital Statistics Z037

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	5.500	5.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$546,946	\$563,857
All Other	\$973,744	\$973,744

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,520,690</u>	<u>\$1,537,601</u>
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$214,366	\$224,387
All Other	\$441,735	\$441,735

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$656,101</u>	<u>\$666,122</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	10.000	10.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$787,879	\$805,723
All Other	\$772,926	\$772,926

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,560,805</u>	<u>\$1,578,649</u>
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DATA, RESEARCH AND VITAL STATISTICS Z037

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	5.500	5.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$546,946	\$563,857
All Other	\$973,744	\$973,744

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,520,690</u>	<u>\$1,537,601</u>
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$214,366	\$224,387
All Other	\$441,735	\$441,735

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$656,101</u>	<u>\$666,122</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

POSITIONS -	10.000	10.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$787,879	\$805,723
All Other	\$772,926	\$772,926

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,560,805</u>	<u>\$1,578,649</u>
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Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	153.000	153.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$10,363,471	\$10,610,120
All Other	\$17,361,656	\$17,361,656

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$27,725,127</u>	<u>\$27,971,776</u>
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$152,100	\$152,100
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$152,100</u>	<u>\$152,100</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$7,150,306	\$7,318,670
All Other	\$14,389,269	\$14,389,269
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$21,539,575	\$21,707,939
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,932,636	\$851,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,932,636	\$851,000

Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 funded 60% General Fund and 40% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations program to serve as the director of health care workforce. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$94,279	\$95,484
All Other	\$3,922	\$3,922
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$98,201	\$99,406
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$62,853	\$63,654
All Other	\$4,146	\$4,214
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$66,999	\$67,868

Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 2 Public Service Manager II positions to Public Service Manager III positions, 3 Public Service Manager II positions from range 30 to range 31, one Public Service Manager II position from range 32 to range 33 and 2 Public Service Manager III positions from range 34 to range 35. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$22,174	\$32,200
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,174	\$32,200
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$14,997	\$20,672

All Other	\$362	\$499
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$15,359	\$21,171
FUNDS TOTAL		

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTRAL OPERATIONS 0142

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	154.000	154.000
Personal Services	\$10,479,924	\$10,737,804
All Other	\$17,365,578	\$17,365,578
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$27,845,502	\$28,103,382

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$152,100	\$152,100
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$152,100	\$152,100

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$7,228,156	\$7,402,996
All Other	\$14,393,777	\$14,393,982
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$21,621,933	\$21,796,978

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,932,636	\$851,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,932,636	\$851,000

Departmentwide 0640

Initiative: Reduces funding in the MaineCare and MaineCare-related accounts, on a one-time basis, in each year of the biennium.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$20,000,000)	(\$20,000,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$20,000,000)	(\$20,000,000)

DEPARTMENTWIDE 0640

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$20,000,000)	(\$20,000,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$20,000,000)	(\$20,000,000)

Developmental Services - Community Z208

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS -	148.000	148.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$14,562,808	\$14,842,463
All Other	\$8,666,172	\$8,666,172
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$23,228,980</u>	<u>\$23,508,635</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$400,747	\$400,747

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$400,747</u>	<u>\$400,747</u>
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Developmental Services - Community Z208

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 6 Social Services Program Specialist I positions to Management Analyst II positions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$27,049	\$38,212

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$27,049</u>	<u>\$38,212</u>
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Developmental Services - Community Z208

Initiative: Transfers 4 Developmental Disabilities Resources Coordinator positions, one Health Program Manager position, one Public Service Manager II position and one Social Services Program Specialist II position from the Brain Injury program to the Developmental Services - Community program within the same fund and transfers funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	7.000	7.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$759,340	\$773,123
All Other	\$565,274	\$565,274

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,324,614</u>	<u>\$1,338,397</u>
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Developmental Services - Community Z208

Initiative: Transfers 55 positions from the Developmental Services - Community program to the Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services program within the same fund and transfers funding for related All Other costs. Position detail on file with the Bureau of Budget.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(55.000)	(55.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$5,650,900)	(\$5,756,763)
All Other	(\$359,535)	(\$359,535)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$6,010,435)</u>	<u>(\$6,116,298)</u>
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Developmental Services - Community Z208

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Social Services Program Manager position to a Public Service Manager II position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$19,536	\$20,823

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$19,536</u>	<u>\$20,823</u>
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Developmental Services - Community Z208

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Comprehensive Health Planner II position to a Social Services Program Manager position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$8,803	\$12,762

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$8,803</u>	<u>\$12,762</u>
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Developmental Services - Community Z208

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Business Data Analytics Specialist position to a Business Data Analytics Specialist II position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,414	\$6,411

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,414</u>	<u>\$6,411</u>
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Developmental Services - Community Z208

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Caseworker positions to Human Services Caseworker positions after receipt of social work licensure.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,607	\$5,675

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,607</u>	<u>\$5,675</u>
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Developmental Services - Community Z208

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 3 Public Service Manager II positions to Public Service Manager III positions, one Public Service Manager III position from range 34 to range 35 and one Public Service Manager III position from range 34 to range 36 due to increased responsibilities within the Office of Aging and Disability Services. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$12,948	\$18,464

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$12,948</u>	<u>\$18,464</u>
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DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES - COMMUNITY Z208

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	100.000	100.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$9,749,605	\$9,961,170
All Other	\$8,871,911	\$8,871,911

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$18,621,516</u>	<u>\$18,833,081</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$400,747	\$400,747

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$400,747	\$400,747
FUNDS TOTAL		

Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$159,251,451	\$159,251,451
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$159,251,451	\$159,251,451

Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211

Initiative: Provides funding to annualize funds received in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 to replenish reserve slots for individuals who have been determined as Priority 1 waiver program candidates under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 21, Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$556,511	\$567,380
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$556,511	\$567,380

Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, sections 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 96 and Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part AAAA.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,214,852	\$3,428,339
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,214,852	\$3,428,339

Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative also adjusts funding for the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage of 2.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 1 and 1.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 2 as authorized by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,739,022)	\$4,194,115
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,739,022)	\$4,194,115

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVER - MAINECARE Z211

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$160,283,792	\$167,441,285
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$160,283,792	\$167,441,285

Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z212

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$40,186,370	\$40,186,370
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$40,186,370	\$40,186,370

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$151,306	\$151,306

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$151,306	\$151,306
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Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z212

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, sections 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 96 and Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part AAAA.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$991,676	\$1,533,273
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$991,676	\$1,533,273

Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z212

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative also adjusts funding for the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage of 2.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 1 and 1.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 2 as authorized by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$384,863)	\$928,201
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$384,863)	\$928,201

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVER - SUPPORTS Z212

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$40,793,183	\$42,647,844
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$40,793,183	\$42,647,844

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$151,306	\$151,306

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$151,306	\$151,306
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Disability Determination - Division of 0208

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	51.500	51.500
Personal Services	\$4,612,235	\$4,788,126

All Other	\$5,206,797	\$5,206,797
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,819,032	\$9,994,923
FUND TOTAL		

Disability Determination - Division of 0208

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Disability Claims Supervisor position, 5 limited-period Disability Claims Adjudicator positions and one limited-period Office Associate II position, previously created by Public Law 2021, chapter 398, through June 14, 2025 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$692,375	\$724,639
All Other	\$64,055	\$64,752
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$756,430	\$789,391

DISABILITY DETERMINATION - DIVISION OF 0208

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	51.500	51.500
Personal Services	\$5,304,610	\$5,512,765
All Other	\$5,270,852	\$5,271,549
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,575,462	\$10,784,314

Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z225

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$10,198,351	\$10,404,300
All Other	\$2,220,860	\$2,220,860
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,419,211	\$12,625,160

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 2024 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage. The blended rate is 62.81% Federal Expenditures Fund and 37.19% General Fund in fiscal year 2023-24 and 62.65% Federal Expenditures Fund and 37.35% General Fund in fiscal year 2024-25.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$210,015	\$259,373
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$210,015	\$259,373

DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE - DOROTHEA DIX PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z225

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$10,408,366	\$10,663,673
All Other	\$2,220,860	\$2,220,860
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,629,226	\$12,884,533

Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center Z220

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$13,393,421	\$13,728,853
All Other	\$3,298,067	\$3,298,067
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,691,488	\$17,026,920

Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center Z220

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates 3 Intensive Case Manager positions, one Mental Health Worker III position, one Mental Health Worker IV position and one Psychologist III position from 63.47% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 36.53% Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund to 100% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund and one Intensive Case Manager position, one Substance Abuse Program Counselor position and one Education Specialist II position from 100% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund to 62.81% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2023-24 and 62.65% in fiscal year 2024-25 and 37.19% Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund in fiscal year 2023-24 and 37.35% in fiscal year 2024-25. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$116,419)	(\$114,513)
All Other	(\$7,060)	(\$7,060)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$123,479)	(\$121,573)

Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center Z220

Initiative: Adjusts funding for positions in the Riverview Psychiatric Center as a result of the decrease in the 2024 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage. The blended rate is 62.81% Federal Expenditures Fund and 37.19% General Fund in fiscal year 2023-24 and 62.65% Federal Expenditures Fund and 37.35% General Fund in fiscal year 2024-25.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$257,907	\$302,401
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$257,907	\$302,401

**DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE - RIVERVIEW
PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z220**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$13,534,909	\$13,916,741
All Other	\$3,291,007	\$3,291,007
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,825,916	\$17,207,748

Division of Licensing and Certification Z036

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	32.000	32.000
Personal Services	\$3,346,724	\$3,430,572
All Other	\$932,769	\$932,769
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,279,493	\$4,363,341

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,406,743	\$1,406,743

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,406,743	\$1,406,743
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	87.000	87.000
Personal Services	\$8,021,685	\$8,198,735
All Other	\$2,949,463	\$2,949,463

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,971,148	\$11,148,198
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Division of Licensing and Certification Z036

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates 33 positions from various accounts in the Division of Licensing and Certification program to various accounts in the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program and Child Care Services program to place them in the proper functional location. This initiative also transfers funding for related All Other costs. Position detail is on file in the Bureau of the Budget.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(7.000)	(7.000)
Personal Services	(\$752,954)	(\$772,639)
All Other	(\$52,296)	(\$52,296)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$805,250)	(\$824,935)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(26.000)	(26.000)
Personal Services	(\$2,230,560)	(\$2,276,218)
All Other	(\$244,043)	(\$244,851)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$2,474,603)	(\$2,521,069)
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Division of Licensing and Certification Z036

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates 2 Community Care Worker positions funded 65% Other Special Revenue Funds and 35% General Fund, 6 Community Care Worker positions funded 100% Other Special Revenue Funds and one Social Services Program Specialist II position funded 100% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Division of Licensing and Certification program to 79% General Fund and 21% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office of Child and Family Services - District program to place them in the proper functional location. This initiative also transfers funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$52,084)	(\$53,313)
All Other	(\$4,576)	(\$4,576)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$56,660)	(\$57,889)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(9.000)	(9.000)
Personal Services	(\$705,431)	(\$717,633)
All Other	(\$72,588)	(\$72,883)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$778,019)	(\$790,516)
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Division of Licensing and Certification Z036

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates 25 positions funded 65% Other Special Revenue Funds and 35% General Fund to 61% Other Special Revenue Funds and 39% General Fund in the Division of Licensing and Certification program and reallocates 47 positions funded 65% Other Special Revenue Funds and 35% General Fund to 61% Other Special Revenue Funds and 39% General Fund in the Division of Licensing and Certification program. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs. Position detail is on file in the Bureau of the Budget.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(25.000)	(25.000)
Personal Services	\$284,753	\$291,706
All Other	\$18,827	\$18,827
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$303,580	\$310,533

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	25.000	25.000
Personal Services	(\$284,753)	(\$291,706)
All Other	(\$26,152)	(\$26,320)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE (\$310,905) (\$318,026)
FUNDS TOTAL

DIVISION OF LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION Z036

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	0.000	0.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,826,439	\$2,896,326
All Other	\$894,724	\$894,724

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$3,721,163 \$3,791,050

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,406,743	\$1,406,743

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$1,406,743 \$1,406,743

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	77.000	77.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$4,800,941	\$4,913,178
All Other	\$2,606,680	\$2,605,409

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$7,407,621 \$7,518,587

Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z222

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,728,788	\$2,728,788

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$2,728,788 \$2,728,788

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	252.000	252.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$17,791,053	\$18,150,250
All Other	\$3,842,343	\$3,842,343

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$21,633,396 \$21,992,593

Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z222

Initiative: Adjusts funding for positions in the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center as a result of the decrease in the 2024 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage. The blended rate is 62.81% Federal Expenditures Fund and 37.19% General Fund in fiscal year 2023-24 and 62.65% Federal Expenditures Fund and 37.35% General Fund in fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$210,015)	(\$259,373)
All Other	(\$4,301)	(\$5,312)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE (\$214,316) (\$264,685)
FUNDS TOTAL

DOROTHEA DIX PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z222

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,728,788	\$2,728,788

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$2,728,788 \$2,728,788

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	252.000	252.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$17,581,038	\$17,890,877
All Other	\$3,838,042	\$3,837,031

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$21,419,080 \$21,727,908

Drinking Water Enforcement 0728

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,295,500	\$1,295,500

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,295,500 \$1,295,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$641,518	\$659,975
All Other	\$2,387,868	\$2,387,868

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$3,029,386 \$3,047,843

DRINKING WATER ENFORCEMENT 0728

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,295,500	\$1,295,500

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,295,500 \$1,295,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$641,518	\$659,975
All Other	\$2,387,868	\$2,387,868

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$3,029,386 \$3,047,843

Driver Education & Evaluation Program - Off Sub Abuse & MH S Z200

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	7.000	7.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		

Personal Services	\$583,778	\$606,954
All Other	\$1,028,931	\$1,028,931
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,612,709	\$1,635,885

DRIVER EDUCATION & EVALUATION PROGRAM - OFF SUB ABUSE & MH S Z200

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$583,778	\$606,954
All Other	\$1,028,931	\$1,028,931
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,612,709	\$1,635,885

Early Childhood Consultation Program Z280

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$401,045	\$418,094
All Other	\$1,612,562	\$1,612,562
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,013,607	\$2,030,656

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$440,341	\$440,341

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$440,341	\$440,341
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Early Childhood Consultation Program Z280

Initiative: Provides funding to annualize funds received in Public Law 2021, chapter 679, An Act To Expand the Statewide Voluntary Early Childhood Consultation Program, for the early childhood consultation program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,489,652	\$1,630,935
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,489,652	\$1,630,935

EARLY CHILDHOOD CONSULTATION PROGRAM Z280

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$401,045	\$418,094
All Other	\$3,102,214	\$3,243,497
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,503,259	\$3,661,591

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$440,341	\$440,341

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$440,341	\$440,341
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Food Supplement Administration Z019

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,970,882	\$2,970,882
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,970,882	\$2,970,882

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,924,797	\$7,924,797

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$7,924,797	\$7,924,797
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$725,500	\$725,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$725,500	\$725,500
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FOOD SUPPLEMENT ADMINISTRATION Z019 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,970,882	\$2,970,882
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,970,882	\$2,970,882

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,924,797	\$7,924,797

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$7,924,797	\$7,924,797
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$725,500	\$725,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$725,500	\$725,500
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Forensic Services Z203

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$652,234	\$672,433
All Other	\$98,192	\$98,192
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$750,426	\$770,625

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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FORENSIC SERVICES Z203 PROGRAM SUMMARY

FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 2023

PUBLIC LAW, C. 17

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	6.000	6.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$652,234	\$672,433
All Other	\$98,192	\$98,192
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$750,426	\$770,625

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns 0130

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,398,875	\$10,398,875
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,398,875	\$10,398,875

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$369,948	\$375,716
All Other	\$2,053,687	\$2,053,687
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,423,635	\$2,429,403

GENERAL ASSISTANCE - REIMBURSEMENT TO CITIES AND TOWNS 0130

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,398,875	\$10,398,875
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,398,875	\$10,398,875

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$369,948	\$375,716
All Other	\$2,053,687	\$2,053,687
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,423,635	\$2,429,403

Head Start 0545

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,194,458	\$1,194,458
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,194,458	\$1,194,458

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$107,637	\$107,637
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$107,637	\$107,637

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,354,580	\$1,354,580
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$1,354,580	\$1,354,580

HEAD START 0545 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,194,458	\$1,194,458
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,194,458	\$1,194,458

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$107,637	\$107,637
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$107,637	\$107,637

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,354,580	\$1,354,580
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$1,354,580	\$1,354,580

Homeless Youth Program 0923

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$884,870	\$884,870
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$884,870	\$884,870

Homeless Youth Program 0923

Initiative: Provides funding to achieve parity with MaineCare cost-of-living adjustments for certain community behavioral health-related services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$43,713	\$45,872
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$43,713	\$45,872

HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAM 0923

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$928,583	\$930,742
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$928,583	\$930,742

IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,167,055	\$20,167,055

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,167,055	\$20,167,055
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$37,129,255	\$37,129,255
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$37,129,255	\$37,129,255
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$476,737	\$476,737
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$476,737	\$476,737

IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137

Initiative: Provides funding to increase foster home reimbursement rates to increase recruitment and retention of foster families in this State.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$136,423	\$143,245
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$136,423	\$143,245
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$242,530	\$254,657
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$242,530	\$254,657

IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137

Initiative: Transfers funding appropriated in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 for the parents as teachers program and for kinship navigators from the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program to the IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,420,000	\$1,420,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,420,000	\$1,420,000

IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137

Initiative: Transfers funding appropriated in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 for the intensive family-based preservation service to serve reunifying families from IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program to the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$924,000)	(\$924,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$924,000)	(\$924,000)

IV-E FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION ASSISTANCE 0137

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,799,478	\$20,806,300
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,799,478	\$20,806,300
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$37,371,785	\$37,383,912
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$37,371,785	\$37,383,912
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$476,737	\$476,737
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$476,737	\$476,737

Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$272,263	\$284,479
All Other	\$39,976,464	\$39,976,464
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$40,248,727	\$40,260,943

Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420

Initiative: Provides funding to annualize funds received in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 to reduce the waiting list for programs under the Office of Aging and Disability Services rule Chapter 5, Section 63, In-Home and Community Support Services for Elderly and Other Adults.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$558,756	\$7,263,828
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$558,756	\$7,263,828

Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Social Services Manager I position to a Social Services Program Manager position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,202	\$4,046
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,202	\$4,046

Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$2,150	\$2,292
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,150</u>	<u>\$2,292</u>

Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420

Initiative: Provides funding for a cost-of-living increase to 5 independent housing support programs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$82,808	\$82,808
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$82,808</u>	<u>\$82,808</u>

Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420

Initiative: Provides funding for a proposed per diem rate increase for the 5 contracted providers of affordable assisted living facility services under the oversight of the Office of Aging and Disability Services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,271,698	\$1,271,698
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,271,698</u>	<u>\$1,271,698</u>

LONG TERM CARE - OFFICE OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES 0420

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$281,615	\$290,817
All Other	\$41,889,726	\$48,594,798
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$42,171,341</u>	<u>\$48,885,615</u>

Low-cost Drugs To Maine's Elderly 0202

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,971,353	\$4,971,353
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,971,353</u>	<u>\$4,971,353</u>

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,082,095	\$6,082,095

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>\$6,082,095</u>	<u>\$6,082,095</u>
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LOW-COST DRUGS TO MAINE'S ELDERLY 0202

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,971,353	\$4,971,353
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,971,353</u>	<u>\$4,971,353</u>

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,082,095	\$6,082,095

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>\$6,082,095</u>	<u>\$6,082,095</u>
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Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	102.000	102.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$12,582,099	\$12,956,430
All Other	\$8,721,912	\$8,721,912

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$21,304,011</u>	<u>\$21,678,342</u>
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS -	112.500	112.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$11,674,637	\$11,997,074
All Other	\$100,442,918	\$100,442,918

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$112,117,555</u>	<u>\$112,439,992</u>
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FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE

POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,451,554	\$1,485,981
All Other	\$17,188,302	\$17,188,302

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>\$18,639,856</u>	<u>\$18,674,283</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

POSITIONS -	71.500	71.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$5,723,509	\$5,873,647
All Other	\$9,198,594	\$9,198,594

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$14,922,103</u>	<u>\$15,072,241</u>
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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND

POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$249,149	\$256,455
All Other	\$1,479,136	\$1,479,136

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,728,285</u>	<u>\$1,735,591</u>
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY

All Other	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$14,013,455	\$14,013,455

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$14,013,455	\$14,013,455
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Business Manager II position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 29 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$111,110	\$116,516
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$117,647	\$123,053
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of one Chemist I position to a Chemist II position funded 62% General Fund and 38% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,508	\$2,855

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,508	\$2,855
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,538	\$1,752

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,538	\$1,752
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Chemist II position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 29 funded 100% Maine Center of Disease Control and Prevention program, Other Special Revenue Funds through June 14, 2025. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$117,114	\$119,080
All Other	\$9,521	\$9,568

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$126,635	\$128,648
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Chemist III position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 29 funded 100% Maine Center of Disease Control and Prevention program, Other Special Revenue Funds through June 14, 2025. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$136,009	\$137,966
All Other	\$9,977	\$10,024

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$145,986	\$147,990
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Chemist II position to a Chemist III position, effective March 16, 2021. This initiative also transfers and reallocates the position from 50% Federal Expenditures Fund, 31% General Fund and 19% Other Special Revenue Funds to 62% General Fund and 38% Other Special Revenue Funds all within the same program. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$42,163	\$45,273
All Other	\$2,026	\$2,026

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$44,189	\$47,299
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$58,048)	(\$59,029)
All Other	(\$4,749)	(\$4,772)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$62,797)	(\$63,801)
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$25,843	\$27,747
All Other	\$1,897	\$1,943

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$27,740	\$29,690
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Inventory and Property Associate I position established by Public Law 2021, chapter 398 funded 62% General Fund and 38% Other Special Revenue Funds in the

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program for the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$43,742	\$46,367
All Other	\$4,053	\$4,053
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$47,795	\$50,420
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$26,810	\$28,417
All Other	\$3,295	\$3,313
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$30,105	\$31,730

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner II position previously continued by Financial Order CV0450 F3 through June 14, 2025. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$116,306	\$118,270
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$122,843	\$124,807

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Senior Health Program Manager position to a Public Service Manager II position to serve as the director of the Maine immunization program and reallocates the position from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 86% Federal Expenditures Fund and 14% General Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$19,053	\$19,901
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$19,053	\$19,901
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$6,647)	(\$2,878)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$6,647)	(\$2,878)

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Environmental Specialist III position to an Environmental Specialist IV position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$13,185	\$13,848
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,185	\$13,848

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Senior Health Program Manager position to a Public Service Manager II position to serve as the director of infectious disease epidemiology. This initiative also reallocates the position from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 90% Federal Expenditures Fund and 10% General Fund all within the same program and adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$14,167	\$14,845
All Other	\$654	\$654
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,821	\$15,499

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$9,228	\$14,114
All Other	(\$447)	(\$329)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,781	\$13,785

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Environmental Specialist III position previously established by Financial Order 002266 F3 through June 14, 2025 for per-fluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, response and lead in drinking water and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$90,115	\$95,062
All Other	\$8,869	\$8,989
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$98,984	\$104,051

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Toxicologist positions and one limited-period Epidemiologist position, previously continued by Financial Order CV0447 F3, funded 100% Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program and transfers these positions from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund in the same program beginning July 1, 2024.

This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs. These positions will end June 14, 2025.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$328,434
All Other	\$0	\$28,498
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$356,932

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$311,210	\$0
All Other	\$28,094	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$339,304	\$0

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Toxicologist position to a Public Service Coordinator I position to serve as the assistant state toxicologist.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$11,830	\$16,081
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$11,830	\$16,081

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Senior Health Program Manager position to a Public Service Manager II position for health care associated infections. This initiative also reallocates the position from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 90% Federal Expenditures Fund and 10% General Fund within the same program and adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$12,872	\$13,572
All Other	\$654	\$654
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,526	\$14,226

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,717	\$1,493
All Other	(\$628)	(\$634)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,089	\$859

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Office Associate I position to an Office Associate II position to align with the work being performed.

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,653	\$2,810
All Other	\$64	\$68

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$2,717	\$2,878
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Planning and Research Associate II position to a Comprehensive Health Planner II position to align with the work being performed.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$4,460	\$7,845
All Other	\$281	\$281

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,741	\$8,126
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator I position previously continued by Financial Order CV0446 F3 funded 100% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, General Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$126,070	\$132,042
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$132,607	\$138,579
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II position previously continued by Financial Order 002268 F3 funded 100% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Expenditures Fund through June 14, 2025. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$101,213	\$106,666
All Other	\$9,559	\$9,606

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$110,772	\$116,272
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**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Public Health Nurse II position from 100% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1,000)	(1,000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$119,324)	(\$120,744)
All Other	(\$6,537)	(\$6,537)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$125,861)	(\$127,281)

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding and any unallocated balances as of June 30, 2023 from the Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services program to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$98,127	\$98,127
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$98,127	\$98,127

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 2 Public Health Nurse Consultant positions to Public Health Nurse Supervisor positions. This initiative also transfers one Public Health Nurse Supervisor position and related All Other costs from 100% Special Children's Services program, Federal Block Grant Fund to 100% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, General Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1,000	1,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$143,153	\$144,884
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$149,690	\$151,421

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Health Educator III position and one limited-period Health Program Manager position previously continued by Financial Order CV0446 F3, funded 100% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program through May 31, 2024 and 100% General Fund beginning June 1, 2024 in the same program to support the work of the Office of Population Health Equity. The positions will end on June 14, 2025. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$5,898	\$213,705
All Other	\$1,090	\$13,074
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,988	\$226,779

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$197,328	\$0
All Other	\$17,114	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$214,442	\$0

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Continues 8 limited-period Public Health Educator III positions previously continued by Financial Order CV0450 F3 through June 14, 2025 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$726,296	\$766,320
All Other	\$52,296	\$52,296
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$778,592	\$818,616

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner II positions previously established by Financial Order CV0492 F3 through June 14, 2025 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$199,436	\$210,794
All Other	\$13,074	\$13,074
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$212,510	\$223,868

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Public Health Educator III positions previously established by Financial Order CV0526 F3 through June 14, 2025 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$181,574	\$191,580
All Other	\$13,074	\$13,074
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$194,648	\$204,654

MAINE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION 0143

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	106.000	106.000
Personal Services	\$13,008,526	\$13,615,575
All Other	\$8,743,463	\$8,755,447
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$21,751,989	\$22,371,022
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	112.500	112.500
Personal Services	\$12,014,003	\$12,488,781
All Other	\$100,472,917	\$100,484,557
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$112,486,920	\$112,973,338
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,454,207	\$1,488,791
All Other	\$17,188,366	\$17,188,370
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$18,642,573	\$18,677,161
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	70.500	70.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$6,030,823	\$6,188,609
All Other	\$9,321,411	\$9,321,569
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,352,234	\$15,510,178
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$249,149	\$256,455
All Other	\$1,479,136	\$1,479,136
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$1,728,285	\$1,735,591
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
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	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,534,822	\$1,286,964
All Other	\$14,126,530	\$14,098,436
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$15,661,352	\$15,385,400

Maine Children's Cancer Research Fund Z279

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

MAINE CHILDREN'S CANCER RESEARCH FUND Z279

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund Z292

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$782,853	\$822,030
All Other	\$12,447,291	\$12,447,291
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$13,230,144	\$13,269,321

MAINE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE TRUST FUND Z292

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$782,853	\$822,030
All Other	\$12,447,291	\$12,447,291
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$13,230,144	\$13,269,321

Maine Rx Plus Program 0927

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$135,786	\$135,786
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$135,786	\$135,786

MAINE RX PLUS PROGRAM 0927

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$135,786	\$135,786

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$135,786	\$135,786
FUNDS TOTAL		

Maine School Oral Health Fund Z025

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$23,405	\$23,405

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$23,405	\$23,405
FUNDS TOTAL		

MAINE SCHOOL ORAL HEALTH FUND Z025

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$23,405	\$23,405

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$23,405	\$23,405
FUNDS TOTAL		

Maine Water Well Drilling Program 0697

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$28,247	\$29,552
All Other	\$44,389	\$44,389

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$72,636	\$73,941
FUNDS TOTAL		

MAINE WATER WELL DRILLING PROGRAM 0697

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$28,247	\$29,552
All Other	\$44,389	\$44,389

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$72,636	\$73,941
FUNDS TOTAL		

Maternal and Child Health 0191

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,458,168	\$7,458,168

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$7,458,168	\$7,458,168
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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000

Personal Services	\$1,437,097	\$1,471,182
All Other	\$1,396,387	\$1,396,387

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$2,833,484	\$2,867,569
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Maternal and Child Health 0191

Initiative: Transfers 2 Children Special Health Needs Coordinator positions, 2 Microbiologist II positions, 2 Public Health Nurse II positions, one Nursing Education Consultant position and one Senior Health Program Manager position from the Special Children's Services program to the Maternal and Child Health program within the same fund and reallocates one Comprehensive Health Planner I position from 50% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Expenditures Fund and 50% Special Children's Services program, Federal Block Grant Fund to 50% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Expenditures Fund and 50% Maternal and Child Health program, Federal Block Grant Fund. This initiative also transfers funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$899,481	\$921,893
All Other	\$114,414	\$114,325

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$1,013,895	\$1,036,218
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Maternal and Child Health 0191

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner I position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 through December 31, 2024 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$37,236	\$22,149
All Other	\$3,548	\$1,857

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$40,784	\$24,006
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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH 0191

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$37,236	\$22,149
All Other	\$7,461,716	\$7,460,025

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$7,498,952	\$7,482,174
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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21.000	21.000
Personal Services	\$2,336,578	\$2,393,075

All Other	\$1,510,801	\$1,510,712
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT	\$3,847,379	\$3,903,787
FUND TOTAL		

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Match Z008

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$946,214	\$966,946
All Other	\$4,444,089	\$4,444,089
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,390,303	\$5,411,035

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT MATCH Z008

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	12.000	12.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$946,214	\$966,946
All Other	\$4,444,089	\$4,444,089
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,390,303	\$5,411,035

Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$32,519,120	\$32,519,120
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$32,519,120	\$32,519,120

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$31,641,280	\$31,641,280
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$31,641,280	\$31,641,280

Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210

Initiative: Provides funding to annualize funds received in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 to replenish reserve slots for individuals who have been determined as Priority 1 waiver program candidates under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 21, Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$101,890	\$101,890
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$101,890	\$101,890

Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify

MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, sections 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 96 and Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part AAAA.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$968,220	\$1,489,080
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$968,220	\$1,489,080

Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative also adjusts funding for the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage of 2.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 1 and 1.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 2 as authorized by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$339,992)	\$819,982
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$339,992)	\$819,982

Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 50, Principles of Reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded; Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities; Section 97, Appendix C, Principles of Reimbursement for Medical and Remedial Service Facilities; Section 97, Appendix E, Principles of Reimbursement for Community Residences for Persons with Mental Illness; and Section 97, Appendix F, Principles of Reimbursement for Non-Case Mixed Medical and Remedial Facilities.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$364,861	\$373,884
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$364,861	\$373,884

MEDICAID SERVICES - DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES Z210

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$32,543,989	\$33,712,986
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$32,543,989	\$33,712,986

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$32,711,390	\$33,232,250
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$32,711,390	\$33,232,250

Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential /Community Serv Z218

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,280,966	\$8,280,966
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,280,966	\$8,280,966

Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential /Community Serv Z218

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, sections 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 96 and Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part AAAA.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$565,947	\$876,973
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$565,947	\$876,973

Medicaid Waiver for Brain Injury Residential /Community Serv Z218

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative also adjusts funding for the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage of 2.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 1 and 1.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 2 as authorized by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$77,074)	\$185,885
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$77,074)	\$185,885

MEDICAID WAIVER FOR BRAIN INJURY RESIDENTIAL /COMMUNITY SERV Z218

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,769,839	\$9,343,824
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,769,839	\$9,343,824

Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions Z217

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,724,935	\$3,724,935
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,724,935	\$3,724,935

Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions Z217

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual,

Chapter III, sections 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 96 and Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part AAAA.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$101,284	\$156,943
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$101,284	\$156,943

Medicaid Waiver for Other Related Conditions Z217

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative also adjusts funding for the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage of 2.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 1 and 1.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 2 as authorized by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$34,670)	\$83,615
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$34,670)	\$83,615

MEDICAID WAIVER FOR OTHER RELATED CONDITIONS Z217

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,791,549	\$3,965,493
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,791,549	\$3,965,493

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$590,555,180	\$590,555,180
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$590,555,180	\$590,555,180

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,453,482,488	\$2,453,482,488
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,453,482,488	\$2,453,482,488

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$31,319,863	\$31,319,863
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$31,319,863	\$31,319,863

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$234,496,055	\$234,496,055
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$234,496,055	\$234,496,055

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$41,751,039	\$41,751,039

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT \$41,751,039 \$41,751,039
 FUND TOTAL

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to annualize funds received in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 to replenish reserve slots for individuals who have been determined as Priority 1 waiver program candidates under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 21, Home and Community Benefits for Members with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,039,726	\$1,028,857
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,039,726	\$1,028,857

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to annualize funds received in Public Law 2021, chapter 461 to increase up to 12 months the period following the end of pregnancy during which an individual may be eligible for services under the MaineCare program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$119,880	\$119,880
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$119,880	\$119,880
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$213,120	\$213,120
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$213,120	\$213,120

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to reverse the savings associated with durable medical equipment in Public Law 2021, chapter 398.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$201,654	\$201,654
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$201,654	\$201,654
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$388,690	\$388,690
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$388,690	\$388,690

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,250	\$11,250
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$11,250	\$11,250

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to rebase federally qualified health centers' prospective payment system rates pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 747, An Act To Improve the Quality and Affordability of Primary Health Care Provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,038,479	\$5,058,208
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,038,479	\$5,058,208

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,530,322	\$11,511,263
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$11,530,322	\$11,511,263

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$450,698	\$450,028
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$450,698	\$450,028

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 23; 40; 91; 92; 93; 97, Appendix B; 97, Appendix D; and 102.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$393,815	\$514,714
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$393,815	\$514,714

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,941,706	\$6,289,834
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,941,706	\$6,289,834

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$437,002	\$554,186
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$437,002	\$554,186

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, sections 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29 and 96 and Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part AAAA.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,487,587	\$3,828,740

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,487,587	\$3,828,740
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,709,860	\$17,957,401
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$11,709,860	\$17,957,401

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative also adjusts funding for the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage of 2.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 1 and 1.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 2 as authorized by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$5,781,210)	\$14,925,729
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$5,781,210)	\$14,925,729
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,043,564	(\$24,222,714)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,043,564	(\$24,222,714)
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$291,507)	\$703,047
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	(\$291,507)	\$703,047
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$411,025)	\$8,483
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	(\$411,025)	\$8,483

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to implement recommended rates from rate studies for the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 2, Adult Family Care Services, and Section 26, Day Health Services, effective January 1, 2023, in order to comply with Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part AAAA.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,411,511	\$2,419,011
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,411,511	\$2,419,011
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,944,208	\$2,936,708

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,944,208	\$2,936,708
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Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for full state-funded medical coverage due to an increase in the number of federally non-qualified children.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,988,808	\$1,988,808
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,988,808	\$1,988,808

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 50, Principles of Reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded; Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities; Section 97, Appendix C, Principles of Reimbursement for Medical and Remedial Service Facilities; Section 97, Appendix E, Principles of Reimbursement for Community Residences for Persons with Mental Illness; and Section 97, Appendix F, Principles of Reimbursement for Non-Case Mixed Medical and Remedial Facilities.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,030,831	\$2,267,530
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,030,831	\$2,267,530
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,803,066	\$17,683,534
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,803,066	\$17,683,534
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$887,054	\$1,792,356
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$887,054	\$1,792,356

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides additional funding necessary to implement recommended rates from rate studies for the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 13, Targeted Case Management Services; Section 17, Allowances for Community Support Services; Section 28, Rehabilitative and Community Support Services for Children with Cognitive Impairments and Functional Limitations; Section 65, Behavioral Health Services; and Section 92, Behavioral Health Home Services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$28,520,351	\$28,645,045
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$28,520,351</u>	<u>\$28,645,045</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$49,539,708	\$49,418,470
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$49,539,708</u>	<u>\$49,418,470</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,323,647	\$2,320,192
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,323,647</u>	<u>\$2,320,192</u>

MEDICAL CARE - PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS 0147 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$626,966,886	\$650,524,499
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$626,966,886</u>	<u>\$650,524,499</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,554,636,458	\$2,536,687,651
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,554,636,458</u>	<u>\$2,536,687,651</u>

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$31,028,356	\$32,022,910
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>\$31,028,356</u>	<u>\$32,022,910</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$235,820,111	\$236,842,597
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$235,820,111</u>	<u>\$236,842,597</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$44,125,609	\$44,540,992
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$44,125,609</u>	<u>\$44,540,992</u>

Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid Z207

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$38,431,163	\$38,431,163
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$38,431,163</u>	<u>\$38,431,163</u>

Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid Z207

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 23; 40; 91; 92; 93; 97, Appendix B; 97, Appendix D; and 102.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,800,123	\$2,294,608
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,800,123</u>	<u>\$2,294,608</u>

Mental Health Services - Child Medicaid Z207

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative also adjusts funding for the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage of 2.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 1 and 1.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 2 as authorized by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$370,110)	\$892,617
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$370,110)</u>	<u>\$892,617</u>

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - CHILD MEDICAID Z207 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$39,861,176	\$41,618,388
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$39,861,176</u>	<u>\$41,618,388</u>

Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	27.500	27.500
Personal Services	\$2,799,878	\$2,853,079
All Other	\$15,803,420	\$15,803,420
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$18,603,298</u>	<u>\$18,656,499</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,148,502	\$190,540
All Other	\$1,101,991	\$1,101,991
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,250,493</u>	<u>\$1,292,531</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,751,156	\$6,751,156
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,751,156</u>	<u>\$6,751,156</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,388,417	\$2,388,417

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT	\$2,388,417	\$2,388,417
FUND - ARP TOTAL		

Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Developmental Disabilities Resources Coordinator position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 funded 50% Mental Health Services - Children program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$50,972	\$53,483
All Other	\$3,269	\$3,269
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$54,241	\$56,752

Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II position previously continued by Financial Order 002290 F3 as a youth substance use disorder specialist. This position will end on June 14, 2025. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$104,698	\$110,346
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$111,235	\$116,883

Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Social Services Program Specialist II position, one Social Services Program Specialist I position and one Data and Research Coordinator position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and also transfers and re-allocates the positions from 100% Mental Health Services - Children program, Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% Mental Health Services - Children program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also establishes 8 Social Services Program Specialist II positions, one Social Services Program Manager position and one Comprehensive Health Planner II position funded 50% Mental Health Services - Children program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	13.000	13.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$657,825	\$688,301
All Other	\$42,491	\$42,491
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$700,316	\$730,792

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$306,471)	(\$50,483)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$306,471)	(\$50,483)
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Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: Provides funding to achieve parity with MaineCare cost-of-living adjustments for certain community behavioral health-related services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$381,833	\$400,695
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$381,833	\$400,695

Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 5 Clinical Social Worker positions to Social Services Program Specialist II positions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$75,495	\$79,466
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,495	\$79,466

Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: Reallocates one Social Services Program Manager position from 100% General Fund to 76% General Fund and 24% Federal Block Grant Fund and one Management Analyst II position from 100% General Fund to 81% General Fund and 19% Federal Block Grant Fund all within the same program. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$48,542)	(\$49,069)
All Other	(\$2,829)	(\$2,829)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$51,371)	(\$51,898)

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$48,542	\$49,069
All Other	\$4,292	\$4,307

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$52,834	\$53,376
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Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: Reallocates 10 Behavioral Health Program Coordinator positions, 5 Clinical Social Worker positions, 2 Developmental Disability Resources Coordinator positions and one Social Services Program Specialist II position from 100% Mental Health Services - Children program, General Fund to 50% Mental Health Services - Children program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund to align with projected federal grant revenue. This initiative also adjusts related All Other funding.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	(\$921,462)	(\$936,175)
All Other	(\$62,102)	(\$62,102)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$983,564)	(\$998,277)

Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 23; 40; 91; 92; 93; 97, Appendix B; 97, Appendix D; and 102.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$478,071	\$606,005
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$478,071	\$606,005

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - CHILDREN Z206

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	41.500	41.500
Personal Services	\$2,718,864	\$2,799,431
All Other	\$16,650,690	\$16,797,486
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$19,369,554	\$19,596,917

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$842,031	\$140,057
All Other	\$1,101,991	\$1,101,991
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,944,022	\$1,242,048

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$48,542	\$49,069
All Other	\$6,755,448	\$6,755,463
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$6,803,990	\$6,804,532

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	55.000	55.000
Personal Services	\$5,847,939	\$6,007,539
All Other	\$21,965,063	\$21,965,047
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$27,813,002	\$27,972,586

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,977,731	\$10,977,731

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,977,731	\$10,977,731
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$104,114	\$108,664
All Other	\$9,154,081	\$9,154,081

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$9,258,195	\$9,262,745
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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
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

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager III position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 to serve as the deputy director of research and evaluation. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$181,266	\$183,152
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$187,803	\$189,689
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Mental Health Services - Community Z198

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager III position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 29 to serve as the deputy director of strategic planning. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$181,266	\$183,152
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$187,803	\$189,689
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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY Z198

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FIRST REGULAR SESSION - 2023

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GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	57,000	57,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$6,210,471	\$6,373,843
All Other	\$21,978,137	\$21,978,121
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$28,188,608	\$28,351,964

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,977,731	\$10,977,731
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,977,731	\$10,977,731

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1,000	1,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$104,114	\$108,664
All Other	\$9,154,081	\$9,154,081
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$9,258,195	\$9,262,745

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,138,475	\$3,138,475
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$3,138,475	\$3,138,475

Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid Z201

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$39,630,398	\$39,630,398
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$39,630,398	\$39,630,398

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,290,600	\$11,290,600
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,290,600	\$11,290,600

Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid Z201

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative also adjusts funding for the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage of 2.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 1 and

1.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 2 as authorized by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$473,943)	\$1,143,038
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$473,943)	\$1,143,038

Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid Z201

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 50, Principles of Reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded; Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities; Section 97, Appendix C, Principles of Reimbursement for Medical and Remedial Service Facilities; Section 97, Appendix E, Principles of Reimbursement for Community Residences for Persons with Mental Illness; and Section 97, Appendix F, Principles of Reimbursement for Non-Case Mixed Medical and Remedial Facilities.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,780,875	\$5,799,713
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,780,875	\$5,799,713

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY MEDICAID Z201

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$41,937,330	\$46,573,149
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$41,937,330	\$46,573,149

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,290,600	\$11,290,600
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,290,600	\$11,290,600

Multicultural Services Z034

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1,000	1,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$128,296	\$134,071
All Other	\$18,707	\$18,707
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$147,003	\$152,778

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,469,748	\$1,469,748
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,469,748	\$1,469,748

MULTICULTURAL SERVICES Z034

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$128,296	\$134,071
All Other	\$18,707	\$18,707

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$147,003	\$152,778
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,469,748	\$1,469,748
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,469,748	\$1,469,748

Nursing Facilities 0148

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$134,164,189	\$134,164,189
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$134,164,189	\$134,164,189

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$326,663,316	\$326,663,316
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$326,663,316	\$326,663,316

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$41,121,952	\$41,121,952
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$41,121,952	\$41,121,952

Nursing Facilities 0148

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative also adjusts funding for the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage of 2.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 1 and 1.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 2 as authorized by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,631,461)	\$3,934,701
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,631,461)	\$3,934,701

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,631,461	(\$3,934,701)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,631,461	(\$3,934,701)

Nursing Facilities 0148

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify

MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 50, Principles of Reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded; Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities; Section 97, Appendix C, Principles of Reimbursement for Medical and Remedial Service Facilities; Section 97, Appendix E, Principles of Reimbursement for Community Residences for Persons with Mental Illness; and Section 97, Appendix F, Principles of Reimbursement for Non-Case Mixed Medical and Remedial Facilities.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,121,046	\$8,791,134
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,121,046	\$8,791,134

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,298,908	\$17,568,245
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,298,908	\$17,568,245

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$793,273	\$1,683,249
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$793,273	\$1,683,249

NURSING FACILITIES 0148

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$136,653,774	\$146,890,024
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$136,653,774	\$146,890,024

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$336,593,685	\$340,296,860
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$336,593,685	\$340,296,860

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$41,915,225	\$42,805,201
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$41,915,225	\$42,805,201

Office for Family Independence Z020

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	24.000	24.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,364,791	\$2,419,406
All Other	\$6,639,302	\$6,639,302

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,004,093	\$9,058,708
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	26.000	26.000
Personal Services	\$2,741,270	\$2,808,306
All Other	\$12,617,591	\$12,617,591
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,358,861	\$15,425,897

Office for Family Independence Z020

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Social Services Program Specialist II position previously established in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 funded 62% Other Special Revenue Funds and 38% General Fund in the Office for Family Independence program. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$45,101	\$45,846
All Other	\$2,484	\$2,484
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$47,585	\$48,330

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$73,588	\$74,806
All Other	\$5,926	\$5,956
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$79,514	\$80,762

Office for Family Independence Z020

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates 14 positions from 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds to 62.25% Other Special Revenue Funds and 37.75% General Fund and reallocates 7 positions from 50% Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% General Fund to 62.25% Other Special Revenue Funds and 37.75% General Fund in the Office for Family Independence program to align with anticipated federal grant revenue. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs in the Office for Family Independence program, Other Special Revenue Funds. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(14.000)	(14.000)
Personal Services	(\$275,804)	(\$283,232)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$275,804)	(\$283,232)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$275,804	\$283,232

All Other	\$2,519	\$2,564
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$278,323	\$285,796

OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE Z020 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$2,134,088	\$2,182,020
All Other	\$6,641,786	\$6,641,786
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,775,874	\$8,823,806

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	41.000	41.000
Personal Services	\$3,090,662	\$3,166,344
All Other	\$12,626,036	\$12,626,111
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,716,698	\$15,792,455

Office for Family Independence - District 0453

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21.000	21.000
Personal Services	\$15,023,561	\$15,050,407
All Other	\$2,202,971	\$2,202,971
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,226,532	\$17,253,378

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	444.500	444.500
Personal Services	\$23,997,552	\$24,029,869
All Other	\$6,170,724	\$6,170,724
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$30,168,276	\$30,200,593

Office for Family Independence - District 0453

Initiative: Continues 3 limited-period Family Independence Unit Supervisor positions and 45 limited-period Customer Representative Associate II - Human Services positions previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 29, funded 62.1% Other Special Revenue Funds and 37.9% General Fund within the same program, through June 14, 2025 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,437,664	\$1,518,405
All Other	\$118,921	\$118,921
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,556,585	\$1,637,326

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,355,401	\$2,487,982
All Other	\$256,393	\$259,592
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,611,794	\$2,747,574

OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE - DISTRICT 0453

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21.000	21.000
Personal Services	\$16,461,225	\$16,568,812
All Other	\$2,321,892	\$2,321,892
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$18,783,117	\$18,890,704

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	444.500	444.500
Personal Services	\$26,352,953	\$26,517,851
All Other	\$6,427,117	\$6,430,316
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$32,780,070	\$32,948,167

Office of Advocacy - BDS Z209

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$163,727	\$163,727
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$163,727	\$163,727

OFFICE OF ADVOCACY - BDS Z209

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$163,727	\$163,727
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$163,727	\$163,727

Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services Z040

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	75.000	75.000
Personal Services	\$7,888,492	\$8,021,835
All Other	\$1,171,605	\$1,171,605
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,060,097	\$9,193,440

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$126,528	\$126,528
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$126,528	\$126,528

Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services Z040

Initiative: Transfers 55 positions from the Developmental Services - Community program to the Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services program within the same fund and transfers funding for related All Other costs. Position detail on file with the Bureau of Budget.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	55.000	55.000
Personal Services	\$5,650,900	\$5,756,763
All Other	\$359,535	\$359,535
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,010,435	\$6,116,298

Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services Z040

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Caseworker positions to Human Services Caseworker positions after receipt of social work licensure.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,126	\$4,886
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,126	\$4,886

Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services Z040

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 3 Public Service Manager II positions to Public Service Manager III positions, one Public Service Manager III position from range 34 to range 35 and one Public Service Manager III position from range 34 to range 36 due to increased responsibilities within the Office of Aging and Disability Services. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,380	\$13,371
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,380	\$13,371

OFFICE OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES Z040

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	130.000	130.000
Personal Services	\$13,548,898	\$13,796,855
All Other	\$1,531,140	\$1,531,140
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,080,038	\$15,327,995

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$126,528	\$126,528

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$126,528 \$126,528
 FUNDS TOTAL

**Office of Aging and Disability Services Central
 Office 0140**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND **2023-24** **2024-25**
 POSITIONS - 17.000 17.000
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT
 Personal Services \$1,777,697 \$1,810,635
 All Other \$3,835,871 \$3,835,871

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$5,613,568 \$5,646,506

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
 FUND** **2023-24** **2024-25**
 POSITIONS - 7.000 7.000
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT
 Personal Services \$658,618 \$673,759
 All Other \$12,406,797 \$12,406,797

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
 FUND TOTAL \$13,065,415 \$13,080,556

**OTHER SPECIAL
 REVENUE FUNDS** **2023-24** **2024-25**
 All Other \$500 \$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE
 FUNDS TOTAL \$500 \$500

**FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT
 FUND** **2023-24** **2024-25**
 All Other \$415,000 \$415,000

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT
 FUND TOTAL \$415,000 \$415,000

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
 FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL
 RECOVERY** **2023-24** **2024-25**
 All Other \$2,472,897 \$670,860

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
 FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL
 RECOVERY TOTAL \$2,472,897 \$670,860

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
 FUND - ARP** **2023-24** **2024-25**
 All Other \$2,782,751 \$2,782,751

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
 FUND - ARP TOTAL \$2,782,751 \$2,782,751

**Office of Aging and Disability Services Central
 Office 0140**

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorgani-
 zation of one Social Services Program Manager posi-
 tion to a Public Service Manager II position and pro-
 vides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND **2023-24** **2024-25**

Personal Services \$5,140 \$5,785
 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$5,140 \$5,785

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
 FUND** **2023-24** **2024-25**

Personal Services \$20,563 \$23,146
 All Other \$459 \$477

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
 FUND TOTAL \$21,022 \$23,623

**Office of Aging and Disability Services Central
 Office 0140**

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorgani-
 zation of one Health Services Supervisor position to a
 Social Services Program Manager position and pro-
 vides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND **2023-24** **2024-25**
 Personal Services \$3,243 \$3,243

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$3,243 \$3,243

**Office of Aging and Disability Services Central
 Office 0140**

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorgani-
 zation of 3 Public Service Manager II positions to Pub-
 lic Service Manager III positions, one Public Service
 Manager III position from range 34 to range 35 and one
 Public Service Manager III position from range 34 to
 range 36 due to increased responsibilities within the Of-
 fice of Aging and Disability Services. This initiative
 also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND **2023-24** **2024-25**
 Personal Services \$10,179 \$18,703

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$10,179 \$18,703

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
 FUND** **2023-24** **2024-25**

Personal Services \$2,444 \$4,491
 All Other \$59 \$108

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
 FUND TOTAL \$2,503 \$4,599

**OFFICE OF AGING AND DISABILITY
 SERVICES CENTRAL OFFICE 0140**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND **2023-24** **2024-25**
 POSITIONS - 17.000 17.000
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT
 Personal Services \$1,796,259 \$1,838,366
 All Other \$3,835,871 \$3,835,871

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$5,632,130 \$5,674,237

**FEDERAL EXPENDITURES
 FUND** **2023-24** **2024-25**

POSITIONS - 7.000 7.000
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT

Personal Services	\$681,625	\$701,396
All Other	\$12,407,315	\$12,407,382
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$13,088,940	\$13,108,778
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$415,000	\$415,000
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$415,000	\$415,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,472,897	\$670,860
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$2,472,897	\$670,860
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,782,751	\$2,782,751
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$2,782,751	\$2,782,751

Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	77.000	77.000
Personal Services	\$5,629,570	\$5,747,659
All Other	\$3,425,274	\$3,425,274
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,054,844	\$9,172,933
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$896,668	\$896,668
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$896,668	\$896,668
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,189,141	\$2,235,062
All Other	\$983,383	\$983,383
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,172,524	\$3,218,445

Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates 33 positions from various accounts in the Division of Licensing and Certification program to various accounts in the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program and Child Care Services program to place them in the proper functional location. This initiative also transfers funding for related All Other costs. Position detail is on file in the Bureau of the Budget.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$851,688	\$874,788
All Other	\$35,300	\$35,300
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$886,988	\$910,088
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$331,203	\$340,184
All Other	\$24,220	\$24,345
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$355,423	\$364,529

Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Public Health Nurse II position from 100% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$85,913	\$86,936
All Other	\$4,707	\$4,707
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$90,620	\$91,643
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$33,411	\$33,808
All Other	\$2,834	\$2,845
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$36,245	\$36,653

Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307

Initiative: Transfers funding appropriated in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 for the parents as teachers program and for kinship navigators from the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program to the IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,420,000)	(\$1,420,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,420,000)	(\$1,420,000)

OFFICE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES - CENTRAL 0307

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	90.000	90.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$6,567,171	\$6,709,383
All Other	\$2,045,281	\$2,045,281
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,612,452	\$8,754,664

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$896,668	\$896,668
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$896,668	\$896,668

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,553,755	\$2,609,054
All Other	\$1,010,437	\$1,010,573
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,564,192	\$3,619,627

Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	672.500	672.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$53,182,862	\$54,764,529
All Other	\$4,788,608	\$4,788,608
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$57,971,470	\$59,553,137

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$14,110,203	\$14,529,255
All Other	\$2,125,286	\$2,125,286
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$16,235,489	\$16,654,541

Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates 2 Community Care Worker positions funded 65% Other Special Revenue Funds and 35% General Fund, 6 Community Care Worker positions funded 100% Other Special Revenue Funds and one Social Services Program Specialist II position funded 100% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Division of Licensing and Certification program to 79% General Fund and 21% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office of Child and Family Services - District program to place them in the proper functional location. This initiative also transfers funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	9.000	9.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$599,655	\$610,266

All Other	\$46,478	\$46,478
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$646,133	\$656,744

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$159,397	\$162,217
All Other	\$16,499	\$16,560
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$175,896	\$178,777

OFFICE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES - DISTRICT 0452

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	681.500	681.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$53,782,517	\$55,374,795
All Other	\$4,835,086	\$4,835,086
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$58,617,603	\$60,209,881

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$14,269,600	\$14,691,472
All Other	\$2,141,785	\$2,141,846
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$16,411,385	\$16,833,318

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	57.000	57.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$7,330,425	\$7,506,983
All Other	\$22,989,308	\$22,989,308
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,319,733	\$30,496,291

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	89.000	89.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$8,182,961	\$8,381,021
All Other	\$85,168,441	\$85,168,441
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$93,351,402	\$93,549,462

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,246,417	\$1,246,417
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,246,417	\$1,246,417

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$5,495,471	\$5,495,471
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT	\$5,495,471	\$5,495,471
FUND TOTAL		
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND ARRA		
All Other	\$1,505,768	\$1,505,768
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,505,768	\$1,505,768
FUND ARRA TOTAL		

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

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.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
Personal Services	\$2,151	\$2,290
All Other	\$85	\$88
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,236	\$2,378
FUND TOTAL		

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Health Services Supervisor position to a Social Services Program Manager position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
Personal Services	\$572	\$571
All Other	\$14	\$14
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$586	\$585
FUND TOTAL		

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Developmental Disabilities Resources Coordinator position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 funded 50% Mental Health Services - Children program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
Personal Services	\$50,967	\$53,479
All Other	\$4,435	\$4,495
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$55,402	\$57,974
FUND TOTAL		

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Social Services Program Specialist II position, one Social Services Program Specialist I position and one Data and Research Coordinator position previously continued by

Public Law 2021, chapter 635 and also transfers and reallocates the positions from 100% Mental Health Services - Children program, Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% Mental Health Services - Children program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also establishes 8 Social Services Program Specialist II positions, one Social Services Program Manager position and one Comprehensive Health Planner II position funded 50% Mental Health Services - Children program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
Personal Services	\$657,767	\$688,236
All Other	\$59,388	\$59,276
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$717,155	\$747,512
FUND TOTAL		

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Reallocates 10 Behavioral Health Program Coordinator positions, 5 Clinical Social Worker positions, 2 Developmental Disability Resources Coordinator positions and one Social Services Program Specialist II position from 100% Mental Health Services - Children program, General Fund to 50% Mental Health Services - Children program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund to align with projected federal grant revenue. This initiative also adjusts related All Other funding.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
Personal Services	\$921,462	\$936,175
All Other	\$84,425	\$84,756
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,005,887	\$1,020,931
FUND TOTAL		

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Manager II position previously established in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$70,521	\$71,472
All Other	\$3,269	\$3,269
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$73,790	\$74,741

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
Personal Services	\$70,515	\$71,466
All Other	\$5,049	\$5,072

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$75,564	\$76,538
FUND TOTAL		

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II position, one limited-period Management Analyst II position, one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position and one limited-period Social Services Manager I position previously established in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 through June 14, 2025 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$233,730	\$239,142
All Other	\$13,074	\$13,075
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$246,804	\$252,217

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$233,712	\$239,126
All Other	\$18,799	\$18,976

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$252,511	\$258,102
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Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Comprehensive Health Planner II previously established in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$49,524	\$52,337
All Other	\$3,269	\$3,269
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$52,793	\$55,606

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$49,522	\$52,332
All Other	\$4,543	\$4,611

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$54,065	\$56,943
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Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Comprehensive Health Planner II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$53,134	\$55,717
All Other	\$3,269	\$3,269
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$56,403	\$58,986

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$53,129	\$55,714
All Other	\$4,543	\$4,611

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$57,672	\$60,325
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Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner I position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 through December 31, 2024 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$55,852	\$33,225
All Other	\$5,321	\$2,785

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$61,173	\$36,010
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Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator I position previously continued by Financial Order CV0449 F3 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$64,492	\$67,533
All Other	\$3,269	\$3,269

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$67,761	\$70,802
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$64,487	\$67,527
All Other	\$4,954	\$4,977

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$69,441	\$72,504
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Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator II position previously continued by Financial Order CV0446 F3 and one Comprehensive Health Planner II position previously established by Financial Order CV0539 F3, funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$110,037	\$116,099
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$116,574	\$122,636
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$110,028	\$116,091
All Other	\$9,350	\$9,496
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$119,378</u>	<u>\$125,587</u>
FUND TOTAL		

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Restores one legislative position count in the Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund to correct an error in Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part A that removed one legislative position count from both the General Fund and the Federal Expenditures Fund for the same position elimination in the Office of MaineCare Services program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FUND TOTAL		

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of 3 Office Associate II positions to Medical Support Specialist Claims positions and one Office Associate II Supervisor position to an Office Specialist I Supervisor position funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$9,159	\$9,353
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$9,159</u>	<u>\$9,353</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
Personal Services	\$9,159	\$9,358
All Other	\$221	\$226
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$9,380</u>	<u>\$9,584</u>
FUND TOTAL		

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Caseworker positions to Human Services Caseworker positions after receipt of social work licensure.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
Personal Services	(\$1,501)	(\$812)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>(\$1,501)</u>	<u>(\$812)</u>
FUND TOTAL		

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 3 Public Service Manager II positions to Public Service Manager III positions, one Public Service

Manager III position from range 34 to range 35 and one Public Service Manager III position from range 34 to range 36 due to increased responsibilities within the Office of Aging and Disability Services. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
Personal Services	\$489	\$899
All Other	\$12	\$22
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$501</u>	<u>\$921</u>
FUND TOTAL		

OFFICE OF MAINECARE SERVICES 0129

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	63.000	63.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$7,921,022	\$8,118,636
All Other	\$23,021,995	\$23,021,996
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$30,943,017</u>	<u>\$31,140,632</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
POSITIONS -	90.000	90.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$10,461,272	\$10,706,698
All Other	\$85,369,580	\$85,367,846
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$95,830,852</u>	<u>\$96,074,544</u>
FUND TOTAL		

OTHER SPECIAL	2023-24	2024-25
REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$1,246,417	\$1,246,417
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>\$1,246,417</u>	<u>\$1,246,417</u>
FUNDS TOTAL		

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
All Other	\$5,495,471	\$5,495,471
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT	<u>\$5,495,471</u>	<u>\$5,495,471</u>
FUND TOTAL		

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND ARRA		
All Other	\$1,505,768	\$1,505,768
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$1,505,768</u>	<u>\$1,505,768</u>
FUND ARRA TOTAL		

Office of Substance Abuse & Mental Health Srv-Medicaid Seed Z202

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$13,098,345	\$13,098,345
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$13,098,345</u>	<u>\$13,098,345</u>

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FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,317,965	\$1,317,965
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>\$1,317,965</u>	<u>\$1,317,965</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$516,854	\$516,854
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$516,854</u>	<u>\$516,854</u>

Office of Substance Abuse & Mental Health Srv-Medicaid Seed Z202

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative also adjusts funding for the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage of 2.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 1 and 1.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 2 as authorized by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$126,723)	\$305,625
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$126,723)</u>	<u>\$305,625</u>

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$12,267)	\$29,585
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>(\$12,267)</u>	<u>\$29,585</u>

OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SRV-MEDICAID SEED Z202

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,971,622	\$13,403,970
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$12,971,622</u>	<u>\$13,403,970</u>

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,305,698	\$1,347,550
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>\$1,305,698</u>	<u>\$1,347,550</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$516,854	\$516,854
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$516,854</u>	<u>\$516,854</u>

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$1,390,571	\$1,434,012
All Other	\$19,139,363	\$19,139,363
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$20,529,934</u>	<u>\$20,573,375</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$179,236	\$186,334
All Other	\$15,547,414	\$15,547,414

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$15,726,650</u>	<u>\$15,733,748</u>
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FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,070,802	\$1,070,802
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>\$1,070,802</u>	<u>\$1,070,802</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$99,127	\$99,127
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$99,127</u>	<u>\$99,127</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$552,440	\$567,728
All Other	\$25,137,431	\$25,137,431

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$25,689,871</u>	<u>\$25,705,159</u>
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FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,640,385	\$5,640,385
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	<u>\$5,640,385</u>	<u>\$5,640,385</u>

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Management Analyst II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 to serve as the opioid response project manager. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$93,395	\$98,393
All Other	\$9,170	\$9,291

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT	\$102,565	\$107,684
FUND TOTAL		

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding and any unallocated balances as of June 30, 2023 from the Gambling Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services program to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Other Special Revenue Funds.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$98,127)	(\$98,127)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$98,127)	(\$98,127)

OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES Z199 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$1,390,571	\$1,434,012
All Other	\$19,139,363	\$19,139,363
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,529,934	\$20,573,375

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$179,236	\$186,334
All Other	\$15,547,414	\$15,547,414
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$15,726,650	\$15,733,748

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,070,802	\$1,070,802
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$1,070,802	\$1,070,802

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000	\$1,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,000	\$1,000

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$645,835	\$666,121

All Other	\$25,146,601	\$25,146,722
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$25,792,436	\$25,812,843

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,640,385	\$5,640,385
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$5,640,385	\$5,640,385

Opioid Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Fund Z289

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,492,175	\$2,492,175
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,492,175	\$2,492,175

OPIOID USE DISORDER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT FUND Z289 PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,492,175	\$2,492,175
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,492,175	\$2,492,175

Plumbing - Control Over 0205

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$437,043	\$444,578
All Other	\$332,020	\$332,020
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$769,063	\$776,598

PLUMBING - CONTROL OVER 0205 PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$437,043	\$444,578
All Other	\$332,020	\$332,020
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$769,063	\$776,598

PNMI Room and Board Z009

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$18,836,628	\$18,836,628

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$18,836,628	\$18,836,628
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PNMI Room and Board Z009

Initiative: Provides funding to implement recommended rates from rate studies for the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 2, Adult Family Care Services, and Section 26, Day Health Services, effective January 1, 2023, in order to comply with Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part AAAAA.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$734,457	\$734,457

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$734,457	\$734,457
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PNMI Room and Board Z009

Initiative: Provides funding for cost-of-living increases per Public Law 2021, chapter 639, An Act To Codify MaineCare Rate System Reform, related to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 50, Principles of Reimbursement for Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded; Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities; Section 97, Appendix C, Principles of Reimbursement for Medical and Remedial Service Facilities; Section 97, Appendix E, Principles of Reimbursement for Community Residences for Persons with Mental Illness; and Section 97, Appendix F, Principles of Reimbursement for Non-Case Mixed Medical and Remedial Facilities.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$925,536	\$1,967,110

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$925,536	\$1,967,110
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PNMI ROOM AND BOARD Z009

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,496,621	\$21,538,195

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,496,621	\$21,538,195
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Prescription Drug Academic Detailing Z055

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$206,253	\$206,253

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$206,253	\$206,253
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PRESCRIPTION DRUG ACADEMIC DETAILING Z055

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$206,253	\$206,253
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$206,253	\$206,253
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Private Well Safe Drinking Water Fund Z255

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$52,840	\$52,840

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$52,840	\$52,840
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PRIVATE WELL SAFE DRINKING WATER FUND Z255

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$52,840	\$52,840

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$52,840	\$52,840
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Progressive Treatment Program Fund Z362

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$160,000	\$160,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$160,000	\$160,000
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PROGRESSIVE TREATMENT PROGRAM FUND Z362

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$160,000	\$160,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$160,000	\$160,000
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Purchased Social Services 0228

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$60,197	\$61,178
All Other	\$9,125,590	\$9,125,590

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,185,787	\$9,186,768
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$92,586	\$93,834
All Other	\$10,180,274	\$10,180,274

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,272,860	\$10,274,108
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FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$1,971,118	\$1,971,118
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FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$1,971,118	\$1,971,118
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$60,193	\$61,175
All Other	\$71,266	\$71,266
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$131,459	\$132,441
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$90,593	\$91,591
All Other	\$13,497,213	\$13,497,213
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$13,587,806	\$13,588,804

Purchased Social Services 0228

Initiative: Reallocates one Health Services Consultant II position from 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% General Fund in the same program. This initiative also reallocates related All Other funding.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$60,193	\$61,175
All Other	\$3,269	\$3,269
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$63,462	\$64,444
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$60,193)	(\$61,175)
All Other	(\$5,076)	(\$5,104)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$65,269)	(\$66,279)

Purchased Social Services 0228

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 to assist with programs under the federal Victims of Crime Act of 1984. This position will end on June 14, 2025. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$118,689	\$120,652
All Other	\$10,103	\$10,159
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$128,792	\$130,811

PURCHASED SOCIAL SERVICES 0228

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$120,390	\$122,353
All Other	\$9,128,859	\$9,128,859
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,249,249	\$9,251,212
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$211,275	\$214,486
All Other	\$10,190,377	\$10,190,433
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,401,652	\$10,404,919
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,971,118	\$1,971,118
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$1,971,118	\$1,971,118

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$66,190	\$66,162
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$66,190	\$66,162

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$90,593	\$91,591
All Other	\$13,497,213	\$13,497,213
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$13,587,806	\$13,588,804

Rape Crisis Control 0488

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$32,720	\$32,720
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$32,720	\$32,720

RAPE CRISIS CONTROL 0488

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$32,720	\$32,720
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$32,720	\$32,720

Residential Treatment Facilities Assessment Z197

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$2,306,289	\$2,306,289
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,306,289	\$2,306,289

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES ASSESSMENT Z197

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,306,289	\$2,306,289
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,306,289	\$2,306,289

Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$856,602	\$883,571
All Other	\$8,971,912	\$8,971,912
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,828,514	\$9,855,483

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	354.000	354.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.363	0.363
Personal Services	\$23,267,499	\$23,850,336
All Other	\$2,614,373	\$2,614,373

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$25,881,872	\$26,464,709
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Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates 3 Intensive Case Manager positions, one Mental Health Worker III position, one Mental Health Worker IV position and one Psychologist III position from 63.47% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 36.53% Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund to 100% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund and one Intensive Case Manager position, one Substance Abuse Program Counselor position and one Education Specialist II position from 100% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund to 62.81% Riverview Psychiatric Center program, Other Special Revenue Funds in fiscal year 2023-24 and 62.65% in fiscal year 2024-25 and 37.19% Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center program, General Fund in fiscal year 2023-24 and 37.35% in fiscal year 2024-25. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$323,759	\$320,065

All Other	\$19,611	\$19,611
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$343,370	\$339,676

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(3.000)	(3.000)
Personal Services	(\$207,340)	(\$205,552)
All Other	(\$19,665)	(\$19,665)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$227,005)	(\$225,217)
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Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219

Initiative: Adjusts funding for positions in the Riverview Psychiatric Center as a result of the decrease in the 2024 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage. The blended rate is 62.81% Federal Expenditures Fund and 37.19% General Fund in fiscal year 2023-24 and 62.65% Federal Expenditures Fund and 37.35% General Fund in fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$200,538)	(\$299,327)
All Other	(\$5,289)	(\$7,871)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$205,827)	(\$307,198)
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RIVERVIEW PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z219

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,180,361	\$1,203,636
All Other	\$8,991,523	\$8,991,523
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,171,884	\$10,195,159

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	351.000	351.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.363	0.363
Personal Services	\$22,859,621	\$23,345,457
All Other	\$2,589,419	\$2,586,837

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$25,449,040	\$25,932,294
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Special Children's Services 0204

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,040,668	\$1,064,781
All Other	\$124,516	\$124,516

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$1,165,184	\$1,189,297
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Special Children's Services 0204

Initiative: Transfers 2 Children Special Health Needs Coordinator positions, 2 Microbiologist II positions, 2 Public Health Nurse II positions, one Nursing Education Consultant position and one Senior Health Program Manager position from the Special Children's Services program to the Maternal and Child Health program within the same fund and reallocates one Comprehensive Health Planner I position from 50% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Expenditures Fund and 50% Special Children's Services program, Federal Block Grant Fund to 50% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Expenditures Fund and 50% Maternal and Child Health program, Federal Block Grant Fund. This initiative also transfers funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(8,000)	(8,000)
Personal Services	(\$899,481)	(\$921,893)
All Other	(\$114,414)	(\$114,325)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	(\$1,013,895)	(\$1,036,218)

Special Children's Services 0204

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 2 Public Health Nurse Consultant positions to Public Health Nurse Supervisor positions. This initiative also transfers one Public Health Nurse Supervisor position and related All Other costs from 100% Special Children's Services program, Federal Block Grant Fund to 100% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, General Fund.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$141,187)	(\$142,888)
All Other	(\$10,102)	(\$10,191)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	(\$151,289)	(\$153,079)

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES 0204

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

State Supplement to Federal Supplemental Security Income 0131

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,552,699	\$7,552,699
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,552,699	\$7,552,699

STATE SUPPLEMENT TO FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME 0131

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,552,699	\$7,552,699
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,552,699	\$7,552,699

State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$592,472	\$606,409
All Other	\$44,075,345	\$44,075,345
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$44,667,817	\$44,681,754

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other	\$2,465,723	\$2,465,723
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,465,723	\$2,465,723

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Personal Services	\$253,910	\$259,885
All Other	\$934,256	\$934,256
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,188,166	\$1,194,141

State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Adjusts funding between General Fund and Federal Expenditures Fund in the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program to correct the allocation of the funding approved in Public Law 2021, chapter 714, An Act To Improve the Long-term Outcomes for Youth Transitioning from State Care by Raising the Upper Age Limit for Voluntary Support Eligibility, which raised the upper age limit for youth transitioning from state care.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$117,095	\$117,095
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$117,095	\$117,095

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other	(\$117,095)	(\$117,095)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$117,095)	(\$117,095)

State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Provides funding to increase foster home reimbursement rates to increase recruitment and retention of foster families in this State.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$568,431	\$596,852
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$568,431</u>	<u>\$596,852</u>

State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Transfers funding appropriated in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 for the intensive family-based preservation service to serve reunifying families from IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program to the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$924,000	\$924,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$924,000</u>	<u>\$924,000</u>

STATE-FUNDED FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION ASSISTANCE 0139

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$592,472	\$606,409
All Other	\$45,684,871	\$45,713,292
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$46,277,343</u>	<u>\$46,319,701</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,348,628	\$2,348,628
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,348,628</u>	<u>\$2,348,628</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$253,910	\$259,885
All Other	\$934,256	\$934,256
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,188,166</u>	<u>\$1,194,141</u>

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,163,821	\$22,163,821
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$22,163,821</u>	<u>\$22,163,821</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,300	\$4,300
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,300</u>	<u>\$4,300</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$322,112	\$332,769
All Other	\$82,955,378	\$82,955,378
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$83,277,490</u>	<u>\$83,288,147</u>

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Family Independence Program Manager position previously established by Financial Order 002264 F3 funded 100% Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, Federal Block Grant Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$113,468	\$119,917
All Other	\$9,433	\$9,588
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$122,901</u>	<u>\$129,505</u>

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 0138

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Senior Planner position previously continued by Financial Order 002265 F3 funded 100% Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, Federal Block Grant Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$93,581	\$98,633
All Other	\$9,427	\$9,474
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$103,008</u>	<u>\$108,107</u>

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES 0138

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,163,821	\$22,163,821
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$22,163,821</u>	<u>\$22,163,821</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,300	\$4,300
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,300</u>	<u>\$4,300</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS -	5.000	5.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$529,161	\$551,319
All Other	\$82,974,238	\$82,974,440
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT	\$83,503,399	\$83,525,759
FUND TOTAL		

Traumatic Brain Injury Seed Z214

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$124,386	\$124,386
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$124,386	\$124,386

Traumatic Brain Injury Seed Z214

Initiative: Adjusts funding as a result of the decrease in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage for federal fiscal years 2024 and 2025. This initiative also adjusts funding for the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage of 2.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 1 and 1.5% in fiscal year 2024 quarter 2 as authorized by the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,158)	\$2,792
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,158)	\$2,792

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SEED Z214

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$123,228	\$127,178
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$123,228	\$127,178

Universal Childhood Immunization Program Z121

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,427,340	\$12,427,340
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,427,340	\$12,427,340

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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GENERAL FUND	\$1,661,221,272	\$1,725,658,432
FEDERAL	\$3,240,783,547	\$3,227,186,402
EXPENDITURES FUND		
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$61,455,222	\$62,526,216
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	\$285,114,366	\$285,906,202
FEDERAL	\$1,505,768	\$1,505,768
EXPENDITURES FUND		
ARRA		
FEDERAL	\$12,513,474	\$9,629,802
EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY		
FEDERAL	\$18,444,103	\$18,168,151
EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP		
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND - ARP	\$52,187,640	\$52,087,561

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$5,972,359,884	\$6,026,437,939
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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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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HISTORIC COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION FUND Z067

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Historic Preservation Commission 0036

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$383,959	\$387,469
All Other	\$29,513	\$29,513

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$413,472	\$416,982
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$549,464	\$559,324
All Other	\$317,206	\$317,206
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$866,670	\$876,530

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	4.231	4.231
Personal Services	\$594,837	\$608,828
All Other	\$147,120	\$147,120
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$741,957	\$755,948

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 0036

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$383,959	\$387,469
All Other	\$29,513	\$29,513
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$413,472	\$416,982

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$549,464	\$559,324
All Other	\$317,206	\$317,206
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$866,670	\$876,530

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	4.231	4.231
Personal Services	\$594,837	\$608,828
All Other	\$147,120	\$147,120
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$741,957	\$755,948

Historic Preservation Revolving Fund Z109

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVOLVING FUND Z109

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	\$413,472	\$416,982
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$866,670	\$876,530
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$742,957	\$756,948

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,023,099	\$2,050,460
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Sec. A-32. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MAINE

Historical Society 0037

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$44,864	\$44,864
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$44,864	\$44,864

HISTORICAL SOCIETY 0037

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$63,506	\$63,506
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$63,506	\$63,506

MAINE HOSPICE COUNCIL 0663

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$63,506	\$63,506
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$63,506	\$63,506

Sec. A-34. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Housing Authority - State 0442

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$32,190,500	\$32,190,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$32,190,500	\$32,190,500

HOUSING AUTHORITY - STATE 0442

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$32,190,500	\$32,190,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$32,190,500	\$32,190,500

Low-income Home Energy Assistance - MSHA 0708

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$545	\$545
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$545	\$545

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE - MSHA 0708

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$545	\$545
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$545	\$545

Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Program Z124

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,318,538	\$4,318,538
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,318,538	\$4,318,538

MAINE ENERGY, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM Z124

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,318,538	\$4,318,538

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,318,538	\$4,318,538
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Shelter Operating Subsidy 0661

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

SHELTER OPERATING SUBSIDY 0661

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$36,509,583	\$36,509,583

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$39,009,583	\$39,009,583
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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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,149,631	\$1,185,688
All Other	\$81,625	\$81,625
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,231,256	\$1,267,313

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$323,511	\$332,641
All Other	\$196,464	\$196,464

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$519,975	\$529,105
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$107,864	\$107,864
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$107,864	\$107,864
FUNDS TOTAL		

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Maine Human Rights Investigator position previously continued by Financial Order 002251 F3 and reduces All Other to fund the position.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$82,439	\$86,387
All Other	(\$82,439)	(\$86,387)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - REGULATION 0150

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,149,631	\$1,185,688
All Other	\$81,625	\$81,625
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,231,256	\$1,267,313

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$405,950	\$419,028
All Other	\$114,025	\$110,077
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$519,975	\$529,105

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$107,864	\$107,864
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$107,864	\$107,864

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$1,231,256	\$1,267,313
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$519,975	\$529,105
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$107,864	\$107,864
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,859,095	\$1,904,282

Sec. A-36. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HUMANITIES COUNCIL, MAINE

Humanities Council 0942

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$163,357	\$163,357
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$163,357	\$163,357

HUMANITIES COUNCIL 0942

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$163,357	\$163,357
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$163,357	\$163,357

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$111,614	\$111,614
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$111,614	\$111,614

MAINE INDIAN TRIBAL-STATE COMMISSION 0554

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$111,614	\$111,614
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$111,614	\$111,614

Sec. A-38. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.500	15.500
Personal Services	\$1,750,288	\$1,815,306
All Other	\$16,058,720	\$16,058,720
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,809,008	\$17,874,026

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$681,169	\$713,543
All Other	\$9,722,533	\$9,722,533
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,403,702	\$10,436,076

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
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 Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Provides funding to increase billing rates for assigned legal counsel to \$150 per hour.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,100,000	\$6,100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,100,000	\$6,100,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,506,910	\$12,506,910
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,506,910	\$12,506,910

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES Z112

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.500	15.500
Personal Services	\$1,750,288	\$1,815,306
All Other	\$22,158,720	\$22,158,720
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$23,909,008	\$23,974,026

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$681,169	\$713,543
All Other	\$22,229,443	\$22,229,443
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$22,910,612	\$22,942,986

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
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INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$23,909,008	\$23,974,026
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$22,910,612	\$22,942,986
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$48,319,620	\$48,417,012
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Sec. A-39. 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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$361,255	\$368,955
All Other	\$302,000	\$302,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$663,255	\$670,955

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$17,361	\$17,361

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$17,361	\$17,361
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Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$19,009	\$19,003
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$19,009	\$19,003

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0530

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000

Personal Services	\$380,264	\$387,958
All Other	\$302,000	\$302,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$682,264</u>	<u>\$689,958</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$17,361	\$17,361
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$17,361</u>	<u>\$17,361</u>

ATV Enforcement Fund Z276

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$124,960	\$124,960
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$124,960</u>	<u>\$124,960</u>

ATV ENFORCEMENT FUND Z276

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$124,960	\$124,960
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$124,960</u>	<u>\$124,960</u>

ATV Safety and Educational Program 0559

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$23,170	\$23,170
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$23,170</u>	<u>\$23,170</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$92,624	\$92,643
All Other	\$153,829	\$153,829

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$246,453</u>	<u>\$246,472</u>
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ATV SAFETY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM 0559

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$23,170	\$23,170
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$23,170</u>	<u>\$23,170</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$92,624	\$92,643
All Other	\$153,829	\$153,829

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$246,453</u>	<u>\$246,472</u>
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Boating Access Sites 0631

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$173,616	\$173,616
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$173,616</u>	<u>\$173,616</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$70,323	\$71,588
All Other	\$122,233	\$122,233

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$192,556</u>	<u>\$193,821</u>
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BOATING ACCESS SITES 0631

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$173,616	\$173,616
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$173,616</u>	<u>\$173,616</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$70,323	\$71,588
All Other	\$122,233	\$122,233

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$192,556</u>	<u>\$193,821</u>
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Camp North Woods Fund Z193

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
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CAMP NORTH WOODS FUND Z193

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
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Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$23,920	\$24,988
All Other	\$4,731	\$4,731
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$28,651</u>	<u>\$29,719</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$481,418	\$495,243
All Other	\$623,267	\$623,267
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,104,685</u>	<u>\$1,118,510</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$362,356	\$370,325
All Other	\$128,883	\$128,883
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$491,239</u>	<u>\$499,208</u>

Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one IF&W Resource Supervisor position to a Public Service Manager II position and reallocates the cost from 70% Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Federal Expenditures Fund, 20% Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund and 10% Endangered Nongame Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 50% Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Federal Expenditures Fund, 30% Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund and 20% Endangered Nongame Operations program, Federal Expenditures Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$27,851	\$28,037
All Other	\$839	\$845
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$28,690</u>	<u>\$28,882</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$12,523)	(\$12,617)
All Other	(\$377)	(\$380)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$12,900)</u>	<u>(\$12,997)</u>

Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: Transfers position count for 10 positions from General Fund to Federal Expenditures Fund to

align the funding source to the functions being performed. Position detail is on file at the Bureau of the Budget.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of 3 IF&W Resource Biologist positions from 20% Other Special Revenue Funds within the Endangered Nongame Operations program and 10% General Fund and 70% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to align work effort with the appropriate funding.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(3.000)	(3.000)
Personal Services	(\$63,981)	(\$64,683)
All Other	(\$1,106)	(\$1,118)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$65,087)</u>	<u>(\$65,801)</u>

Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position from 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 10% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 20% Endangered Nongame Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to align work effort with the appropriate funding.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$24,452)	(\$24,843)
All Other	(\$423)	(\$429)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$24,875)</u>	<u>(\$25,272)</u>

Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one IF&W Resource Biologist position and one IF&W Resource Supervisor position from 10% General Fund and 10% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 55% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% Other Special Revenue Funds within the Endangered Nongame Operations program to 60% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 10% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Endangered Nongame Operations program to align work effort with the appropriate funding.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$93,758)	(\$98,865)
All Other	(\$1,620)	(\$1,708)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$95,378)	(\$100,573)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$52,088)	(\$54,921)
All Other	(\$900)	(\$949)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$52,988)	(\$55,870)

Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position from Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 60% Federal Expenditures Fund and 5% General Fund, Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 5% General Fund and 5% Federal Expenditures Fund, and Endangered Nongame Operations program, 20% Other Special Revenue Funds and 5% Federal Expenditures Fund to Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 60% Federal Expenditures Fund and 20% General Fund, Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 5% General Fund and 5% Federal Expenditures Fund, and Endangered Nongame Operations program, 5% Federal Expenditures Fund and 5% Other Special Revenue Funds, to align work effort with the appropriate funding.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$13,705)	(\$14,385)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$13,705)	(\$14,385)

ENDANGERED NONGAME OPERATIONS 0536

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$23,920	\$24,988
All Other	\$4,731	\$4,731

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$28,651	\$29,719
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$415,511	\$424,415
All Other	\$622,486	\$622,404
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,037,997	\$1,046,819
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$195,607	\$198,876
All Other	\$126,077	\$126,007
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$321,684	\$324,883

Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	127.000	127.000
Personal Services	\$15,733,527	\$15,921,689
All Other	\$3,124,240	\$3,124,240
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$18,857,767	\$19,045,929
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.232	1.232
Personal Services	\$839,002	\$852,170
All Other	\$583,770	\$583,765
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,422,772	\$1,435,935
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$276,858	\$279,056
All Other	\$412,616	\$412,609
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$689,474	\$691,665

ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0537

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	127.000	127.000
Personal Services	\$15,733,527	\$15,921,689
All Other	\$3,124,240	\$3,124,240

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$18,857,767	\$19,045,929
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.232	1.232
Personal Services	\$839,002	\$852,170
All Other	\$583,770	\$583,765
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,422,772	\$1,435,935
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$276,858	\$279,056
All Other	\$412,616	\$412,609
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$689,474	\$691,665

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	57.000	57.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.731	1.731
Personal Services	\$4,449,980	\$4,546,543
All Other	\$1,208,755	\$1,208,755
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,658,735	\$5,755,298
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$1,639,986	\$1,676,018
All Other	\$1,044,127	\$1,044,127
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,684,113	\$2,720,145
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$100,513	\$104,822
All Other	\$158,364	\$158,364
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$258,877	\$263,186
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,800,000	\$3,200,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$12,800,000	\$3,200,000

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Transfers position count for 10 positions from General Fund to Federal Expenditures Fund to align the funding source to the functions being performed. Position detail is on file at the Bureau of the Budget.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

FISHERIES AND HATCHERIES OPERATIONS 0535

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	56.000	56.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.731	1.731
Personal Services	\$4,449,980	\$4,546,543
All Other	\$1,208,755	\$1,208,755
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,658,735	\$5,755,298
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$1,639,986	\$1,676,018
All Other	\$1,044,127	\$1,044,127
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,684,113	\$2,720,145
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$100,513	\$104,822
All Other	\$158,364	\$158,364
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$258,877	\$263,186
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,800,000	\$3,200,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$12,800,000	\$3,200,000

Landowner Relations Z140

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.500	1.500
Personal Services	\$103,023	\$106,686
All Other	\$51,162	\$51,162
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$154,185	\$157,848

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$12,559	\$12,789
All Other	\$116,278	\$116,278

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$128,837	\$129,067
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Landowner Relations Z140

Initiative: Provides funding for the reorganization of 2 part-time Recreational Safety Coordinator positions to one full-time Recreational Safety Coordinator position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$605	\$657
All Other	\$12	\$14

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$617	\$671
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LANDOWNER RELATIONS Z140

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.500	1.500
Personal Services	\$103,023	\$106,686
All Other	\$51,162	\$51,162
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$154,185	\$157,848

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$13,164	\$13,446
All Other	\$116,290	\$116,292

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$129,454	\$129,738
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Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$1,147,135	\$1,171,608
All Other	\$566,466	\$566,466

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,713,601	\$1,738,074
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$76,328	\$76,328

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$76,328	\$76,328
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$151,076	\$156,065
All Other	\$371,248	\$371,248

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$522,324	\$527,313
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Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Office Associate II position to a Public Service Manager II position and reallocates the cost from 100% Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund to 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$13,309)	(\$14,488)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$13,309)	(\$14,488)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$60,064	\$63,329
All Other	\$1,920	\$1,947

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$61,984	\$65,276
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LICENSING SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0531

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$1,133,826	\$1,157,120
All Other	\$566,466	\$566,466

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,700,292	\$1,723,586
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$76,328	\$76,328

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$76,328	\$76,328
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$211,140	\$219,394
All Other	\$373,168	\$373,195

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$584,308	\$592,589
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Maine Outdoor Heritage Fund 0829

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$645,708	\$648,352
All Other	\$2,632,203	\$2,632,203

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,277,911	\$3,280,555
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$423,272	\$429,428
All Other	\$1,137,674	\$1,137,674

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,560,946	\$1,567,102
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Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Public Service Coordinator II position from range 29 to range 30 in the Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$4,678	\$4,675
All Other	\$108	\$108

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,786	\$4,783
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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0529

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$645,708	\$648,352
All Other	\$2,632,203	\$2,632,203

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,277,911	\$3,280,555
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$427,950	\$434,103
All Other	\$1,137,782	\$1,137,782

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,565,732	\$1,571,885
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Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$582,422	\$598,977
All Other	\$564,441	\$564,441

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,146,863	\$1,163,418
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$446,110	\$464,579
All Other	\$693,744	\$693,744

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,139,854	\$1,158,323
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Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Provides funding for the reorganization of 2 part-time Recreational Safety Coordinator positions to one full-time Recreational Safety Coordinator position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,870	\$8,537

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,870	\$8,537
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Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Media and Graphics Supervisor position to a Supervisor Graphic and Digital Services position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$13,026	\$13,021

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,026	\$13,021
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Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 2 Gamekeeper positions to 2 Recreational

Trails Coordinator positions at the Maine Wildlife Park and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$16,917	\$17,271
All Other	\$544	\$553
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$17,461	\$17,824

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Transfers position count for 10 positions from General Fund to Federal Expenditures Fund to align the funding source to the functions being performed. Position detail is on file at the Bureau of the Budget.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
	(1.000)	(1.000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one limited-period Gamekeeper position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 29 at the Maine Wildlife Park and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$71,728	\$75,718
All Other	\$2,243	\$2,363
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$73,971	\$78,081

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION, DIVISION OF 0729

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$603,318	\$620,535
All Other	\$564,441	\$564,441
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,167,759	\$1,184,976

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$534,755	\$557,568
All Other	\$696,531	\$696,660
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,231,286	\$1,254,228

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,704,814	\$1,747,588
All Other	\$957,008	\$957,008
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,661,822	\$2,704,596

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
	40.000	40.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.068	2.068
Personal Services	\$4,060,276	\$4,154,935
All Other	\$3,014,361	\$3,014,361
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$7,074,637	\$7,169,296

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$473,941	\$485,282
All Other	\$1,600,243	\$1,600,243
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,074,184	\$2,085,525

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one IF&W Resource Supervisor position to a Public Service Manager II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND Personal Services	2023-24	2024-25
	\$3,403	\$3,661
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,403	\$3,661

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND Personal Services	2023-24	2024-25
	\$7,938	\$8,544
All Other	\$239	\$257
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,177	\$8,801

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one IF&W Resource Supervisor position to a Public Service Manager II position and reallocates the cost from 70% Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Federal Expenditures Fund, 20% Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund and 10% Endangered Nongame Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 50% Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, Federal

Expenditures Fund, 30% Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund and 20% Endangered Nongame Operations program, Federal Expenditures Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$16,731	\$16,822
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$16,731</u>	<u>\$16,822</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$18,036)	(\$18,225)
All Other	(\$543)	(\$548)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$18,579)</u>	<u>(\$18,773)</u>

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Media and Graphics Supervisor position to a Supervisor Graphic and Digital Services position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,257	\$3,256
All Other	\$98	\$98
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,355</u>	<u>\$3,354</u>

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one IF&W Resource Biologist position to a IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position and reallocates the cost from 70% Federal Expenditures Fund, 10% General Fund and 20% Other Special Revenue Funds to 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$23,988	\$24,271
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$23,988</u>	<u>\$24,271</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$4,153	\$4,150
All Other	\$125	\$125
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,278</u>	<u>\$4,275</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$22,210)	(\$22,493)
All Other	(\$384)	(\$389)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$22,594)</u>	<u>(\$22,882)</u>
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Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Transfers position count for 10 positions from General Fund to Federal Expenditures Fund to align the funding source to the functions being performed. Position detail is on file at the Bureau of the Budget.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
	(7.000)	(7.000)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
	7.000	7.000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position from 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 10% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 20% Endangered Nongame Operations program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to align work effort with the appropriate funding.

GENERAL FUND Personal Services	2023-24	2024-25
	\$24,452	\$24,843

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$24,452</u>	<u>\$24,843</u>
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Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of 3 IF&W Resource Biologist positions from 20% Other Special Revenue Funds within the Endangered Nongame Operations program and 10% General Fund and 70% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to align work effort with the appropriate funding.

GENERAL FUND Personal Services	2023-24	2024-25
	\$63,985	\$64,680

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$63,985</u>	<u>\$64,680</u>
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	(\$4)	\$3
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$4)	\$3

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one IF&W Resource Biologist position and one IF&W Resource Supervisor position from 10% General Fund and 10% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 55% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% Other Special Revenue Funds within the Endangered Nongame Operations program to 60% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program and 10% Federal Expenditures Fund within the Endangered Nongame Operations program to align work effort with the appropriate funding.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(2.000)	(2.000)
Personal Services	\$41,672	\$43,938
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$41,672	\$43,938

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$104,174	\$109,848
All Other	\$1,800	\$1,898
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$105,974	\$111,746

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position from Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 60% Federal Expenditures Fund and 5% General Fund, Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 5% General Fund and 5% Federal Expenditures Fund, and Endangered Nongame Operations program, 20% Other Special Revenue Funds and 5% Federal Expenditures Fund, to Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 60% Federal Expenditures Fund and 20% General Fund, Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 5% General Fund and 5% Federal Expenditures Fund, and Endangered Nongame Operations program, 5% Federal Expenditures Fund and 5% Other Special Revenue Funds, to align work effort with the appropriate funding.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$13,705	\$14,385
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,705	\$14,385

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0534

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$1,892,750	\$1,940,188
All Other	\$957,008	\$957,008
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,849,758	\$2,897,196

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	52.000	52.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	2.068	2.068
Personal Services	\$4,158,501	\$4,259,255
All Other	\$3,015,982	\$3,016,093
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$7,174,483	\$7,275,348

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$454,988	\$466,045
All Other	\$1,599,957	\$1,599,952
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,054,945	\$2,065,997

Search and Rescue 0538

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$416,472	\$418,065
All Other	\$120,220	\$120,220
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$536,692	\$538,285

SEARCH AND RESCUE 0538

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$416,472	\$418,065
All Other	\$120,220	\$120,220
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$536,692	\$538,285

Waterfowl Habitat Acquisition and Management 0561

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$83,085	\$83,085
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$83,085	\$83,085

WATERFOWL HABITAT ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT 0561

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,525,000	\$1,525,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$83,085	\$83,085
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$83,085	\$83,085

Whitewater Rafting - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0539

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.308	0.308
Personal Services	\$85,407	\$86,412
All Other	\$43,773	\$43,772
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$129,180	\$130,184

WHITewater RAFTING - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0539

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.308	0.308
Personal Services	\$85,407	\$86,412
All Other	\$43,773	\$43,772
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$129,180	\$130,184

Whitewater Rafting Fund 0533

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$18,404	\$18,404
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$18,404	\$18,404

WHITewater RAFTING FUND 0533

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$18,404	\$18,404
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$18,404	\$18,404

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$34,937,184	\$35,326,520
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$8,546,165	\$8,606,864
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$12,800,000	\$3,200,000

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$70,377,658	\$61,386,575
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Sec. A-40. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	559.000	559.000
Personal Services	\$58,800,385	\$60,198,083
All Other	\$23,395,300	\$23,395,300
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$82,195,685	\$83,593,383

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$147,359	\$149,932
All Other	\$1,088,789	\$1,088,789
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,236,148	\$1,238,721

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	16.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$4,035,245	\$4,154,687

All Other	\$7,368,901	\$7,368,901
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$300,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>\$11,704,146</u>	<u>\$11,823,588</u>
FUNDS TOTAL		

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Transfers funding for legal service assistance providers from the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds accounts to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund program, General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds accounts.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,300,000)	(\$1,300,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$1,300,000)</u>	<u>(\$1,300,000)</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$2,500,346)	(\$2,500,346)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>(\$2,500,346)</u>	<u>(\$2,500,346)</u>
FUNDS TOTAL		

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues 3 limited-period Law Clerk positions previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 through June 14, 2025.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$306,600	\$318,749
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>\$306,600</u>	<u>\$318,749</u>
FUNDS TOTAL		

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Law Clerk positions and 2 limited-period Assistant Clerk positions previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 through June 14, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$23,577
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$23,577</u>

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Service Center/Violations Bureau Assistant Clerk positions previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 through June 14, 2025.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$165,220	\$173,840
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>\$165,220</u>	<u>\$173,840</u>
FUNDS TOTAL		

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Child Protective and Juvenile Process Specialist position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 through June 14, 2025.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$159,094	\$161,099
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$159,094</u>	<u>\$161,099</u>
FUND TOTAL		

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Court Appointed Special Advocate Legal Services Advisor positions previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 and transfers and reallocates the cost from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 95% General Fund and 5% Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program. These positions will end on June 14, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$279,074	\$287,392
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$279,074</u>	<u>\$287,392</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$14,688	\$15,124
All Other	\$163	\$168
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$14,851</u>	<u>\$15,292</u>
FUND TOTAL		

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues 3 limited-period intermittent project Referee positions, previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 635, through June 14, 2025 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$189,390	\$192,309
All Other	\$602,000	\$602,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$791,390</u>	<u>\$794,309</u>

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Assistant Clerk position and 2 limited-period Collections Clerk positions previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 through June 14, 2025.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$258,040	\$269,277
All Other	\$2,869	\$2,994
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	<u>\$260,909</u>	<u>\$272,271</u>
FUNDS TOTAL		

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Facility Engineer position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$126,930	\$132,949
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$126,930	\$132,949

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 2 Field Operations Specialist positions previously established by Financial Order JJ2304 F3.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	2.000	2.000
	\$239,801	\$251,254
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$239,801	\$251,254

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Accounting Technician position and one Collections Coordinator position, previously established by Financial Order JJ2300 F3, and one Court Fine Screener position, previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 29.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$280,481	\$296,676
All Other	\$3,119	\$3,299
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$283,600	\$299,975

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Transfers All Other funding from the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, Other Special Revenue Funds to the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, General Fund for increased reimbursements for guardian ad litem services.

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$972,234	\$972,234
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$972,234	\$972,234

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$972,234)	(\$972,234)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$972,234)	(\$972,234)

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Transfers one Manager of Court Alternative Dispute Resolution position and reallocates the cost from 65% Other Special Revenue Funds and 35% General Fund to 100% General Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
	\$104,327	\$105,393
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$104,327	\$105,393

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$104,327)	(\$105,393)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$104,327)	(\$105,393)

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding to increase guardian ad litem billing rates.

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$3,402,819	\$3,402,819
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,402,819	\$3,402,819

COURTS - SUPREME, SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT 0063

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	562.000	562.000
	\$59,612,977	\$61,058,008
All Other	\$27,072,353	\$27,072,353
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$86,685,330	\$88,130,361

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$321,141	\$326,155
All Other	\$1,088,952	\$1,088,957
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,410,093	\$1,415,112

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	19.000	19.000
Personal Services	\$5,068,189	\$5,240,785
All Other	\$3,902,309	\$3,902,614
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$300,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$9,270,498	\$9,443,399

Judicial - Debt Service Z097

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$16,043,927	\$16,043,927
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,043,927	\$16,043,927

**JUDICIAL - DEBT SERVICE Z097
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$16,043,927	\$16,043,927
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,043,927	\$16,043,927

Maine Civil Legal Services Fund Z367

Initiative: Transfers funding for legal service assistance providers from the Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds accounts to the Maine Civil Legal Services Fund program, General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds accounts.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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**

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,500,346	\$2,500,346
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,500,346	\$2,500,346

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$104,029,257	\$105,474,288
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$1,410,093	\$1,415,112
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$11,770,844	\$11,943,745
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$117,210,194	\$118,833,145

Sec. A-41. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF
Administration - Bureau of Labor Standards 0158**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$109,564	\$111,856
All Other	\$28,270	\$28,270
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$137,834	\$140,126

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$127,961	\$132,251
All Other	\$68,588	\$68,588
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$196,549	\$200,839

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000

**ADMINISTRATION - BUREAU OF LABOR STANDARDS 0158
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$109,564	\$111,856
All Other	\$28,270	\$28,270
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$137,834	\$140,126

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$127,961	\$132,251
All Other	\$68,588	\$68,588
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$196,549	\$200,839

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000

Administration - Labor 0030

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$255,115	\$258,998
All Other	\$227,631	\$227,631
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$482,746	\$486,629

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,261,926	\$1,286,027
All Other	\$2,946,941	\$2,946,941
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,208,867	\$4,232,968

Administration - Labor 0030

Initiative: Transfers one Office Associate II position from the Rehabilitation Services program to the Administration - Labor program and reallocates the cost from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$62,637	\$65,996
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$62,637	\$65,996

Administration - Labor 0030

Initiative: Transfers 2 Office Associate II positions and reallocates the cost from 92.3% Other Special Revenue Funds and 7.7% General Fund to 100% General Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$138,316	\$143,414
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$138,316	\$143,414

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(2.000)	(2.000)
Personal Services	(\$138,316)	(\$143,414)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$138,316)	(\$143,414)

Administration - Labor 0030

Initiative: Transfers one Secretary Specialist Supervisor position from the Employment Services Activity program to the Administration - Labor program and reallocates the cost from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Other Special Revenue Funds.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$109,890	\$111,858
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$109,890	\$111,858

ADMINISTRATION - LABOR 0030 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$456,068	\$468,408
All Other	\$227,631	\$227,631
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$683,699	\$696,039

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,233,500	\$1,254,471
All Other	\$2,946,941	\$2,946,941
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,180,441	\$4,201,412

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,166,514	\$1,196,217
All Other	\$2,759,508	\$2,759,508
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,926,022	\$3,955,725

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	16.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$1,910,367	\$1,949,126
All Other	\$2,325,020	\$2,325,020
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,235,387	\$4,274,146

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$121,188	\$124,245
All Other	\$217,044	\$217,044
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$338,232	\$341,289

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Rehabilitation Services Manager position to a Public Service Manager I position.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,552	\$7,549
All Other	\$150	\$150
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$7,702	\$7,699

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Procurement & Contracting Specialist position to a Contract/Grant Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,435	\$3,467
All Other	\$68	\$69
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,503	\$3,536

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Transfers one Business Enterprise Program Assistant position and reallocates the cost from 100% Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program and transfers one Procurement & Contracting Specialist position and reallocates the cost from 50% Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired program, Other Special Revenue Funds and 50% Rehabilitation Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired program, Federal Expenditures Fund and 50% Rehabilitation Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$121,188	\$124,245
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$121,188	\$124,245

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(2.000)	(2.000)
Personal Services	(\$121,188)	(\$124,245)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$121,188)	(\$124,245)
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BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED - DIVISION FOR THE 0126

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,166,514	\$1,196,217
All Other	\$2,759,508	\$2,759,508
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,926,022	\$3,955,725

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	18.000
Personal Services	\$2,042,542	\$2,084,387
All Other	\$2,325,238	\$2,325,239

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,367,780	\$4,409,626
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$217,044	\$217,044

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$217,044	\$217,044
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Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	158.000	158.000
Personal Services	\$17,238,585	\$17,648,692
All Other	\$15,951,470	\$15,951,470

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$33,190,055	\$33,600,162
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$357,025	\$367,183
All Other	\$8,373,146	\$8,373,146

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,730,171	\$8,740,329
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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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: Continues the following limited-period positions through June 7, 2025 that were previously authorized to continue in Public Law 2021, chapter 29: 3 Hearings Examiner positions, one Unemployment Compensation Regional Manager position, one Unemployment Compensation Team Leader position and 5 UC Eligibility Agent positions.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$990,105	\$1,024,778
All Other	\$19,891	\$20,588

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,009,996	\$1,045,366
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Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Transfers one Chair Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission position, 2 Secretary Legal positions, 2 Maine Unemployment Insurance Commission

Member positions and one Law Clerk position and re-allocates the cost from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(6.000)	(6.000)
Personal Services	(\$637,888)	(\$661,601)
All Other	(\$12,815)	(\$13,292)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$650,703)	(\$674,893)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$637,888	\$661,601
All Other	\$12,815	\$13,292
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$650,703	\$674,893

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SERVICES 0245 PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	152.000	152.000
Personal Services	\$17,590,802	\$18,011,869
All Other	\$15,958,546	\$15,958,766
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$33,549,348	\$33,970,635
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$994,913	\$1,028,784
All Other	\$8,385,961	\$8,386,438
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$9,380,874	\$9,415,222
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND TOTAL	\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$701,733	\$723,825
All Other	\$736,157	\$736,157

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,437,890	\$1,459,982
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	102.500	102.500
Personal Services	\$7,819,494	\$8,115,780
All Other	\$15,939,490	\$15,939,490
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$23,758,984	\$24,055,270

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$670,042	\$692,540
All Other	\$710,597	\$710,597
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,380,639	\$1,403,137

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$772,606	\$214,645
All Other	\$4,306,606	\$1,455,232
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$5,079,212	\$1,669,877

COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$811,485	\$835,152
All Other	\$3,053,605	\$3,053,605
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOTAL	\$3,865,090	\$3,888,757

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Transfers one Secretary Specialist Supervisor position from the Employment Services Activity program to the Administration - Labor program and reallocates the cost from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Other Special Revenue Funds.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$109,890)	(\$111,858)
All Other	(\$1,799)	(\$1,831)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$111,689)	(\$113,689)

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of various positions between General Fund, Federal Expenditures Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds and Competitive

Skills Scholarship Fund within the Employment Services Activity program to better align positions with work activity. Position detail is on file in the Bureau of the Budget.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$1,015)	\$662
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,015)	\$662
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(4,000)	(4,000)
Personal Services	\$132,955	\$137,560
All Other	\$2,176	\$2,253
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$135,131	\$139,813
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$69,813)	(\$74,018)
All Other	(\$1,143)	(\$1,212)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$70,956)	(\$75,230)
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5,000	5,000
Personal Services	(\$62,127)	(\$64,204)
All Other	(\$1,017)	(\$1,051)
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOTAL	(\$63,144)	(\$65,255)
EMPLOYMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY 0852		
PROGRAM SUMMARY		
GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$700,718	\$724,487
All Other	\$736,157	\$736,157
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,436,875	\$1,460,644
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	97,500	97,500
Personal Services	\$7,842,559	\$8,141,482
All Other	\$15,939,867	\$15,939,912
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$23,782,426	\$24,081,394
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5,000	5,000
Personal Services	\$600,229	\$618,522
All Other	\$709,454	\$709,385
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,309,683	\$1,327,907
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$772,606	\$214,645
All Other	\$4,306,606	\$1,455,232
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$5,079,212	\$1,669,877
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9,000	9,000
Personal Services	\$749,358	\$770,948
All Other	\$3,052,588	\$3,052,554
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOTAL	\$3,801,946	\$3,823,502
Labor Relations Board 0160		
Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET		
GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,500	3,500
Personal Services	\$418,170	\$423,059
All Other	\$60,672	\$60,672
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$478,842	\$483,731
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$95,000	\$95,000
All Other	\$45,477	\$45,477
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$140,477	\$140,477
LABOR RELATIONS BOARD 0160		
PROGRAM SUMMARY		
GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,500	3,500
Personal Services	\$418,170	\$423,059
All Other	\$60,672	\$60,672
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$478,842	\$483,731
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$95,000	\$95,000

All Other	\$45,477	\$45,477
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$140,477	\$140,477
FUNDS TOTAL		

Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations Z287

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND MAINE TRIBAL POPULATIONS Z287

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

Regulation and Enforcement 0159

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,067,904	\$1,092,031
All Other	\$321,288	\$321,288
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,389,192	\$1,413,319

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,289,801	\$1,315,846
All Other	\$134,977	\$134,977

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,424,778	\$1,450,823
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Regulation and Enforcement 0159

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of 4 Labor & Safety Inspector positions from 92% General Fund in the Regulation and Enforcement program and 8% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Safety Education and Training Programs to 100% General Fund in the Regulation and Enforcement program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$30,231	\$30,611
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,231	\$30,611

Regulation and Enforcement 0159

Initiative: Transfers one Labor & Safety Inspector position and reallocates the cost from 50% Other Special

Revenue Funds in the Safety Education and Training Programs and 50% General Fund in the Regulation and Enforcement program to 100% General Fund in the Regulation and Enforcement program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$46,641	\$47,139
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$46,641	\$47,139

REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT 0159

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$1,144,776	\$1,169,781
All Other	\$321,288	\$321,288
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,466,064	\$1,491,069

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,289,801	\$1,315,846
All Other	\$134,977	\$134,977

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,424,778	\$1,450,823
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Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,471,368	\$1,510,046
All Other	\$3,369,946	\$3,369,946
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,841,314	\$4,879,992

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	100.000	100.000
Personal Services	\$8,576,853	\$8,865,228
All Other	\$9,632,872	\$9,632,872

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$18,209,725	\$18,498,100
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$86,055	\$90,798
All Other	\$391,109	\$391,109
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$477,164	\$481,907

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Procurement & Contracting Specialist position to a Contract/Grant Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,436	\$3,464
All Other	\$9	\$9
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,445	\$3,473

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 2 Office Assistant II positions to Rehab Counselor I positions and transfers All Other to Personal Services to fund the reorganization.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$17,883	\$21,243
All Other	(\$17,883)	(\$21,243)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Transfers one Office Associate II position from the Rehabilitation Services program to the Administration - Labor program and reallocates the cost from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% General Fund.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$62,637)	(\$65,996)
All Other	(\$164)	(\$173)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$62,801)	(\$66,169)

REHABILITATION SERVICES 0799

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,471,368	\$1,510,046
All Other	\$3,369,946	\$3,369,946
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,841,314	\$4,879,992

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	99.000	99.000
Personal Services	\$8,535,535	\$8,823,939
All Other	\$9,614,834	\$9,611,465
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$18,150,369	\$18,435,404

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$86,055	\$90,798
All Other	\$391,109	\$391,109

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$477,164	\$481,907
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Safety Education and Training Programs 0161

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,499,656	\$1,551,046
All Other	\$993,049	\$993,049

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,492,705	\$2,544,095
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Safety Education and Training Programs 0161

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of 4 Labor & Safety Inspector positions from 92% General Fund in the Regulation and Enforcement program and 8% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Safety Education and Training Programs to 100% General Fund in the Regulation and Enforcement program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$30,231)	(\$30,611)
All Other	(\$478)	(\$484)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$30,709)	(\$31,095)
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Safety Education and Training Programs 0161

Initiative: Transfers one Labor & Safety Inspector position and reallocates the cost from 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Safety Education and Training Programs and 50% General Fund in the Regulation and Enforcement program to 100% General Fund in the Regulation and Enforcement program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$46,641)	(\$47,139)
All Other	(\$737)	(\$745)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$47,378)	(\$47,884)
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SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS 0161

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	16.000	16.000
Personal Services	\$1,422,784	\$1,473,296

All Other	\$991,834	\$991,820
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,414,618	\$2,465,116

State Workforce Investment Board Z158

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$398,171	\$406,015
All Other	\$52,751	\$52,751
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$450,922	\$458,766

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,000	\$3,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,000	\$3,000
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STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD Z158

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$398,171	\$406,015
All Other	\$52,751	\$52,751
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$450,922	\$458,766

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,000	\$3,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,000	\$3,000
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Workforce Research Z164

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$297,666	\$308,767
All Other	\$212,552	\$212,552
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$510,218	\$521,319

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.500	15.500
Personal Services	\$1,538,344	\$1,584,379
All Other	\$1,030,681	\$1,030,681

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,569,025	\$2,615,060
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$54,379	\$54,379

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$54,379	\$54,379
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$186,755	\$41,882
All Other	\$238,245	\$33,118

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$425,000	\$75,000
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WORKFORCE RESEARCH Z164

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$297,666	\$308,767
All Other	\$212,552	\$212,552
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$510,218	\$521,319

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.500	15.500
Personal Services	\$1,538,344	\$1,584,379
All Other	\$1,030,681	\$1,030,681

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,569,025	\$2,615,060
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$54,379	\$54,379

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$54,379	\$54,379
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$186,755	\$41,882
All Other	\$238,245	\$33,118

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$425,000	\$75,000
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LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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GENERAL FUND	\$13,480,868	\$13,628,645
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$84,491,197	\$85,622,547
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$18,378,180	\$18,506,964
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$5,504,212	\$1,744,877
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY TRUST FUND	\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$3,801,946	\$3,823,502
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$375,656,403	\$373,326,535

Sec. A-42. 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	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$1,484,795	\$1,535,006
All Other	\$356,757	\$356,757
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,841,552	\$1,891,763

LAW AND LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY 0636

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$1,484,795	\$1,535,006
All Other	\$356,757	\$356,757
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,841,552	\$1,891,763

Sec. A-43. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

Citizen Trade Policy Commission Z173

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,320	\$1,320
All Other	\$12,800	\$12,800
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,120	\$14,120

CITIZEN TRADE POLICY COMMISSION Z173

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,320	\$1,320

All Other	\$12,800	\$12,800
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,120	\$14,120

Interstate Cooperation - Commission on 0053

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$209,557	\$209,557
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$209,557	\$209,557

INTERSTATE COOPERATION - COMMISSION ON 0053

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$209,557	\$209,557
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$209,557	\$209,557

Legislature 0081

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	157.500	157.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	29.138	29.138
Personal Services	\$26,665,097	\$28,486,368
All Other	\$4,334,780	\$4,694,264
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,999,877	\$33,180,632

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,000	\$10,000
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LEGISLATURE 0081

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	157.500	157.500
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	29.138	29.138
Personal Services	\$26,665,097	\$28,486,368
All Other	\$4,334,780	\$4,694,264
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,999,877	\$33,180,632

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,000	\$10,000
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State House and Capitol Park Commission 0615

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$67,834	\$67,834
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$67,834</u>	<u>\$67,834</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

STATE HOUSE AND CAPITOL PARK COMMISSION 0615

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$67,834	\$67,834
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$67,834</u>	<u>\$67,834</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Study Commissions - Funding 0444

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,725	\$3,725
All Other	\$10,775	\$10,775
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$14,500</u>	<u>\$14,500</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

STUDY COMMISSIONS - FUNDING 0444

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,725	\$3,725
All Other	\$10,775	\$10,775
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$14,500</u>	<u>\$14,500</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Uniform State Laws - Commission on 0242

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

UNIFORM STATE LAWS - COMMISSION ON 0242

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>
LEGISLATURE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$31,315,888	\$33,496,643
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$11,000	\$11,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$31,326,888</u>	<u>\$33,507,643</u>

Sec. A-44. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LIBRARY, MAINE STATE

Administration - Library 0215

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$144,493	\$152,269
All Other	\$85,938	\$85,938
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$230,431</u>	<u>\$238,207</u>

ADMINISTRATION - LIBRARY 0215

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$144,493	\$152,269
All Other	\$85,938	\$85,938
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$230,431</u>	<u>\$238,207</u>

Blind and Visually Impaired News Access Fund Z275

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$40,000	\$40,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>

BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED NEWS ACCESS FUND Z275

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$40,000	\$40,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$40,000</u>	<u>\$40,000</u>

Maine Public Library Fund Z144

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$52,000	\$52,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$52,000</u>	<u>\$52,000</u>

MAINE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND Z144 PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	30.500	30.500
Personal Services	\$2,737,749	\$2,804,939
All Other	\$1,100,092	\$1,100,092
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,837,841</u>	<u>\$3,905,031</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,026,407	\$1,045,579
All Other	\$569,790	\$569,790
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,596,197</u>	<u>\$1,615,369</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	30.500	30.500
Personal Services	\$2,737,749	\$2,804,939
All Other	\$1,100,092	\$1,100,092
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,837,841</u>	<u>\$3,905,031</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,026,407	\$1,045,579
All Other	\$569,790	\$569,790
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,596,197</u>	<u>\$1,615,369</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$242,786	\$242,786
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$242,786</u>	<u>\$242,786</u>

STATEWIDE LIBRARY INFORMATION SYSTEM 0185 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$242,786	\$242,786
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$242,786</u>	<u>\$242,786</u>

LIBRARY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$4,311,058	\$4,386,024
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$1,596,197	\$1,615,369
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$811,977	\$811,977
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$6,719,232</u>	<u>\$6,813,370</u>

Sec. A-45. 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

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

MAINE CHILDREN'S CABINET EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL Z282

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Sec. A-46. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MAINE CONNECTIVITY AUTHORITY

Maine Connectivity Authority Z321

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,000,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$6,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

MAINE CONNECTIVITY AUTHORITY Z321

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,000,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$6,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Sec. A-47. 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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,306,000	\$2,306,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,306,000</u>	<u>\$2,306,000</u>

Lobster Promotion Fund 0701

Initiative: Provides funding to recognize an increase in license surcharge revenue resulting from revenue changes in Public Law 2021, chapter 755.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$380,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$380,000</u>

LOBSTER PROMOTION FUND 0701

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,306,000	\$2,686,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,306,000</u>	<u>\$2,686,000</u>

MAINE LOBSTER MARKETING COLLABORATIVE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$2,306,000	\$2,686,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$2,306,000</u>	<u>\$2,686,000</u>

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

MAINE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ENTERPRISE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
MAINE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ENTERPRISE FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

MAINE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM Z326

PROGRAM SUMMARY

MAINE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ENTERPRISE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

MAINE RETIREMENT SAVINGS PROGRAM ENTERPRISE FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Sec. A-49. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17,000	17,000
Personal Services	\$1,921,074	\$1,982,193
All Other	\$840,528	\$840,528
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,761,602	\$2,822,721

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13,000	13,000
Personal Services	\$957,681	\$990,913
All Other	\$757,308	\$757,308
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,714,989	\$1,748,221

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11,000	11,000
Personal Services	\$1,173,619	\$1,206,798
All Other	\$1,052,360	\$1,052,312
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,225,979	\$2,259,110

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$349,500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$349,500	\$500

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Transfers remaining sea run fisheries funding from the Bureau of Marine Science program to the Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat program to reflect the appropriation and allocation in the appropriate program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$30,000)	(\$30,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$30,000)	(\$30,000)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$61,749)	(\$61,749)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$61,749)	(\$61,749)
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Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Marine Resource Scientist II position previously continued by Financial Order 002270 F3 and 2 limited-period Marine Resource Scientist I positions previously continued by Financial Order 002271 F3 through June 7, 2025 in order to meet the mandates for 100% lobster harvester reporting. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$287,631	\$303,447
All Other	\$14,183	\$14,963

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$301,814	\$318,410
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Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Resource Management Coordinator position from 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Bureau of Policy and Management program and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Bureau of Marine Science program to 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Bureau of Policy and Management program and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Bureau of Marine Science program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Marine Resource Scientist I position from 75% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% General Fund to 50% Other Special Revenue Funds, 25% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% General Fund within the Bureau of Marine Science program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7	\$6
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7	\$6

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$50,830)	(\$51,455)
All Other	(\$2,506)	(\$2,537)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$53,336)	(\$53,992)
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$50,823	\$51,449
All Other	\$2,506	\$2,537
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$53,329	\$53,986

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Marine Resource Scientist I position from 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat program and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Bureau of Marine Science program to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$54,233)	(\$55,210)
All Other	(\$2,675)	(\$2,722)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$56,908)	(\$57,932)

BUREAU OF MARINE SCIENCE 0027 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,921,081	\$1,982,199
All Other	\$810,528	\$810,528
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,731,609	\$2,792,727

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,194,482	\$1,242,905
All Other	\$768,985	\$769,734
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,963,467	\$2,012,639

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,170,209	\$1,203,037
All Other	\$990,442	\$990,378
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,160,651	\$2,193,415

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$349,500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$349,500	\$500
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Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.500	17.500
Personal Services	\$2,007,422	\$2,060,963
All Other	\$3,401,051	\$3,401,051
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,408,473	\$5,462,014

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$603,983	\$614,133
All Other	\$1,097,850	\$1,097,850
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,701,833	\$1,711,983

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.000	17.000
Personal Services	\$1,749,546	\$1,793,403
All Other	\$1,224,087	\$1,224,087
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,973,633	\$3,017,490

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,220,610	\$870,519
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,220,610	\$870,519

Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Associate position to a Secretary Specialist position.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,948	\$4,163
All Other	\$195	\$205
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,143	\$4,368

Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Business Systems Administrator position previously continued in Financial Order 002256 F3 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$116,227	\$118,247
All Other	\$13,254	\$13,353
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$129,481</u>	<u>\$131,600</u>

Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Resource Management Coordinator position from 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Bureau of Policy and Management program and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Bureau of Marine Science program to 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Bureau of Policy and Management program and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Bureau of Marine Science program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$55,300)	(\$55,795)
All Other	(\$2,727)	(\$2,751)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$58,027)</u>	<u>(\$58,546)</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$55,300	\$55,795
All Other	\$2,727	\$2,751
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$58,027</u>	<u>\$58,546</u>

Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Manager II position within the same program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

BUREAU OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT 0258

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	17.500	17.500
Personal Services	\$2,007,422	\$2,060,963
All Other	\$3,401,051	\$3,401,051
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,408,473</u>	<u>\$5,462,014</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$548,683	\$558,338
All Other	\$1,095,123	\$1,095,099
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,643,806</u>	<u>\$1,653,437</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.000	19.000
Personal Services	\$1,925,021	\$1,971,608
All Other	\$1,240,263	\$1,240,396
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,165,284</u>	<u>\$3,212,004</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,220,610	\$870,519
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$1,220,610</u>	<u>\$870,519</u>

Bureau of Public Health Z154

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	24.000
Personal Services	\$2,248,218	\$2,331,042
All Other	\$425,460	\$425,460
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,673,678</u>	<u>\$2,756,502</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$245,630	\$251,543
All Other	\$364,866	\$364,868
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$610,496</u>	<u>\$616,411</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$751,856	\$771,916
All Other	\$113,892	\$113,892
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$865,748</u>	<u>\$885,808</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$500	\$500

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

Bureau of Public Health Z154

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 4 Marine Resource Scientist I positions to Marine Resource Scientist II positions and related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$4,660	\$4,907
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,660	\$4,907
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$17,842	\$22,415
All Other	\$880	\$1,105
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$18,722	\$23,520

BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH Z154

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	24.000
Personal Services	\$2,252,878	\$2,335,949
All Other	\$425,460	\$425,460
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,678,338	\$2,761,409

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$245,630	\$251,543
All Other	\$364,866	\$364,866

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$610,496	\$616,411
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$769,698	\$794,331
All Other	\$114,772	\$114,997

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$884,470	\$909,328
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Lobster Legal Defense Fund Z365

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$380,000	\$380,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$380,000	\$380,000

Lobster Legal Defense Fund Z365

Initiative: Reduces funding to recognize a decrease in license surcharge revenue resulting from revenue changes in Public Law 2021, chapter 755.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$378,030)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$378,030)

LOBSTER LEGAL DEFENSE FUND Z365

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$380,000	\$1,970
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$380,000	\$1,970

Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	41.000	41.000
Personal Services	\$5,361,258	\$5,461,318
All Other	\$961,528	\$961,528
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,322,786	\$6,422,846

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$270,340	\$273,157
All Other	\$120,036	\$120,036

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$390,376	\$393,193
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,200,464	\$1,228,321
All Other	\$1,362,338	\$1,362,337

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,562,802	\$2,590,658
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
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Capital Expenditures	\$1,999,500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,999,500	\$500

**MARINE PATROL - BUREAU OF 0029
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	41.000	41.000
Personal Services	\$5,361,258	\$5,461,318
All Other	\$961,528	\$961,528
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,322,786	\$6,422,846

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$270,340	\$273,157
All Other	\$120,036	\$120,036
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$390,376	\$393,193

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
Personal Services	\$1,200,464	\$1,228,321
All Other	\$1,362,338	\$1,362,337
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,562,802	\$2,590,658

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$1,999,500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$1,999,500	\$500

Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat Z295

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$408,324	\$413,599
All Other	\$37,000	\$37,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$445,324	\$450,599

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$1,233,443	\$1,259,962

All Other	\$848,725	\$848,682
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,082,168	\$2,108,644

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$143,644	\$145,170
All Other	\$143,259	\$143,259
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$286,903	\$288,429

Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat Z295

Initiative: Transfers remaining sea run fisheries funding from the Bureau of Marine Science program to the Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat program to reflect the appropriation and allocation in the appropriate program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$62,253	\$62,253
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$62,253	\$62,253

Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat Z295

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Marine Resource Scientist I position from 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat program and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Bureau of Marine Science program to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$54,233	\$55,210
All Other	\$2,675	\$2,722

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$56,908	\$57,932
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Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat Z295

Initiative: Reallocates one Marine Resource Scientist II position from 100% Federal Expenditures Fund to 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program. This initiative also provides All Other funding to support management and restoration efforts for diadromous fish species.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$34,043)	(\$35,684)
All Other	(\$1,679)	(\$1,760)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$35,722)	(\$37,444)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$34,043	\$35,684
All Other	\$93,423	\$93,504
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$127,466	\$129,188

SEA RUN FISHERIES AND HABITAT Z295

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$408,324	\$413,599
All Other	\$67,000	\$67,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$475,324	\$480,599

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	12.000	12.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$1,253,633	\$1,279,488
All Other	\$849,721	\$849,644
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,103,354	\$2,129,132

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$177,687	\$180,854
All Other	\$298,935	\$299,016
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$476,622	\$479,870

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$17,616,530	\$17,919,595
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$6,711,499	\$6,804,812
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$9,629,829	\$9,387,245
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$3,570,110	\$872,019
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$37,527,968	\$34,983,671

Sec. A-50. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE

Maine Maritime Academy - Debt Service Z304

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,943,600	\$1,943,600
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,943,600	\$1,943,600

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY - DEBT SERVICE Z304

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,943,600	\$1,943,600
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,943,600	\$1,943,600

Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino Z167

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$164,146	\$164,146
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$164,146	\$164,146

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP FUND - CASINO Z167

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$164,146	\$164,146
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$164,146	\$164,146

Maritime Academy - Operations 0035

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$9,771,450	\$9,771,450
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,771,450	\$9,771,450

Maritime Academy - Operations 0035

Initiative: Provides funding for grant awards to support homeless youth in Maine pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 538.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000

MARITIME ACADEMY - OPERATIONS 0035

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$9,776,450	\$9,776,450

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$9,776,450 \$9,776,450

Maritime Academy - Schooner Bowdoin Z253

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$50,000 \$50,000

MARITIME ACADEMY - SCHOONER BOWDOIN Z253

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$50,000 \$50,000

MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
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GENERAL FUND	\$11,770,050	\$11,770,050
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$164,146	\$164,146

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS \$11,934,196 \$11,934,196

Sec. A-51. 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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$69,331	\$69,331

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$69,331 \$69,331

MAINE MUNICIPAL BOND BANK - MAINE RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION 0699

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$69,331	\$69,331

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$69,331 \$69,331

Sec. A-52. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MUSEUM, MAINE STATE

Maine State Museum 0180

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21,000	21,000
Personal Services	\$2,128,359	\$2,182,619
All Other	\$207,730	\$207,730

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$2,336,089 \$2,390,349

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$180,899	\$180,899

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$180,899 \$180,899

MAINE STATE MUSEUM 0180

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21,000	21,000
Personal Services	\$2,128,359	\$2,182,619
All Other	\$207,730	\$207,730

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$2,336,089 \$2,390,349

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$180,899	\$180,899

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$180,899 \$180,899

Maine State Museum - Operating Fund Z179

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,262	\$7,460
All Other	\$28,000	\$28,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$35,262 \$35,460

MAINE STATE MUSEUM - OPERATING FUND Z179

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,262	\$7,460
All Other	\$28,000	\$28,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$35,262 \$35,460

Research and Collection - Museum 0174

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$130,606	\$130,606

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL \$130,606 \$130,606

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,651	\$5,711
All Other	\$163,238	\$163,238
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$168,889</u>	<u>\$168,949</u>

RESEARCH AND COLLECTION - MUSEUM 0174

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$130,606	\$130,606
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$130,606</u>	<u>\$130,606</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,651	\$5,711
All Other	\$163,238	\$163,238
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$168,889</u>	<u>\$168,949</u>

MUSEUM, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$2,336,089	\$2,390,349
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$130,606	\$130,606
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$385,050	\$385,308
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$2,851,745</u>	<u>\$2,906,263</u>

Sec. A-53. 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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$52,950	\$52,950
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$52,950</u>	<u>\$52,950</u>

MAINE JOINT ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING COORDINATING COMMITTEE 0980

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$52,950	\$52,950
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$52,950</u>	<u>\$52,950</u>

Sec. A-54. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

OFFICE OF AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

Office of Affordable Health Care Z320

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$374,221	\$395,013
All Other	\$39,062	\$39,062
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$413,283</u>	<u>\$434,075</u>

OFFICE OF AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE Z320

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$374,221	\$395,013
All Other	\$39,062	\$39,062
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$413,283</u>	<u>\$434,075</u>

Sec. A-55. 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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	5,000	5,000
Personal Services	\$573,825	\$603,096
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,073,825</u>	<u>\$1,103,096</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,500	\$50,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$50,500</u>	<u>\$50,500</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$373,680	\$332,253
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$373,680	\$332,253

Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Planning and Research Associate I position to a Public Service Coordinator I position to serve as the director of policy.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$30,758	\$32,902
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,758	\$32,902

Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Business Manager II position to a Public Service Coordinator I position to serve as the director of operations.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$15,225	\$16,088
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,225	\$16,088

RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS Z319

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$619,808	\$652,086
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,119,808	\$1,152,086

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,500	\$50,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$50,500	\$50,500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$373,680	\$332,253
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$373,680	\$332,253

PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$1,119,808	\$1,152,086
FEDERAL	\$500	\$500
EXPENDITURES FUND		
OTHER SPECIAL	\$50,500	\$50,500
REVENUE FUNDS		
FEDERAL	\$373,680	\$332,253
EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY		
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,544,488	\$1,535,339

Sec. A-56. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PINE TREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Legal Assistance 0553

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$650,000	\$650,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$650,000	\$650,000

LEGAL ASSISTANCE 0553

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$650,000	\$650,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$650,000	\$650,000

Sec. A-57. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

POTATO BOARD, MAINE

Potato Board 0429

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$160,902	\$160,902
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$160,902	\$160,902

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,586,129	\$1,586,129
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,586,129	\$1,586,129

POTATO BOARD 0429

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$160,902	\$160,902
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$160,902</u>	<u>\$160,902</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,586,129	\$1,586,129
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,586,129</u>	<u>\$1,586,129</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$10,030</u>	<u>\$10,030</u>
FUND TOTAL		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,286,926	\$1,301,652
All Other	\$3,937,079	\$3,937,079
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$5,224,005</u>	<u>\$5,238,731</u>

Sec. A-58. 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

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,030	\$10,030
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,030</u>	<u>\$10,030</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$1,266,515	\$1,281,248
All Other	\$3,936,958	\$3,936,958
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$5,203,473</u>	<u>\$5,218,206</u>

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Assistant to the Commissioner position to an Executive Director of Operations position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$20,411	\$20,404
All Other	\$121	\$121
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$20,532</u>	<u>\$20,525</u>

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION 0094

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,030	\$10,030

Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection 0091

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21.000	21.000
Personal Services	\$2,137,333	\$2,193,958
All Other	\$610,028	\$610,028
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,747,361</u>	<u>\$2,803,986</u>

BUREAU OF CONSUMER CREDIT PROTECTION 0091

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	21.000	21.000
Personal Services	\$2,137,333	\$2,193,958
All Other	\$610,028	\$610,028
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,747,361</u>	<u>\$2,803,986</u>

Dental Practice - Board of 0384

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$416,924	\$425,393
All Other	\$195,907	\$195,907
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$612,831</u>	<u>\$621,300</u>

Dental Practice - Board of 0384

Initiative: Transfers Personal Services and All Other allocation from the Board of Dental Practice program to the Licensing and Enforcement program within the same fund pursuant to the amendment in this Act to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 8001, subsection 38 changing the Board of Dental Practice from a program affiliated with the department to a component program of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(4,000)	(4,000)
Personal Services	(\$416,924)	(\$425,393)
All Other	(\$195,907)	(\$195,907)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$612,831)	(\$621,300)

DENTAL PRACTICE - BOARD OF 0384

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0
All Other	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0

Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$231,646	\$235,197
All Other	\$87,301	\$87,301
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$318,947	\$322,498

ENGINEERS - STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL 0369

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$231,646	\$235,197
All Other	\$87,301	\$87,301
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$318,947	\$322,498

Financial Institutions - Bureau of 0093

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	18.000
Personal Services	\$2,129,274	\$2,168,947
All Other	\$645,359	\$645,359
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,774,633	\$2,814,306

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS - BUREAU OF 0093

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	18.000	18.000
Personal Services	\$2,129,274	\$2,168,947
All Other	\$645,359	\$645,359
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,774,633	\$2,814,306

Insurance - Bureau of 0092

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,000	\$10,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	72.000	72.000
Personal Services	\$8,196,253	\$8,410,883
All Other	\$3,802,204	\$3,802,204
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,998,457	\$12,213,087

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,900	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$12,900	\$500

INSURANCE - BUREAU OF 0092

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,000	\$10,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	72.000	72.000
Personal Services	\$8,196,253	\$8,410,883
All Other	\$3,802,204	\$3,802,204
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,998,457	\$12,213,087

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,900	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$12,900	\$500
FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL		

Licensing and Enforcement 0352

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	57.000	57.000
Personal Services	\$5,538,001	\$5,692,880
All Other	\$2,661,774	\$2,661,774
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,199,775	\$8,354,654

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$200,000	\$500
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Licensing and Enforcement 0352

Initiative: Transfers Personal Services and All Other allocation from the Board of Dental Practice program to the Licensing and Enforcement program within the same fund pursuant to the amendment in this Act to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 8001, subsection 38 changing the Board of Dental Practice from a program affiliated with the department to a component program of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$416,924	\$425,393
All Other	\$195,907	\$195,907
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$612,831	\$621,300

LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT 0352

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	61.000	61.000
Personal Services	\$5,954,925	\$6,118,273
All Other	\$2,857,681	\$2,857,681
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,812,606	\$8,975,954

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$200,000	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$200,000	\$500

Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.770	0.770
Personal Services	\$1,087,159	\$1,117,355
All Other	\$793,504	\$793,504
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,880,663	\$1,910,859

Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Assistant Executive Director Board Medicine position to a Public Service Coordinator II position in the Board of Licensure in Medicine.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$31,361	\$31,125
All Other	\$317	\$314
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$31,678	\$31,439

LICENSURE IN MEDICINE - BOARD OF 0376

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.770	0.770
Personal Services	\$1,118,520	\$1,148,480
All Other	\$793,821	\$793,818
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,912,341	\$1,942,298

Manufactured Housing Board 0351

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,486	\$22,486
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$22,486	\$22,486

MANUFACTURED HOUSING BOARD 0351

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,486	\$22,486

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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$22,486	\$22,486
FUND TOTAL		

Nursing - Board of 0372

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
All Other	\$10,144	\$10,144

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,144	\$10,144
FUND TOTAL		

OTHER SPECIAL	2023-24	2024-25
REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS -	8.000	8.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$783,570	\$807,687
All Other	\$562,481	\$562,481

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$1,346,051	\$1,370,168
FUNDS TOTAL		

Nursing - Board of 0372

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 2 Office Associate II positions to 2 Office Specialist I positions and the approved reorganization of one Office Specialist I position to an Office Specialist II position. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs. The approved reclassifications of 2 Office Specialist I positions have an effective date of May 21, 2020.

OTHER SPECIAL	2023-24	2024-25
REVENUE FUNDS		
Personal Services	\$38,025	\$15,141
All Other	\$561	\$224

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$38,586	\$15,365
FUNDS TOTAL		

NURSING - BOARD OF 0372

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
All Other	\$10,144	\$10,144

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,144	\$10,144
FUND TOTAL		

OTHER SPECIAL	2023-24	2024-25
REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS -	8.000	8.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$821,595	\$822,828
All Other	\$563,042	\$562,705

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$1,384,637	\$1,385,533
FUNDS TOTAL		

Office of Securities 0943

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
All Other	\$10,113	\$10,113

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,113	\$10,113
FUND TOTAL		

OTHER SPECIAL	2023-24	2024-25
REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS -	16.000	16.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,772,088	\$1,820,413
All Other	\$607,147	\$607,147

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$2,379,235	\$2,427,560
FUNDS TOTAL		

OFFICE OF SECURITIES 0943

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
All Other	\$10,113	\$10,113

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,113	\$10,113
FUND TOTAL		

OTHER SPECIAL	2023-24	2024-25
REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS -	16.000	16.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$1,772,088	\$1,820,413
All Other	\$607,147	\$607,147

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$2,379,235	\$2,427,560
FUNDS TOTAL		

Optometry - Board of 0385

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL	2023-24	2024-25
REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$65,039	\$65,791
All Other	\$35,897	\$35,897

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$100,936	\$101,688
FUNDS TOTAL		

OPTOMETRY - BOARD OF 0385

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL	2023-24	2024-25
REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$65,039	\$65,791
All Other	\$35,897	\$35,897

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$100,936	\$101,688
FUNDS TOTAL		

Osteopathic Licensure - Board of 0383

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$108,188	\$110,105
All Other	\$175,783	\$175,783
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$283,971	\$285,888

OSTEOPATHIC LICENSURE - BOARD OF 0383

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$108,188	\$110,105
All Other	\$175,783	\$175,783
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$283,971	\$285,888

Securities Restitution Assistance Fund Z352

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$532,000	\$532,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$532,000	\$532,000

SECURITIES RESTITUTION ASSISTANCE FUND Z352

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$532,000	\$532,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$532,000	\$532,000

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$38,469,129	\$39,043,529
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$212,900	\$1,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$38,744,802	\$39,107,302

Sec. A-59. 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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9,000	9,000
Personal Services	\$1,387,940	\$1,411,786
All Other	\$149,088	\$149,088
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,537,028	\$1,560,874

OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY 0976

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9,000	9,000
Personal Services	\$1,387,940	\$1,411,786
All Other	\$149,088	\$149,088
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,537,028	\$1,560,874

Sec. A-60. 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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$216,696	\$229,014
All Other	\$97,231	\$97,231
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$313,927	\$326,245

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,000	\$3,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,000	\$3,000
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PROPERTY TAX REVIEW - STATE BOARD OF 0357

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$216,696	\$229,014
All Other	\$97,231	\$97,231
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$313,927	\$326,245

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,000	\$3,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$3,000 \$3,000
 FUNDS TOTAL

Sec. A-61. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION, MAINE

Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation 0033

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND **2023-24** **2024-25**
 All Other \$1,650,000 \$1,650,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,650,000 \$1,650,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY **2023-24** **2024-25**
 All Other \$500 \$500

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

MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION 0033

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND **2023-24** **2024-25**
 All Other \$1,650,000 \$1,650,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,650,000 \$1,650,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY **2023-24** **2024-25**
 All Other \$500 \$500

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

Sec. A-62. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Public Safety 0088

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND **2023-24** **2024-25**
 POSITIONS - 2.000 2.000
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT
 Personal Services \$288,308 \$292,344
 All Other \$874,821 \$874,821

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,163,129 \$1,167,165

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND **2023-24** **2024-25**

POSITIONS - 2.000 2.000
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT
 Personal Services \$189,298 \$193,051
 All Other \$2,000,712 \$2,000,712

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$2,190,010 \$2,193,763
 FUND TOTAL

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS **2023-24** **2024-25**

POSITIONS - 1.000 1.000
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT
 Personal Services \$206,389 \$208,464
 All Other \$256,406 \$256,406

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$462,795 \$464,870
 FUNDS TOTAL

Administration - Public Safety 0088

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Senior Contract Grant Specialist position previously continued by Financial Order CV0442 F3 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND **2023-24** **2024-25**

POSITIONS - 1.000 1.000
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT
 Personal Services \$102,443 \$107,952
 All Other \$2,600 \$2,600

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$105,043 \$110,552
 FUND TOTAL

ADMINISTRATION - PUBLIC SAFETY 0088

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND **2023-24** **2024-25**
 POSITIONS - 2.000 2.000
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT
 Personal Services \$288,308 \$292,344
 All Other \$874,821 \$874,821

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$1,163,129 \$1,167,165

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND **2023-24** **2024-25**

POSITIONS - 3.000 3.000
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT
 Personal Services \$291,741 \$301,003
 All Other \$2,003,312 \$2,003,312

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES \$2,295,053 \$2,304,315
 FUND TOTAL

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS **2023-24** **2024-25**

POSITIONS - 1.000 1.000
 LEGISLATIVE COUNT
 Personal Services \$206,389 \$208,464
 All Other \$256,406 \$256,406

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE \$462,795 \$464,870
 FUNDS TOTAL

Background Checks - Certified Nursing Assistants 0992

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$96,422	\$97,419
All Other	\$12,091	\$12,091
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$108,513	\$109,510

BACKGROUND CHECKS - CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS 0992

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$96,422	\$97,419
All Other	\$12,091	\$12,091
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$108,513	\$109,510

Capitol Police - Bureau of 0101

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.500	15.500
Personal Services	\$1,408,060	\$1,430,547
All Other	\$122,799	\$122,799
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,530,859	\$1,553,346

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$500,275	\$506,284
All Other	\$48,754	\$48,754

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$549,029	\$555,038
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Capitol Police - Bureau of 0101

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,097	\$10,094
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,097	\$10,094

Capitol Police - Bureau of 0101

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Assistant II position to an Office Associate I position and provides funding for related All Other cost.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,450	\$2,449
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,450	\$2,449

CAPITOL POLICE - BUREAU OF 0101 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.500	15.500
Personal Services	\$1,420,607	\$1,443,090
All Other	\$122,799	\$122,799
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,543,406	\$1,565,889

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$500,275	\$506,284
All Other	\$48,754	\$48,754

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$549,029	\$555,038
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Computer Crimes 0048

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$1,738,469	\$1,785,385
All Other	\$532,237	\$532,237
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,270,706	\$2,317,622

COMPUTER CRIMES 0048

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	14.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$1,738,469	\$1,785,385
All Other	\$532,237	\$532,237

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,270,706	\$2,317,622
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Consolidated Emergency Communications Z021

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	64.000	64.000
Personal Services	\$6,362,409	\$6,607,123
All Other	\$864,032	\$864,032
CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL	\$7,226,441	\$7,471,155

Consolidated Emergency Communications Z021

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent of 4 intermittent Emergency Communication Specialist positions established with Financial Order 002274 F3 and provides funding for related All Other. These 4 intermittent positions work 24 hours biweekly.

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$113,512	\$119,788
All Other	\$2,498	\$2,637
CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL	\$116,010	\$122,425

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Z021

PROGRAM SUMMARY

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	66.000	66.000
Personal Services	\$6,475,921	\$6,726,911
All Other	\$866,530	\$866,669
CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL	\$7,342,451	\$7,593,580

Criminal Justice Academy 0290

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$169,116	\$170,750
All Other	\$833,077	\$833,077
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,002,193	\$1,003,827
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25

All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$25,000	\$25,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$948,459	\$974,176
All Other	\$134,216	\$134,216
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,082,675	\$1,108,392

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY 0290

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$169,116	\$170,750
All Other	\$833,077	\$833,077
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,002,193	\$1,003,827

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$25,000	\$25,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$948,459	\$974,176
All Other	\$134,216	\$134,216
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,082,675	\$1,108,392

Division of Building Codes and Standards Z073

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$67,082	\$70,611
All Other	\$54,468	\$54,468
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$121,550	\$125,079

Division of Building Codes and Standards Z073

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Safety Inspector III position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 29 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$106,984	\$109,009
All Other	\$5,469	\$5,564
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$112,453	\$114,573

DIVISION OF BUILDING CODES AND STANDARDS Z073

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$174,066	\$179,620
All Other	\$59,937	\$60,032
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$234,003	\$239,652

Drug Enforcement Agency 0388

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$298,206	\$304,903
All Other	\$6,277,564	\$6,277,564
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,575,770	\$6,582,467

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,387,578	\$1,387,578
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,387,578	\$1,387,578

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$259,561	\$259,561
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$259,561	\$259,561

Drug Enforcement Agency 0388

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Office Associate II position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 29 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$82,255	\$86,669
All Other	\$3,128	\$3,142
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$85,383	\$89,811

DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY 0388

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$298,206	\$304,903
All Other	\$6,277,564	\$6,277,564
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,575,770	\$6,582,467

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,387,578	\$1,387,578
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,387,578	\$1,387,578

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$82,255	\$86,669
All Other	\$262,689	\$262,703
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$344,944	\$349,372

Emergency Medical Services 0485

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$455,253	\$469,744
All Other	\$601,473	\$601,473
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,056,726	\$1,071,217

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$223,465	\$226,798
All Other	\$97,418	\$97,418
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$320,883	\$324,216

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$85,509	\$88,600
All Other	\$103,854	\$103,854
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$189,363	\$192,454

Emergency Medical Services 0485

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner II positions previously established by Financial Order 002349 F3 through June 7, 2025.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$199,880	\$211,182
All Other	\$2,316	\$2,316

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$202,196	\$213,498
FUND TOTAL		

Emergency Medical Services 0485

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Health Program Manager position previously established by Financial Order 002281 F3 through June 7, 2025.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$104,530	\$110,196

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$104,530	\$110,196
FUND TOTAL		

Emergency Medical Services 0485

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Health Program Manager position previously continued by Financial Order CV0459 F3. This initiative also provides funding for the approved reorganization of the Health Program Manager position to a Comprehensive Health Planner II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$110,694	\$116,091
All Other	\$5,375	\$5,375

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$116,069	\$121,466
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Emergency Medical Services 0485

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Public Service Coordinator II position previously established by Financial Order CV0459 F3 and transfers the position from Federal Expenditures Fund to General Fund within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$123,937	\$130,576
All Other	\$5,375	\$5,375

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$129,312	\$135,951
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Emergency Medical Services 0485

Initiative: Transfers one Emergency Medical Education Training Coordinator position from Federal Expenditures Fund to General Fund within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$107,274	\$108,699
All Other	\$5,375	\$5,375

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$112,649	\$114,074
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$107,274)	(\$108,699)
All Other	(\$5,375)	(\$5,375)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$112,649)	(\$114,074)
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 0485

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$797,158	\$825,110
All Other	\$617,598	\$617,598

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,414,756	\$1,442,708
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$420,601	\$439,477
All Other	\$94,359	\$94,359

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$514,960	\$533,836
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Personal Services	\$85,509	\$88,600
All Other	\$103,854	\$103,854

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$189,363	\$192,454
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Fire Marshal - Office of 0327

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$698,274	\$711,401
All Other	\$49,519	\$49,519

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$747,793	\$760,920
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other	\$101,675	\$101,675
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$101,675	\$101,675
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	33.000	33.000
Personal Services	\$4,217,455	\$4,292,352

All Other	\$1,090,142	\$1,090,142
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,307,597	\$5,382,494

Fire Marshal - Office of 0327

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 5 Fire Investigator positions from range 20 to range 22.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$20,172	\$20,328
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,172	\$20,328

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$33,268	\$34,470
All Other	\$554	\$573
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$33,822	\$35,043

Fire Marshal - Office of 0327

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 8 Senior Fire Investigator positions from range 22 to range 24.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,242	\$10,241
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,242	\$10,241

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$97,845	\$98,303
All Other	\$1,092	\$1,092
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$98,937	\$99,395

Fire Marshal - Office of 0327

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Fire Investigator position to a Senior Fire Investigator position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,957	\$1,957
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,957	\$1,957

FIRE MARSHAL - OFFICE OF 0327

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$730,645	\$743,927
All Other	\$49,519	\$49,519
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$780,164	\$793,446

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$101,675	\$101,675

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$101,675	\$101,675
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	33.000	33.000
Personal Services	\$4,348,568	\$4,425,125
All Other	\$1,091,788	\$1,091,807

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,440,356	\$5,516,932
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Gambling Control Board Z002

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.000	19.000
Personal Services	\$1,801,003	\$1,814,865
All Other	\$17,020	\$17,020

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,818,023	\$1,831,885
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$157,258	\$162,410
All Other	\$7,559,723	\$7,559,723

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,716,981	\$7,722,133
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GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD Z002

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	19.000	19.000
Personal Services	\$1,801,003	\$1,814,865
All Other	\$17,020	\$17,020

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,818,023	\$1,831,885
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$157,258	\$162,410
All Other	\$7,559,723	\$7,559,723

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,716,981	\$7,722,133
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Highway Safety DPS 0457

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$835,131	\$851,423
All Other	\$4,456,259	\$4,456,259

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,291,390	\$5,307,682
FUND TOTAL		

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$9,384	\$9,484
All Other	\$20,456	\$20,456

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$29,840	\$29,940
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Highway Safety DPS 0457

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Senior Contract/Grant Specialist position to a Contract/Grant Manager position.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,311	\$7,307
All Other	\$45	\$45

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$7,356	\$7,352
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HIGHWAY SAFETY DPS 0457

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$842,442	\$858,730
All Other	\$4,456,304	\$4,456,304

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$5,298,746	\$5,315,034
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$9,384	\$9,484
All Other	\$20,456	\$20,456

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$29,840	\$29,940
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Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety 0712

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$265,965	\$273,854
All Other	\$78,180	\$78,180

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$344,145	\$352,034
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Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety 0712

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist II position and provides funding for related All Other costs. This reclassification has an effective date of February 8, 2022.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$16,535	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,535	\$10,000

LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT - PUBLIC SAFETY 0712

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$282,500	\$283,854
All Other	\$78,180	\$78,180

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$360,680	\$362,034
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State Police 0291

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	327.500	327.500
Personal Services	\$30,424,578	\$31,068,206
All Other	\$11,918,836	\$11,918,836

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$42,343,414	\$42,987,042
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$461,211	\$474,920
All Other	\$1,141,743	\$1,141,743

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,602,954	\$1,616,663
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$222,110	\$225,110
All Other	\$1,537,589	\$1,537,589

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,759,699	\$1,762,699
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STATE POLICE 0291

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	327.500	327.500
Personal Services	\$30,424,578	\$31,068,206
All Other	\$11,918,836	\$11,918,836

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$42,343,414	\$42,987,042
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$461,211	\$474,920

All Other	\$1,141,743	\$1,141,743
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,602,954	\$1,616,663
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$222,110	\$225,110
All Other	\$1,537,589	\$1,537,589
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,759,699	\$1,762,699

Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$364,088	\$369,922
All Other	\$996,295	\$996,295
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,360,383	\$1,366,217

Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent one Contract/Grant Specialist position previously continued by Financial Order 002273 F3 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$102,443	\$104,470
All Other	\$2,534	\$2,534
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$104,977	\$107,004

TRAFFIC SAFETY - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT 0715

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$466,531	\$474,392
All Other	\$998,829	\$998,829
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,465,360	\$1,473,221

Turnpike Enforcement 0547

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	37.000	37.000

Personal Services	\$6,039,585	\$6,184,583
All Other	\$1,116,238	\$1,116,238
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,155,823	\$7,300,821

TURNPIKE ENFORCEMENT 0547

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	37.000	37.000
Personal Services	\$6,039,585	\$6,184,583
All Other	\$1,116,238	\$1,116,238
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,155,823	\$7,300,821

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	\$59,380,754	\$60,163,595
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$12,696,326	\$12,762,322
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS CONSOLIDATED	\$24,965,508	\$25,242,303
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND	\$7,342,451	\$7,593,580
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$104,385,039	\$105,761,800

Sec. A-63. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,064,117	\$1,096,480
All Other	\$6,273,992	\$6,273,992
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,338,109	\$7,370,472

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$9,859	\$12,553
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$9,859	\$12,553

**EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATION
BUREAU 0994**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	9.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$1,073,976	\$1,109,033
All Other	\$6,273,992	\$6,273,992
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$7,347,968</u>	<u>\$7,383,025</u>

Oversight and Evaluation Fund Z106

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$252,660	\$252,660
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$252,660</u>	<u>\$252,660</u>

OVERSIGHT AND EVALUATION FUND Z106

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$252,660	\$252,660
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$252,660</u>	<u>\$252,660</u>

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2023-24	2024-25
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
Personal Services	\$58,934	\$58,934
All Other	\$1,066	\$1,066
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	66.000	66.000
Personal Services	\$9,526,673	\$9,873,858
All Other	\$5,283,346	\$5,283,346
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$14,810,019</u>	<u>\$15,157,204</u>

PUBLIC UTILITIES - ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION 0184

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	2023-24	2024-25
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND		
Personal Services	\$58,934	\$58,934
All Other	\$1,066	\$1,066

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$60,000</u>	<u>\$60,000</u>
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	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	66.000	66.000
Personal Services	\$9,526,673	\$9,873,858
All Other	\$5,283,346	\$5,283,346
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$14,810,019</u>	<u>\$15,157,204</u>

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$60,000	\$60,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$22,410,647	\$22,792,889

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$22,470,647</u>	<u>\$22,852,889</u>
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Sec. A-64. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund 0085

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	\$356,756	\$356,756
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$356,756</u>	<u>\$356,756</u>

RETIREMENT SYSTEM - RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE FUND 0085

PROGRAM SUMMARY

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	\$356,756	\$356,756
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$356,756</u>	<u>\$356,756</u>

Sec. A-65. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION

Saco River Corridor Commission 0322

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND		
All Other	\$46,960	\$46,960
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$46,960</u>	<u>\$46,960</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

**SACO RIVER CORRIDOR COMMISSION 0322
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$46,960	\$46,960
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$46,960</u>	<u>\$46,960</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

Sec. A-66. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.500	15.500
Personal Services	\$1,491,078	\$1,538,735
All Other	\$731,444	\$731,444
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,222,522</u>	<u>\$2,270,179</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$27,673	\$27,673
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$27,673</u>	<u>\$27,673</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$33,535	\$33,535
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$33,535</u>	<u>\$33,535</u>

Administration - Archives 0050

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,061	\$5,059
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,061</u>	<u>\$5,059</u>

Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Inventory & Property Associate II position to one Archivist II position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$4,686	\$4,899
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,686</u>	<u>\$4,899</u>

ADMINISTRATION - ARCHIVES 0050

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	15.500	15.500
Personal Services	\$1,500,825	\$1,548,693
All Other	\$731,444	\$731,444
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,232,269</u>	<u>\$2,280,137</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$27,673	\$27,673
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$27,673</u>	<u>\$27,673</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$33,535	\$33,535
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$33,535</u>	<u>\$33,535</u>

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$485,423	\$485,423
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$485,423</u>	<u>\$485,423</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$131,088	\$132,735
All Other	\$208,576	\$208,576

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$339,664</u>	<u>\$341,311</u>
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ADMINISTRATION - MOTOR VEHICLES 0077

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$485,423	\$485,423
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$485,423</u>	<u>\$485,423</u>

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$131,088	\$132,735
All Other	\$208,576	\$208,576
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$339,664	\$341,311

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	39.000	39.000
Personal Services	\$3,530,082	\$3,668,089
All Other	\$1,943,854	\$1,943,854
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,473,936	\$5,611,943

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$230,818	\$234,489
All Other	\$195,680	\$195,680
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$426,498	\$430,169

BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND CORPORATIONS 0692

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	39.000	39.000
Personal Services	\$3,530,082	\$3,668,089
All Other	\$1,943,854	\$1,943,854
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,473,936	\$5,611,943

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$230,818	\$234,489
All Other	\$195,680	\$195,680
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$426,498	\$430,169

Elections and Commissions 0693

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,510,000	\$4,510,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,510,000	\$4,510,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000

ELECTIONS AND COMMISSIONS 0693

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,510,000	\$4,510,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,510,000	\$4,510,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000

Municipal Excise Tax Reimbursement Fund 0871

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000

MUNICIPAL EXCISE TAX REIMBURSEMENT FUND 0871

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$7,706,205	\$7,892,080
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$5,023,096	\$5,023,096
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,949,697	\$1,955,015

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$14,678,998	\$14,870,191
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Sec. A-67. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ST. CROIX INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY COMMISSION

**St. Croix International Waterway Commission
0576**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

**ST. CROIX INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY
COMMISSION 0576**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

Sec. A-68. 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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$800,000	\$800,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$800,000</u>	<u>\$800,000</u>

**RESERVE FUND FOR STATE HOUSE
PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE 0975**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$800,000	\$800,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$800,000</u>	<u>\$800,000</u>

Sec. A-69. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES
COUNCIL**

**Telecommunications Relay Services Council Fund
Z266**

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY SERVICES
COUNCIL FUND Z266**

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>
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Sec. A-70. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF

Administration - Treasury 0022

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN Personal Services	16.000	16.000
All Other	\$1,602,908	\$1,648,239
	\$776,277	\$776,277

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,379,185</u>	<u>\$2,424,516</u>
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**ABANDONED PROPERTY
FUND**

All Other	\$406,727	\$406,727
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ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$406,727</u>	<u>\$406,727</u>
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Administration - Treasury 0022

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position, retroactive to July 2020.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,061	\$5,059

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,061</u>	<u>\$5,059</u>
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ADMINISTRATION - TREASURY 0022

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN Personal Services	16.000	16.000
All Other	\$1,607,969	\$1,653,298
	\$776,277	\$776,277

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,384,246</u>	<u>\$2,429,575</u>
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**ABANDONED PROPERTY
FUND**

All Other	\$406,727	\$406,727
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ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$406,727</u>	<u>\$406,727</u>
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Debt Service - Treasury 0021

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$113,314,784	\$113,314,784

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$113,314,784</u>	<u>\$113,314,784</u>
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Debt Service - Treasury 0021

Initiative: Adjusts funding levels for the debt service program based upon the current debt service schedule and anticipated issuance.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,710,189	\$3,890,361
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,710,189</u>	<u>\$3,890,361</u>

DEBT SERVICE - TREASURY 0021

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$119,024,973	\$117,205,145
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$119,024,973</u>	<u>\$117,205,145</u>

Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund 0472

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$49,874,558	\$49,874,558
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$49,874,558</u>	<u>\$49,874,558</u>

DISPROPORTIONATE TAX BURDEN FUND 0472

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$49,874,558	\$49,874,558
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$49,874,558</u>	<u>\$49,874,558</u>

Kim Wallace Adaptive Equipment Loan Program Fund Z278

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,500	\$2,000,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,500</u>	<u>\$2,000,500</u>

KIM WALLACE ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM FUND Z278

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,500	\$2,000,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,500</u>	<u>\$2,000,500</u>

Maliseet Sales Tax Fund Z359

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

MALISEET SALES TAX FUND Z359

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Passamaquoddy Sales Tax Fund 0915

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$17,607	\$17,607
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$17,607</u>	<u>\$17,607</u>

PASSAMAQUODDY SALES TAX FUND 0915

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$17,607	\$17,607
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$17,607</u>	<u>\$17,607</u>

Penobscot Sales Tax Fund Z360

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

PENOBSCOT SALES TAX FUND Z360

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

Property Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents Z285

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$206,500	\$206,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$206,500	\$206,500
FUNDS TOTAL		

Property Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents Z285

Initiative: Eliminates allocation for the Property Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents, which was repealed by the Legislature in Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part ZZZ, section 1.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$206,500)	(\$206,500)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$206,500)	(\$206,500)

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND FOR MAINE RESIDENTS Z285

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0

State - Municipal Revenue Sharing 0020

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$183,498,229	\$183,498,229
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$183,498,229	\$183,498,229

STATE - MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING 0020

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$183,498,229	\$183,498,229
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$183,498,229	\$183,498,229

TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$121,409,219	\$119,634,720
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$235,391,894	\$235,391,894
ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND	\$406,727	\$406,727
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$357,207,840	\$355,433,341

Sec. A-71. 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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$35,000	\$35,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$35,000	\$35,000

CASCO BAY ESTUARY PROJECT - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE 0983

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$35,000	\$35,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$35,000	\$35,000

Debt Service - University of Maine System 0902

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$212,070,122	\$212,070,122
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$212,070,122	\$212,070,122

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$17,701,000	\$3,600,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$17,701,000	\$3,600,000
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Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to offset in-state tuition increases. This continues one-time funding provided in Public Law 2021, chapter 635.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,935,354	\$7,935,354
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,935,354</u>	<u>\$7,935,354</u>

EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES - UMS 0031

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$220,005,476	\$220,005,476
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$220,005,476</u>	<u>\$220,005,476</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$17,701,000	\$3,600,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$17,701,000</u>	<u>\$3,600,000</u>

Labor and Community Education Center Z348

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

LABOR AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION CENTER Z348

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$500,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

Maine Economic Improvement Fund 0986

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$19,350,000	\$19,350,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$19,350,000</u>	<u>\$19,350,000</u>

MAINE ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT FUND 0986

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$19,350,000	\$19,350,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$19,350,000</u>	<u>\$19,350,000</u>

New Ventures Maine Z169

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,171,166	\$1,171,166
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,171,166</u>	<u>\$1,171,166</u>

NEW VENTURES MAINE Z169

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,171,166	\$1,171,166
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,171,166</u>	<u>\$1,171,166</u>

Tick Laboratory and Pest Management Fund Z290

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

TICK LABORATORY AND PEST MANAGEMENT FUND Z290

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$250,000</u>	<u>\$250,000</u>

University of Maine Cooperative Extension Z172

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION Z172

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

University of Maine Scholarship Fund Z011

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,815,937	\$3,815,937

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$3,815,937 \$3,815,937

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOLARSHIP FUND Z011

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,815,937	\$3,815,937

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$3,815,937 \$3,815,937

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$257,079,592	\$257,079,592
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$4,115,937	\$4,115,937
FEDERAL	\$17,701,000	\$3,600,000
EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY		

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS \$278,896,529 \$264,795,529

Sec. A-72. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

Administration - Workers' Compensation Board 0183

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	107,000	107,000
Personal Services	\$11,054,747	\$11,261,976
All Other	\$2,910,436	\$2,910,436

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$13,965,183 \$14,172,412

ADMINISTRATION - WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0183

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	107,000	107,000
Personal Services	\$11,054,747	\$11,261,976
All Other	\$2,910,436	\$2,910,436

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$13,965,183 \$14,172,412

Employment Rehabilitation Program 0195

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$125,000 \$125,000

EMPLOYMENT REHABILITATION PROGRAM 0195

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$125,000 \$125,000

Workers' Compensation Board 0751

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,000	\$10,000
All Other	\$10,820	\$10,820

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$20,820 \$20,820

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0751

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,000	\$10,000
All Other	\$10,820	\$10,820

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$20,820 \$20,820

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$14,111,003	\$14,318,232

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS \$14,111,003 \$14,318,232

PART B

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

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Reclassifications

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$2,531	\$2,530
All Other	\$159	\$159
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,690</u>	<u>\$2,689</u>

Certified Seed Fund 0787

Initiative: Reclassifications

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,529	\$2,529
All Other	\$159	\$159
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,688</u>	<u>\$2,688</u>

Pesticides Control - Board of 0287

Initiative: Reclassifications

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$9,242	\$13,666
All Other	\$579	\$857
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$9,821</u>	<u>\$14,523</u>

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$15,199	\$19,900
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$15,199</u>	<u>\$19,900</u>

PART C

Sec. C-1. 20-A MRSA §15688-A, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 420, §9, is amended to read:

8. ~~Pilot projects~~ Projects for middle school career and technical education exploration. ~~Beginning in fiscal year 2018-19 and for the 2 subsequent fiscal years, the~~ The commissioner may expend and disburse funds to career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions for ~~pilot~~ projects for middle school level plans approved pursuant to chapter 313 to create career and technical education exploration programs for middle school level students. The commissioner, in collaboration with career and technical education directors, also may contract for services to implement ~~pilot~~ projects for middle school level plans. A middle school level plan must demonstrate to the commissioner a partnership between a school administrative unit and a career and technical education center or career and technical education region.

Sec. C-2. Mill expectation. The mill expectation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15671-A for fiscal year 2023-24 is 6.97.

Sec. C-3. 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 2023-24 is as follows:

	2023-24 TOTAL
Total Operating Allocation	
Total operating allocation pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683	\$1,566,469,714
Total operating allocation for public charter schools pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15683-B	\$30,466,261
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	\$616,136,771
Total Operating Allocation and Subsidizable Costs	
Total operating allocation pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15683 and total other subsidizable costs pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15681-A	\$2,213,072,746
Total Debt Service Allocation	
Total debt service allocation pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15683-A	\$104,788,669
Total Adjustments and Targeted Education Funds	
Adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689	
Audit adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 4	\$225,000
Educating students in long-term drug treatment center adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 5	\$249,607
Minimum teacher salary adjustment pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 7-A	\$0
Regionalization, consolidation and efficiency assistance adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 9	\$5,977,208

MaineCare seed payments adjustments pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 14	\$1,334,776	Comprehensive early college programs funding (bridge year program) pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 23	\$1,000,000
Special education budgetary hardship adjustment pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 15	\$500,000	Community schools pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 25	\$250,000
English learner budgetary hardship adjustment pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689, subsection 16	\$1,000,000	Maine School for Marine Science, Technology, Transportation and Engineering pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 26	\$0
Total adjustments to the state share of the total allocation pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689	\$9,286,591	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	\$83,416,466
Special education costs for state agency clients and state wards pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 1	\$33,398,180	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	\$66,704,126
Data management and support services for essential programs and services pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 10	\$11,684,776	College transitions programs through adult education college readiness 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-A, 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 college 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	\$69,754,126
Maine School of Science and Mathematics pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 14	\$3,615,347	Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12	
Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 15	\$8,712,565	Total cost of funding public education from kindergarten to grade 12 for fiscal year 2023-24 pursuant to Title 20-A, chapter 606-B, not including normal retirement costs	\$2,480,318,598
Transportation administration pursuant to Title 20-A, section 15689-A, subsection 16	\$666,220	Total normal cost of teacher retirement	\$64,953,243
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 2023-24 pursuant to Title 20-A, chapter 606-B, including normal retirement costs \$2,545,271,841

Total cost of state contribution to unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, retired teachers' health insurance and retired teachers' life insurance for fiscal year 2023-24 pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423, excluding the normal cost of teacher retirement \$264,776,991

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 teachers' health insurance and retired teachers' life insurance for fiscal year 2023-24 pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423 \$2,810,048,832

State contribution to the total cost of unfunded actuarial liabilities of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System that are attributable to teachers, retired teachers' health insurance and retired teachers' life insurance for fiscal year 2023-24 pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423 excluding the normal cost of teacher retirement \$264,776,991

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, retired teachers' health insurance and retired teachers' life insurance pursuant to Title 5, chapters 421 and 423 \$1,664,951,504

Sec. C-4. 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 is calculated as follows:

	2023-24 LOCAL	2023-24 STATE
Local and State Contributions to the Total Cost of Funding Public Education from Kindergarten to Grade 12		
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	\$1,145,097,328	\$1,400,174,513

Sec. C-5. 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-6. 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, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

PART D

Sec. D-1. Attrition savings. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the attrition rate for the 2024-2025 biennium is 5% for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies only. The attrition rate for subsequent biennia is 1.6%.

Sec. D-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 2023-24 and 2024-25. 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, 2023.

Sec. D-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 2023-24 and 2024-25.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$15,838,357)	(\$16,059,526)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$15,838,357)	(\$16,059,526)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	(\$15,838,357)	(\$16,059,526)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$15,838,357)	(\$16,059,526)

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 2023-24 and 2024-25.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$1,737,645)	(\$1,772,515)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,737,645)	(\$1,772,515)

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	(\$1,737,645)	(\$1,772,515)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$1,737,645)	(\$1,772,515)

SECTION TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	(\$17,576,002)	(\$17,832,041)
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$17,576,002)	(\$17,832,041)

PART E

Sec. E-1. Transfer of funds from unencumbered balance forward; Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection; fiscal year 2022-23. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall leave \$200,000 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 2022-23 and shall transfer all remaining money from the unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services line category above \$200,000 and in the All Other line category above \$300,000 on or before August 1, 2023 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 F

Sec. F-1. Transfer to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Healthy Soils Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$3,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Healthy Soils Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purposes of improving the health, yield and profitability of the State's diverse agricultural soils and commodities; protecting native biological and microbiological diversity, vitality and health and increasing the greenhouse gas drawdown provided by the State's agricultural soils; promoting healthy soils agricultural practices based on indigenous knowledge, current understanding and emerging soil science as determined by the department; and promoting and expanding the use of healthy soils best practices among farmers and farmland owners in the State.

PART G

Sec. G-1. Transfer to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for a grant program to assist farmers in the State to overcome the adverse effects of drought conditions in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 220-A.

PART H

Sec. H-1. Carrying provision; Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance of the \$400,000 provided under Public Law 2021, chapter 398, in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Administration - Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management program, General Fund account, All Other line category at the end of fiscal year 2022-23 to fiscal year 2023-24 to continue the environmental closure activities at the former Maine Military Authority site in Limestone.

PART I

Sec. I-1. 30-A MRSA §5953-G, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. X, §10, is amended to read:

1. Additional securities. The bond bank may issue additional securities in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 for equipment purchases or building infrastructure necessary to support new or updated equipment to career and technical education centers and career and technical education regions in accordance with this section, and the additional securities must be used for those purposes.

Sec. I-2. 30-A MRSA §5953-G, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. X, §10, is amended to read:

2. Issuance. The bond bank may not issue any additional securities pursuant to this section after June 30, 2024 2025.

PART J

Sec. J-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 131st Legislature by the Governor on January 11, 2023.

PART K

Sec. K-1. Transfer of funds between 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, 2025, available balances of appropriations in MaineCare General Fund accounts may be transferred between accounts by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

PART L

Sec. L-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 without the necessity of demonstrating that immediate adoption is necessary to avoid a threat to public health, safety or general welfare.

PART M

Sec. M-1. Transfer; Department of Health and Human Services, Departmentwide. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall calculate the amount of All Other savings that applies to the MaineCare and MaineCare-related General Fund accounts in the Department of Health and Human Services and shall transfer by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor the All Other funding from each MaineCare and MaineCare-related General Fund account to the Departmentwide program, General Fund account for the purpose of achieving All Other savings in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25. The fiscal year 2023-24 financial order must be completed no later than September 30, 2023, and the fiscal year 2024-25 financial order must be completed no later than September 30, 2024. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

PART N

Sec. N-1. 12 MRSA §10202, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2021, c. 29, Pt. T, §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 2024 2025 2026-2027 biennial budget and for each biennial budget thereafter, the biennial budget submitted by the executive branch must include an additional General Fund appropriation of 18% in excess of the department's requested biennial budget.

PART O

Sec. O-1. 4 MRSA §1610-I, as amended by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. TT, §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 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.

PART P

Sec. P-1. 10 MRSA §8001, sub-§38, ¶MM, as amended by PL 2011, c. 286, Pt. B, §1, is further amended to read:

MM. Board of Speech, Audiology and Hearing;
and

Sec. P-2. 10 MRSA §8001, sub-§38, ¶NN, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 344, Pt. B, §5 and affected by Pt. E, §2, is amended to read:

NN. Maine Fuel Board; and

Sec. P-3. 10 MRSA §8001, sub-§38, ¶OO is enacted to read:

OO. Board of Dental Practice.

Sec. P-4. 10 MRSA §8001-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 450, §5 and amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §23, is repealed.

Sec. P-5. 32 MRSA §18302, sub-§18-A is enacted to read:

18-A. Director. "Director" means the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation.

Sec. P-6. 32 MRSA §18302, sub-§24, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is repealed.

Sec. P-7. 32 MRSA §18304, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is repealed.

Sec. P-8. 32 MRSA §18321, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is repealed.

Sec. P-9. 32 MRSA §18322, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is repealed.

Sec. P-10. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is repealed.

Sec. P-11. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is repealed.

Sec. P-12. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2019, c. 92, §1, is repealed.

Sec. P-13. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is repealed.

Sec. P-14. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is repealed.

Sec. P-15. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is repealed.

Sec. P-16. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is repealed.

Sec. P-17. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Subpoena authority. In addition to the powers under Title 10, section 8003, subsection 5-A, the power to issue subpoenas in accordance with the terms of Title 5, section 9060, except that the authority applies to any stage of an investigation and is not limited to an adjudicatory proceeding.

Sec. P-18. 32 MRSA §18323, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Assessment of costs. When there is a finding of a violation, the power to assess the licensee for all or part of the actual expenses incurred by the board or its agents for investigations and enforcement duties performed. For the purposes of this subsection, "actual expenses" includes, but is not limited to, travel expenses and the proportionate part of the salaries and other expenses of investigators or inspectors, hourly costs of hearing officers, costs associated with record retrieval and the costs of transcribing or reproducing the administrative record.

The board, as soon as feasible after a finding of a violation, shall give the licensee notice of the assessment. The licensee shall pay the assessment in the time specified by the board, which may not be less than 30 days after notice of the assessment.

Sec. P-19. 32 MRSA §18325, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 134, §§1 to 3, is further amended to read:

1. Disciplinary action. ~~The~~ In addition to the powers under Title 10, section 8003, subsection 5-A, the board may suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a license pursuant to Title 5, section 10004. The following are grounds for an action to refuse to issue, modify, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the license of a person licensed under this chapter:

A. The practice of fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in obtaining a license or authority from the board or in connection with services within the scope of the license or authority;

B. Misuse of alcohol, drugs or other substances that has resulted or may result in the licensee performing services in a manner that endangers the health or safety of patients;

C. A professional diagnosis of a mental or physical condition that has resulted or may result in the licensee performing services in a manner that endangers the health or safety of patients;

D. Incompetence in the practice for which the licensee is licensed or authorized by the board. A licensee is considered incompetent in the practice if the licensee has:

(1) Engaged in conduct that evidences a lack of ability or fitness to perform the duties owed by the licensee to a client or patient or the general public; or

(2) Engaged in conduct that evidences a lack of knowledge or inability to apply principles or skills to carry out the practice for which the licensee is licensed;

E. Unprofessional conduct. A licensee is considered to have engaged in unprofessional conduct if the licensee violates a standard of professional behavior that has been established in the practice for which the licensee is licensed or authorized by the board;

F. Subject to the limitations of Title 5, chapter 341, conviction of a crime that involves dishonesty or false statement or that relates directly to the practice for which the licensee is licensed or authorized by the board, or conviction of a crime for which incarceration for one year or more may be imposed;

G. Engaging in false, misleading or deceptive advertising;

H. Aiding or abetting unlicensed practice by a person who is not licensed or authorized as required under this chapter;

I. Failure to provide supervision as required under this chapter or a rule adopted by the board;

J. Engaging in any activity requiring a license or authority under this chapter or rule adopted by the board that is beyond the scope of acts authorized by the license or authority held;

K. Continuing to act in a capacity requiring a license or authority under this chapter or a rule adopted by the board after expiration, suspension or revocation of that license or authority;

L. Noncompliance with an order of or consent agreement executed by the board;

M. Failure to produce any requested documents in the licensee's possession or under the licensee's control relevant to a pending complaint, proceeding or matter under investigation by the board;

~~N. Any violation of a requirement imposed pursuant to section 18352;~~

O. A violation of this chapter or a rule adopted by the board;

P. Failure to comply with the requirements of Title 22, section 7253; and

Q. Administering botulinum toxins or dermal fillers to a patient when that administration is not supported by a diagnosed dental condition or is not part of a patient's dental treatment plan. This paragraph does not apply to a dentist who has successfully completed postgraduate training and certification in oral and maxillofacial surgery from a program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor organization.

Sec. P-20. 32 MRSA §18325, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 210, Pt. J, §1, is repealed.

Sec. P-21. 32 MRSA §18325, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is amended to read:

2. Judicial review. Notwithstanding any provision of Title 10, section 8003, subsection § 5-A to the contrary, any nonconsensual revocation pursuant to Title 10, section 8003, subsection § 5-A of a license or authority issued by the board may be imposed only after a hearing conforming to the requirements of Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4 and is subject to judicial review exclusively in the Superior Court in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7.

Sec. P-22. 32 MRSA §18326, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is repealed.

Sec. P-23. 32 MRSA §18327, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is repealed.

Sec. P-24. 32 MRSA §18328 is enacted to read:

§18328. Executive director; duties

The commissioner, with the advice of the board and subject to the Civil Service Law, shall appoint an executive director who shall assist the board in carrying out its duties and responsibilities under this chapter. The executive director is responsible for the management of the board's affairs and policies and rules established by the board.

Sec. P-25. 32 MRSA §18341, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is amended to read:

1. Application. An applicant seeking an initial or a renewed license must submit an application with the fee established ~~under section 18323~~ by rule adopted by the director and any other materials required by the board.

Sec. P-26. 32 MRSA §18347-A is enacted to read:

§18347-A. Temporary license; applicants authorized to work in another jurisdiction

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the board may issue a temporary license for a period of 6 months and waive all licensing requirements, except for fees, to any applicant upon a showing that the applicant holds a valid license in that profession issued by another state.

Sec. P-27. 32 MRSA §18349, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is amended to read:

2. Late renewals. Licenses may be renewed up to 90 days after the date of expiration if the applicant meets the requirements of subsection 1 and pays a late fee established by rule adopted by the board pursuant to section 18323, subsection 3 ~~director~~.

Sec. P-28. 32 MRSA §18349, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is amended to read:

3. Reinstatement. A person who submits an application for reinstatement more than 90 days after the license expiration date is subject to all requirements governing new applicants under this chapter, except that the board may, giving due consideration to the protection of the public, waive examination if that renewal application is received, together with the penalty fee established by rule adopted by the board pursuant to section 18323, subsection 3 ~~director~~, within 2 years from the date of the license expiration.

Sec. P-29. 32 MRSA §18351, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is amended to read:

A licensee who wants to retain licensure while not practicing may apply for an inactive status license. ~~The fee for inactive status licensure is set under section 18323, subsection 3.~~ During inactive status, the licensee must renew the license and pay the renewal fee set ~~under section 18323, subsection 3~~ by rule adopted by the director, but is not required to meet the continuing education requirements under section 18350. The board shall adopt rules by which an inactive status license may be reinstated.

Sec. P-30. 32 MRSA §18352, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is repealed.

Sec. P-31. Transition provisions. The following transition provisions apply to the Board of Dental Practice and the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

1. All licenses, permits and registrations issued by the Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board that are in effect become, on the effective date of this Part, licenses, permits and registrations issued by the Board of Dental Practice as a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

2. Except to the extent that they conflict with the language of this Part, all rules adopted by the Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board that are in effect become, on the effective date of this Part, rules adopted

by the Board of Dental Practice as a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

3. Except to the extent that they conflict with the language of this Part, all procedures and policies adopted by the Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board become, on the effective date of this Part, procedures and policies adopted by the Board of Dental Practice as a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

4. All contracts and agreements in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this Part with regard to the Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board become, on the effective date of this Part, contracts and agreements of the Board of Dental Practice as a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

5. Any positions authorized and allocated subject to the personnel laws to the Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board become, on the effective date of this Part, positions authorized and allocated by the Board of Dental Practice as a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

6. All records, property and equipment previously belonging to or allocated for the use of the Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board become, on the effective date of this Part, the property of the Board of Dental Practice as a licensure program within the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation.

7. All forms, licenses, letterheads and similar items bearing the name of the Board of Dental Practice as an affiliated board may be used until existing supplies of those items are exhausted.

PART Q

Sec. Q-1. Transfer of interest earnings to TransCap Trust Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$9,186,703 from the interest earnings on the Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP State Fiscal Recovery Fund and the Federal Expenditures - ARP Fund to the TransCap Trust Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6006-G to pay toward the remaining debt service of the series 2015A and series 2021A bonds.

Sec. Q-2. Transfer from General Fund to TransCap Trust Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$21,707,990 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the TransCap Trust Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6006-G to pay toward the remaining debt service of the series 2015A and series 2021A bonds.

Sec. Q-3. Transfer from Liquor Operation Revenue Fund; Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the close of fiscal year 2022-23, and in addition to any amount authorized to be transferred in fiscal year 2023-24 following the bond retirement, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank shall transfer \$14,910,476 from the Liquor Operation Revenue Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6054 to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. The State Controller shall transfer those funds to the TransCap Trust Fund established in Title 30-A, section 6006-G to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART R

Sec. R-1. 39-A MRSA §154, sub-§6, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 469, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The assessments levied under this section may not be designed to produce more than \$10,000,000 ~~beginning in the 2008-09 fiscal year, more than \$10,400,000 beginning in the 2009-10 fiscal year, more than \$10,800,000 beginning in the 2010-11 fiscal year, more than \$11,200,000 beginning in the 2011-12 fiscal year or more than \$13,000,000 beginning in the 2017-18 fiscal year~~ \$14,700,000 beginning in the 2023-24 fiscal year. Assessments collected that exceed the ~~applicable~~ 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 S

Sec. S-1. Designation as unclaimed property. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for purposes of the COVID Disaster Relief Payment Program under Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part HHHH, relief payment checks that remain undeposited on January 1, 2023 are to be treated as unclaimed property, not subject to the notice and receipt provisions established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 33, section 2101 as applied to those checks. The Treasurer of State shall use the unclaimed property systems to find the proper recipients of those checks as quickly as possible.

PART T

Sec. T-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$9,246,702 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer

\$9,279,076 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Sec. T-2. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$12,506,910 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer \$12,506,910 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 18

H.P. 183 - L.D. 285

An Act to Remove the Requirement for Wild Blueberry Transportation 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, the Wild Blueberry Commission of Maine, representing the State's wild blueberry industry, has determined that theft of wild blueberries from fields is no longer a significant concern because of the food traceability requirements imposed by the federal Food and Drug Administration's Food Safety Modernization Act; and

Whereas, removing the permits currently required for transporting wild blueberries would reduce the paperwork burden on farmers and businesses that transport wild blueberries in the State for the upcoming growing 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. 36 MRSA §4302, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1997, c. 511, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §4314, as amended by PL 2007, c. 694, §§6 to 8, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§4314. Permit Permission required

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §4315, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 694, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §4315, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 694, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §4315, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 214, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 36 MRSA §4315, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 694, §9, is further amended to read:

A. ~~Except as provided in subsection 4, a~~ A person who transports wild blueberries in violation of this section commits:

- (1) A Class E crime; or
- (2) A Class D crime if the person has 2 or more prior convictions under this paragraph.

~~A violation under this paragraph is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.~~

Sec. 7. 36 MRSA §4315, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2007, c. 694, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 8. 36 MRSA §4315, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2007, c. 694, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 9. 36 MRSA §4316, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 222, §4 and affected by §7, is further amended to read:

1. Record keeping required. A shipper or processor who transports or receives wild blueberries shall keep a permanent record of each lot or load of wild blueberries. The record must include the name of the driver of the vehicle used to deliver the wild blueberries, the date of delivery, the delivery point, ~~a copy of the transportation permit, the driver's license number,~~ the total pounds of wild blueberries delivered, the origin of the delivery and, if the origin is a location in the State, the name and address of the grower or seller and the grower's or seller's certificate number if the grower or seller is certified under section 4305.

Sec. 10. 36 MRSA §4316, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 694, §10, is repealed.

Sec. 11. 36 MRSA §4316, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2007, c. 694, §10, is further amended to read:

3. Violation; civil. The failure to keep the permanent records of wild blueberries transported or received as required in this section, ~~failure to inspect the transportation permit of a driver of a vehicle used to deliver wild blueberries~~ or any other violation of this section is a civil violation punishable by a fine of not more than

\$5,000 for a first-time violation and punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 when the person is found to have committed a prior civil violation of this section within the prior 5 years.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 3, 2023.

CHAPTER 19

S.P. 23 - L.D. 31

**An Act to Allow the
Commissioner of
Transportation to Reduce
Speed Limits at Construction
Sites with Input from
Municipalities and Utilities**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2073, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 107, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Authority to regulate. Except as provided in section 2075, ~~subsection~~ subsections 2 and 2-A and notwithstanding section 2074, subsection 1, the Commissioner of Transportation, with the approval of the Chief of the State Police, may:

- A. Restrict the maximum rate of speed on a public way where a speed limit will minimize the danger of accident, promote the free flow of traffic, conserve motor fuel or respond to changes in federal laws;
- B. Increase the maximum rate of speed on a public way where higher speeds are warranted to promote the normal and reasonable movement of traffic; or
- C. Make an adjustment of maximum rates of speed. An adjustment under this paragraph is exempt from the provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

The commissioner may not set maximums that exceed 60 miles per hour or, on the interstate system or other divided controlled-access highways, 75 miles per hour.

The commissioner may not set maximums for the Maine Turnpike.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2075, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Public ways under construction; municipal and utility construction activities. The Commissioner of Transportation may implement the guidance of a municipality or utility engaging in a construction project

on a public way to temporarily reduce the posted speed limit of the section of the public way where the municipal or utility construction project is located when construction workers are present. The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement this subsection, including rules that at a minimum establish the criteria that must be met before the commissioner may reduce a posted speed limit. 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.

corporations, are not eligible to participate in the group health plan under this section.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 20

S.P. 169 - L.D. 362

An Act to Clarify Coverage for Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Under the State Employer Group Health Plan

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶K, as amended by PL 2019, c. 424, §2, is further amended to read:

K. Any employee of a school administrative unit as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 26 or of an educational advisory organization as described in Title 30-A, section 5724, subsection 9; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶L, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 424, §3, is amended to read:

L. Any employee of an academy approved for tuition purposes in accordance with Title 20-A, sections 2951 to 2955-; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶M is enacted to read:

M. A retired county or municipal law enforcement officer or retired municipal firefighter who meets the requirements for coverage under subsection 11-A.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1-B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 424, §4, is further amended to read:

1-B. Ineligibility. Except as provided in subsection 1, paragraphs K ~~and~~ L ~~and~~ M and subsection 11-A, members of the Maine Municipal Association and active employees of counties and municipalities and instrumentalities thereof, including quasi-municipal

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE
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CHAPTER 1
S.P. 58 - L.D. 119

**An Act to Clarify the Boundary
Between Waldo and Knox
Counties in Penobscot Bay**

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

Sec. 1. Boundary line. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a portion of the boundary line between Waldo County and Knox County in Penobscot Bay is as described:

1. Beginning at a point located at N 44° 12' 36" and W 68° 53' 48" in a southwesterly direction to N 44° 10' and W 68° 55';
2. Beginning at a point located at N 44° 10' and W 68° 55' in a westerly direction to N 44° 10' and W 69° 0'; and
3. Beginning at a point located at N 44° 10' and W 69° 0' in a northwesterly direction to a point located at N 44° 14' 57" and W 69° 1' 41".

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**RESOLVES OF THE STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED AT
THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
2023**

**CHAPTER 1
S.P. 219 - L.D. 502**

**Resolve, Designating the Desert
of Maine Overpass the
Matthew MacMillan Overpass**

Sec. 1. Overpass in Freeport renamed. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 5741 on Desert Road in the Town of Freeport, which is currently known as the Desert of Maine Overpass, the Matthew MacMillan Overpass.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 2
S.P. 152 - L.D. 331**

**Resolve, to Name a Bridge in
the Town of Canaan After Staff
Sergeant Richard Gerald
Salsbury**

Sec. 1. Bridge in Canaan renamed. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 6116 on Moores Mills Road, which crosses Carrabassett Stream in the Town of Canaan and is currently known as the Moore Bridge, the Staff Sergeant Richard Gerald Salsbury Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 3
S.P. 139 - L.D. 318**

**Resolve, to Designate the Route
170 Bridge Located in Webster
Plantation the Gary "Swampy"
Worster Memorial Bridge**

Sec. 1. Bridge in Webster Plantation renamed. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 5116 on Route 170 in Webster Plantation, currently known as the Mattagodus Bridge, the Gary "Swampy" Worster Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 4
S.P. 36 - L.D. 44**

**Resolve, to Rename the Bridge
Between Bingham and
Concord Township on Route
16 the Jason Dore Memorial
Bridge**

Sec. 1. Bridge in Bingham and Concord Township renamed. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 3236 on Route 16, which crosses the Kennebec River between the Town of Bingham and Concord Township and is currently known as the Kennebec River Bridge, the Jason Dore Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 5
S.P. 13 - L.D. 21**

**Resolve, Designating Maine
Turnpike Approach Road in
South Portland as Samantha
Smith Way**

Sec. 1. Designate Maine Turnpike Approach Road as Samantha Smith Way. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Maine Turnpike Approach Road from Route 1 in the City of South Portland to the Maine Turnpike in the City of South Portland as Samantha Smith Way.

See title page for effective date.

**CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE OF MAINE
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2023**

(There were none.)

PUBLIC LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED AT
THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
2023

CHAPTER 21
H.P. 9 - L.D. 5

**An Act to Expand Access to
Postsecondary Education for
Low-income Parents**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3790-A, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 387, §1, is amended to read:

E. Has income that is equal to or below ~~185%~~ 225% of the nonfarm income official poverty line for a family of the size involved as defined by the federal Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with the United States Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Section 673, Subsection 2; and

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CHAPTER 22
H.P. 12 - L.D. 8

**An Act to Increase Support for
the Modernization of the Board
of Pesticides Control by
Increasing the Annual Pesticide
Registration Fee**

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §607, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2019, c. 243, §1, is further amended to read:

6. Registration fee; programs funded. The applicant desiring to register a pesticide must pay an annual registration fee of ~~\$160~~ \$215 for each pesticide registered for that applicant. Annual registration periods expire on December 31st or in a manner consistent with Title 5, section 10002, whichever is later.

The board shall monitor fee revenue and expenditures under this subsection to ensure that adequate funds are available to fund board and related department programs and, to the extent funds are available, to provide grants to support stewardship programs. The board shall use funds received under this subsection to provide:

A. An annual grant of no less than \$135,000 to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, on or about April 1st, for development and implementation of integrated pest management programs;

B. Funding for public health-related mosquito monitoring programs or other pesticide stewardship and integrated pest management programs, if designated at the discretion of the board, as funds allow after expenditures under paragraph A. The board may seek the advice of the Integrated Pest Management Council established in section 2404 in determining the most beneficial use of the funds, if available, under this subsection; and

C. An annual grant of not less than \$65,000 to the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, on or about April 1st, for the development and revision of training manuals for applicator certification, licensing and recertification and to perform other aspects of pesticide education programs. The University of Maine Cooperative Extension may seek the advice of the board in establishing the pesticide education programs and shall submit an annual report on the use of the funds under this paragraph, no later than January 15th, to the board and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over pesticide education and certification matters.

The University of Maine may not charge overhead costs against grants under this subsection.

By February 15th annually, the board shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters detailing the grants funded by the fee under this subsection. The annual report must include a recommendation by the board as to whether the amount of the fee is adequate to fund the programs described in this subsection. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Legislature based on the board's recommendations.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Pesticides Control - Board of 0287

Initiative: Provides allocations for expenditures related to the regulation of the sale and application of chemical insecticides, fungicides and herbicides and other chemical pesticides.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$660,000	\$660,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$660,000	\$660,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 23
S.P. 24 - L.D. 32**

An Act to Update the Maine State Grant Program

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11611, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2001, c. 70, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §11611, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Student aid index. "Student aid index" means a calculation that reflects an evaluation of a student's approximate financial resources to contribute toward the student's postsecondary education for an academic year.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §11613, first ¶, as amended by PL 2003, c. 103, §1, is further amended to read:

The authority shall establish the need of a student for a Maine State Grant for an academic year for which the student applies. ~~A student is considered to have a need to qualify for a grant if the total of the cost of attendance of the student, minus the expected family contribution for the student, minus estimated student financial assistance not received under this program, is greater than zero. The total of the expected family contribution, together with any other student financial assistance received by the student, In doing so, the authority shall consider the cost of attendance of the student, the student aid index and estimated student financial assistance not received under this program. The total cost determined by these factors may not exceed the cost of attendance at the institution the student attends.~~

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §11613, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 559, §10, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §11614, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2001, c. 70, §8, is further amended to read:

1. Priority for awards of grants. Students with the lowest ~~expected family contributions~~ student aid index must be given priority over all other eligible students for the awards of grants.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 24
S.P. 72 - L.D. 133**

An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests on the Archives Advisory Board and to Require the Member Representing a Historical Society to Have Expertise in Archival Records

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §96, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 50, §12, is amended to read:

2. Members. The Archives Advisory Board consists of ~~9~~ 10 voting members with expertise in the administrative, fiscal, legal and historical value of records. Voting members of the board must represent the spectrum of records in the State and are appointed by the Secretary of State as follows:

- A. Two public members representing the interests of public access to government records, recommended by a public interest group;
- B. Two members from municipal or county government with expertise in local government records, recommended by local or county government entities;
- C. One member with expertise in archival records representing a state or local historical society, recommended by a state or local historical society;
- D. One member with expertise in the legal requirements of records retention and public records law, recommended by the Attorney General;
- E. One member with expertise in the State's fiscal requirements of records retention, recommended by the Governor;
- F. One member from the executive branch with expertise in executive branch records, recommended by the Governor; ~~and~~
- G. One member from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology with expertise in electronic records, electronic records management systems and emerging technology related to electronic records, recommended by the Governor; ~~and~~
- H. One member with expertise in journalism representing newspaper and other press interests, recommended by a statewide professional news organization.

The State Archivist serves as a nonvoting member.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 25

H.P. 83 - L.D. 137

An Act to Amend the Maine Parentage Act Regarding Joinder of Parties

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1836, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. D, §1, is amended to read:

§1836. Parties to proceeding

~~In addition to a child whose parentage is to be adjudicated a proceeding to adjudicate the parentage of a child, all parents of the child must be joined as parties in a proceeding to adjudicate parentage.~~

Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §1844, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. D, §1, is amended to read:

2. Adjudication in divorce, annulment or legal separation proceeding to dissolve marriage or proceeding to establish parental rights. In a proceeding for divorce, for legal separation, to ~~dissolve~~ annul a marriage or to establish parental rights and responsibilities, the court is deemed to have made an adjudication of the parentage of a child if the court acts under circumstances that satisfy the jurisdictional requirements of section 2961 and the final order:

A. Expressly identifies a child as a "child of the ~~marriage parties~~" or "issue of the marriage" or by similar words indicates that the parties are the parents of the child; or

B. Provides for support of the child by the parent or parents.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 26

H.P. 90 - L.D. 144

An Act Regarding the Monitoring of Municipal Abandoned Property

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §946-C, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 127, §2, is amended to read:

4. Program to monitor municipal abandoned property. A municipality that certifies abandoned property under this section shall submit the address and parcel data for the abandoned property to the ~~Maine State Housing Redevelopment Land Bank Authority under Title 30-A, chapter 204~~ for use in determining opportunities for redevelopment, ~~programs supporting first time home buyers and similar programs and data analysis.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 27

H.P. 357 - L.D. 552

An Act Regarding the Definition of "Reportable Accident"

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2251, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 348, §23, is further amended to read:

1. Definition. As used in this section, "reportable accident" means an accident on a public way or a place where public traffic may reasonably be anticipated, resulting in bodily injury or death to a person or apparent property damage of ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 or more. Apparent property damage under this subsection must be based upon the market value of the necessary repairs and may not be limited to the current value of the vehicle or property.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 28

S.P. 19 - L.D. 27

An Act to Align Maine's Lead Abatement Law with Federal Definitions and to Clarify Lead Abatement Licensing and Certification Requirements

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1291, sub-§26-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 628, Pt. B, §3, is amended to read:

26-A. Residential dwelling. "Residential dwelling" means a room or group of rooms that form a single independent habitable unit for ~~permanent~~ occupation by one or more individuals that has facilities with permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation, including common areas and appurtenant structures. "Residential dwelling" does not include:

~~A. An area not used for living, sleeping, eating, cooking or sanitation, such as an unfinished basement, that is not readily accessible to children under 6 years of age;~~

B. A zero-bedroom dwelling unit where the living area is not separated from the sleeping area, such as a dwelling unit within a hotel, motel or seasonal or temporary lodging facility unless the unit is occupied by one or more children under 6 years of age for a period exceeding 30 days. This exemption does not apply if a child under 6 years of age resides or is expected to reside in the dwelling unit or visit the dwelling unit on a regular basis;

~~C. An area that is secured and inaccessible to occupants;~~

D. Housing for the elderly, or a dwelling unit designated exclusively for adults with disabilities. This exemption does not apply if a child under 6 years of age resides or is expected to reside in the dwelling unit or visit the dwelling unit on a regular basis; or

E. An unoccupied dwelling unit that is to be demolished because it is considered unsafe and is thus no longer habitable for occupation, as long as the dwelling unit remains unoccupied and posted as a lead hazard until demolition.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1292, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1997, c. 624, §14 and PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

5. Exemption. A person who is 18 years of age or older need not obtain licensing and certification to perform lead abatement activities within a residential dwelling unit that the person owns and personally occupies, as long as a child residing in the dwelling unit has not been identified as lead-poisoned. ~~A person 18 years of age or older who owns and personally occupies a dwelling unit in which a resident child has been identified as lead-poisoned need not obtain licensing and certification to perform abatement activities within that dwelling unit, as long as the person completes any training required by the Department of Health and Human Services.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 29
H.P. 50 - L.D. 80**

**An Act to Improve Family
Economic Security Under the
Temporary Assistance for
Needy Families Program**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§3, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §176, is amended by repealing subparagraph (7-D), division (a) and enacting the following in its place:

(a) One hundred percent of:

(i) All earned income received for the first 3 months of employment that began while participating in TANF; or

(ii) The first 3 months of any increase in earned income received while participating in TANF.

Any month in which the disregard under this division does not increase the recipient's benefit above that which the benefit would be if the disregard in division (c) is applied does not count as a month in which earned income is disregarded under this division;

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§3, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §176, is amended by repealing subparagraph (7-D), division (b) and enacting the following in its place:

(b) Seventy-five percent of:

(i) All earned income received for the 4th to 6th months of employment that began while participating in TANF; or

(ii) The 4th to 6th months of any increase in earned income received while participating in TANF.

Any month in which the disregard under this division does not increase the recipient's benefit above that which the benefit would be if the disregard in division (c) is applied does not count as a month in which earned income is disregarded under this division;

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 30
S.P. 53 - L.D. 114**

**An Act to Make Technical
Amendments to Banking Laws**

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

Sec. 1. 9-B MRSA §214, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 2003, c. 322, §6, is further amended to read:

A. To provide for the balance of the reasonable expenses incurred to fulfill the bureau's duty pursuant to this Title, including general regulatory costs, overhead, transportation and general office and administrative expenses, except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, the superintendent shall assess each financial institution under the superintendent's supervision at the annual rate of at least 6¢ for each \$1,000 of the total of average assets, as defined by the superintendent. The frequency of assessment may coincide with the frequency of filing periodic financial reports with the bureau but may not be more frequent than quarterly. The superintendent may raise the minimum assessment rate of 6¢ for each \$1,000 of the total of average assets by ~~promulgating~~ adopting rules pursuant to section 251 at such time as economic conditions warrant such an increase. ~~In~~ Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, in no event may the assessment be less than \$25. The superintendent may lower or suspend by rule or order any assessment specified in this paragraph or established by rule pursuant to this paragraph. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 9-B MRSA §214, sub-§2-B, as amended by PL 2003, c. 322, §7, is further amended to read:

2-B. Assessment on nondepository trust companies. Nondepository ~~Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, nondepository~~ trust companies that are not affiliated with a financial institution shall pay an assessment at the annual rate of not less than \$2,000 or an amount determined by the superintendent of at least 6¢ for every \$10,000 of fiduciary assets under its management, custody or care. The superintendent may further define by rule fiduciary assets under management, custody or care or change the minimum assessment whenever economic conditions warrant such a change. The superintendent may lower or suspend by rule or order any assessment specified in this subsection or established by rule pursuant to this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. These assessments must be paid in accordance with subsection 2, paragraph B.

Sec. 3. 9-B MRSA §223, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 228, §3, is further amended to read:

2. Reports posted in offices. Every ~~financial institution~~ limited purpose bank shall make available in all of its offices at least 10 days, but not more than 30 days, prior to the annual meeting of its stockholders, corporators ~~or~~ members or other holders of equity interests, its latest condition report or a condition report for its most recently completed fiscal year, and a report of income for the institution's most recently completed fiscal year. In addition to making available its latest

condition report or condition report for its most recently completed fiscal year, a ~~nondepository trust company~~ limited purpose bank shall make available a report of its fiduciary assets and income. Every federally insured financial institution shall post a notice in its main office that the financial institution's latest condition and income reports are available to the public upon request.

Sec. 4. 9-B MRSA §252, sub-§2, ¶C, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 694, §159, is amended to read:

C. The superintendent may suspend or postpone action on an application after the first publication of notice pursuant to paragraph B, upon written request of the applicant or on ~~his~~ the superintendent's own initiative for good cause shown. Good cause includes a judgment by the superintendent that the bureau lacks the present capacity to adequately ensure the safety and soundness of the proposed institution or activity. The superintendent shall promptly provide notice of any suspension or postponement in the same manner and in the same publications in which the original notice of application was provided. If and when action is resumed on the application, the superintendent shall again provide notice in the same manner and in the same publications in which the preceding notices were provided.

Sec. 5. 9-B MRSA §367-A, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 83, §10, is amended to read:

6. Mergers. The conservator or receiver, with the approval of the superintendent, may order the merger or consolidation of any financial institution that is described in section 363-A or 365 with any other financial institution, state-chartered or federally chartered, with the consent of the other financial institution and may prescribe the mode or procedure for the merger or consolidation and the terms and conditions of the merger or consolidation. Unless limited by the conservator or receiver, the effect of the merger on various property interests and fiduciary designations of the resulting institution is the same as described for mergers subject to section 357, subsection 1.

Sec. 6. 9-B MRSA §367-A, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Fiduciary accounts. A conservator or receiver may terminate fiduciary positions of the financial institution, surrender property held by the financial institution as a fiduciary and settle fiduciary accounts. The conservator or receiver may release fiduciary property to one or more successor fiduciaries, and may sell one or more fiduciary accounts to one or more successor fiduciaries. Upon a sale or transfer of a financial institution's fiduciary property or a fiduciary account by a conservator or receiver, the successor fiduciary is automatically substituted without further action and without any order of any court. The conservator or receiver shall provide notice of the substitution, as far as practicable,

to each person to whom the financial institution provides periodic reports of fiduciary activity. The notice must include the name of the financial institution, the name of the successor fiduciary and the effective date of the substitution. The successor fiduciary has all of the rights, powers, duties and obligations of the transferring financial institution and is deemed to be named, nominated or appointed as fiduciary in any will, trust, court order or similar written document or instrument that names, nominates or appoints the transferring financial institution as fiduciary, whether executed before or after the substitution. The successor fiduciary has no obligations or liabilities under this chapter for any acts, actions, inactions or events occurring prior to the effective date of the substitution.

Sec. 7. 9-B MRSA §1231, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 398, Pt. J, §2, is amended to read:

§1231. General authority and purpose

A financial institution engaged in the business of banking that does not accept retail deposits and for which insurance of deposits by the FDIC is not required may be organized pursuant to chapter 31. Unless otherwise indicated in this chapter, an uninsured bank has all the powers, rights, duties and obligations as a financial institution under this Title. An uninsured bank is not a nondepository trust company or a merchant bank.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 31

H.P. 180 - L.D. 282

An Act to Allow the Department of Health and Human Services to Authorize Standing Orders

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3173-K is enacted to read:

§3173-K. Standing orders

To promote public health and the health of MaineCare members, the department may authorize standing orders for the dispensing of vaccines as described in Title 32, section 13831 and nonprescription drugs as defined in Title 32, section 13702-A, subsection 20 that support access to preventive care and medically necessary services for Medicaid recipients as defined in section 3172, subsection 3; participants in the state-funded medical program for noncitizens under section 3174-FFF; elderly low-cost drug program enrollees as defined in section 254-D, subsection 1, paragraph B; qualified residents as defined in section 2681, subsection 2, paragraph F; and persons receiving benefits under the Cub Care program under section 3174-T.

A standing order must identify the eligible population as described in this section and may include other criteria such as age limitations or pharmacist instructions. The standing order remains in effect for one year, at which time the order may be renewed. The standing order must be signed by a physician licensed in this State employed by or contracted with the department or the office of MaineCare services within the department or by a licensed, MaineCare-enrolled prescriber and a department official.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 32

H.P. 264 - L.D. 431

An Act to Amend the Law Regarding Foreign Subpoenas

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §403, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 109, §1, is amended to read:

3. Requirements. A foreign subpoena submitted issued under subsection 2 must:

- A. Incorporate the terms used in the foreign subpoena; and
B. Contain or be accompanied by the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all counsel of record in the proceeding to which the subpoena relates and of any party not represented by counsel.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 33

S.P. 240 - L.D. 569

An Act to Allow the Adjutant General to Sell the Houlton Armory

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

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §264, sub-§3, ¶R, as amended by PL 2019, c. 341, §12, is further amended to read:

R. The Belfast Armory, located on U.S. Route 1, Belfast, by means of a quitclaim deed as long as the purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State from all claims, including any environmental clean-up costs that may arise in connection with the land or the buildings constituting the armory; and

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §264, sub-§3, ¶S, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 341, §13, is amended to read:

S. The South Portland Air National Guard Station, located on Western Avenue, South Portland, by means of a quitclaim deed as long as the purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State from all claims, including any environmental clean-up costs that may arise in connection with the land or the buildings constituting the station; and

Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §264, sub-§3, ¶T is enacted to read:

T. The Houlton Armory, located at 86 Pleasant Street, Houlton, by means of a quitclaim deed as long as the purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State from all claims, including any environmental clean-up costs that may arise in connection with the land or the buildings constituting the armory.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 34

S.P. 101 - L.D. 201

An Act to Make Permanent the Ability of Certain Retailers and Distilleries to Sell Liquor for Off-premises Consumption and Cocktails for On-premises Consumption

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 spread of the novel coronavirus disease referred to as COVID-19 created a public health emergency and prompted subsequent public health measures, which resulted in economic hardship and insecurity for restaurants, bars, tasting rooms, distilleries and small distilleries; and

Whereas, in response to the economic hardship facing restaurants, bars, tasting rooms, distilleries and small distilleries, the Legislature enacted Public Law 2021, chapter 3, which temporarily allowed on-premises retailers to sell liquor to customers through take-out and delivery service if the liquor was accompanied by a food order; Public Law 2021, chapter 91, which temporarily allowed distilleries or small distilleries to sell for on-premises consumption cocktails containing samples of distilleries' spirits products; and Public Law 2021, chapter 514, which extended the time in which these activities may take place; and

Whereas, the lingering effects of the public health emergency and subsequent public health measures continue to impact the economic health of Maine restaurants, bars, tasting rooms, distilleries and small distilleries; and

Whereas, with a statutory repeal date for these laws, Maine restaurants, bars, tasting rooms, distilleries and small distilleries face economic uncertainty and inhibited innovation; and

Whereas, with the busy summer season quickly approaching, there is a need to make a technical correction to a statutory cross-reference within the definition of "food order" in the requirement for providing liquor to customers through take-out and delivery service; 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 §1056, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 3, §1, is amended to read:

C. "Food order" means an order of a full course meal as defined in section 2, subsection 45, paragraph R ~~1~~ 11-E or an order of a cold or hot meal including but not limited to a sandwich, salad, hamburger, cheeseburger, hot dog, pizza or other food item that customarily appears on a restaurant menu. "Food order" does not include an order consisting solely of a prepackaged snack food or foods such as popcorn, chips or pretzels.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1056, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 3, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) If the qualified on-premises retailer is licensed under this chapter to sell wine for on-premises consumption, it may sell wine for off-premises consumption ~~only in an approved container.~~ in an original container or as an ingredient in an approved cocktail. An approved cocktail sold by a qualified on-premises retailer under this subparagraph may not contain spirits unless the qualified on-premises retailer is also licensed to sell spirits for on-premises consumption under this chapter.

Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1056, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 3, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) If the qualified on-premises retailer is licensed under this chapter to sell malt liquor for on-premises consumption, it may sell malt liquor for off-premises consumption ~~only in an approved container or an original container.~~

Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §1056, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 514, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§5, ¶F-1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 514, §2, is further amended by repealing the first blocked paragraph.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 24, 2023.

**CHAPTER 35
H.P. 213 - L.D. 339**

**An Act to Provide Electronic
Access to Confidential Juror
Information**

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 branch has already purchased and implemented the technology necessary to effectuate the electronic transfer of information as permitted by this legislation; 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. 14 MRSA §1254-A, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2005, c. 285, §1, is further amended to read:

7. Availability of qualification forms. The names of prospective jurors and the contents of juror qualification forms are confidential and may not be disclosed except as provided in this chapter. The names of prospective jurors and the contents of juror qualification forms may at the discretion of the court be made available to the attorneys and their agents and investigators and the pro se parties at the courthouse for use in the conduct of voir dire examination. The court may provide this information electronically on request.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect 30 days after approval.

Effective April 24, 2023.

**CHAPTER 36
S.P. 27 - L.D. 35**

**An Act to Establish Adult
Protective Services Training
Requirements for Professionals
Mandated to Report Suspected
Abuse, Neglect or Exploitation
to Enhance Protection of
Incapacitated and Dependent
Adults**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3477, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Training requirement. A person required to make a report under subsection 1, paragraph A shall complete at least once every 4 years mandated reporter training approved by the department.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 37
H.P. 65 - L.D. 97**

**An Act to Repeal the Hospital
and Health Care Provider
Cooperation Act**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 405-A, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF
THE**

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Deallocates funds for one Assistant Attorney General position due to the repeal of the Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1,000)	(1,000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL		
Personal Services	(\$175,120)	(\$183,875)
All Other	(\$8,692)	(\$8,692)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	(\$183,812)	(\$192,567)
FUNDS TOTAL		
 ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	 2023-24	 2024-25

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$183,812)	(\$192,567)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$183,812)	(\$192,567)
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
Division of Licensing and Certification Z036		
Initiative: Deallocates funds due to the repeal of the Hospital and Health Care Provider Cooperation Act.		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$204,446)	(\$204,446)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$204,446)	(\$204,446)
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$204,446)	(\$204,446)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$204,446)	(\$204,446)
SECTION TOTALS		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
	(\$388,258)	(\$397,013)
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$388,258)	(\$397,013)

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 38
S.P. 57 - L.D. 118

An Act to Ensure Continuity of Care for Pretrial Defendants

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §101-D, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 2013, c. 265, §1, is further amended to read:

B. Upon a determination by the State Forensic Service under paragraph A, a court having jurisdiction in a criminal case may commit the defendant to the custody of the Commissioner of Health and Human Services for placement in an appropriate institution for the care and treatment of people with mental illness or in an appropriate residential program that provides care and treatment for persons who have intellectual disabilities or autism for observation

for a period not to exceed 60 days. If the State Forensic Service requires additional time for observation, it shall communicate its request and the reasons for that request to the court and to counsel for the parties. The court shall accommodate a party's request to be heard on the issue of whether an extension should be granted and may extend the commitment for up to an additional 90 days. Unless the defendant objects, an order under this paragraph must authorize the institution or residential program where the defendant is placed by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services to provide treatment to the defendant. When further observation of the defendant is determined no longer necessary by the State Forensic Service, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall report that determination to the court and the court shall terminate the commitment. If the defendant is committed by the court to the custody of the Commissioner of Health and Human Services for observation under this paragraph, the State Forensic Service may release prior court-ordered evaluation reports pertaining to the pending charges, unless otherwise impounded, to each institution or residential program into which the Commissioner of Health and Human Services is considering placing the defendant and, following placement, to the institution or residential program into which the defendant is placed. If the defendant had been incarcerated prior to the commitment for observation and if, during the period of observation, the defendant presents a substantial risk of causing bodily injury to staff or others that cannot be managed in an appropriate institution for the care and treatment of people with mental illness or in an appropriate residential program that provides care and treatment for persons who have intellectual disabilities or autism, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner of Health and Human Services may return the defendant to the correctional facility. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall report the risk management issues to the court. Upon receiving the report, the court shall review the report and may enter any order authorized by this section, including termination of the commitment.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 39
H.P. 139 - L.D. 218

An Act to Clarify Maine Law
Regarding Background Checks
for the Office of Child and
Family Services

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§2, ¶L, as re-
pealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §22, is
amended to read:

L. A person, organization, employer or agency for
the purpose of carrying out background or employ-
ment-related screening of an individual who is or
may be engaged in:

- (1) Child-related activities or employment; or
- (2) Activities or employment relating to adults
with intellectual disabilities, autism, related
conditions as set out in 42 Code of Federal
Regulations, Section 435.1010 or acquired
brain injury; and

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8101, sub-§6 is enacted to
read:

6. Transitional living program. "Transitional
living program" means a children's home that provides
board and care for up to 10 children and may provide
one or more services described in section 4099-E. For
the purposes of this subsection, "children" means per-
sons under 21 years of age.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §8110, as amended by PL
2021, c. 42, §§1 to 3, is further amended to read:

**§8110. Criminal history record checks for employ-
ees of children's residential care facilities,
emergency children's shelters, shelters for
homeless children and any group home that
provides care for children transitional liv-
ing programs**

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the
context otherwise indicates, the following terms have
the following meanings.

A. "Federal Bureau of Investigation" means the
United States Department of Justice, Federal Bu-
reau of Investigation.

B. "State Police" means the Department of Public
Safety, Bureau of State Police.

**2. Criminal history; information about criminal
records and data obtained.** The department shall ob-
tain, in print or electronic format, criminal history re-
cord information containing a record of public criminal
history record information as defined in Title 16, sec-
tion 703, subsection 8, from the Maine Criminal Justice

Information System, established pursuant to Title 16,
section 631, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
for any staff member of a children's residential care fa-
cility, an emergency children's shelter, a shelter for
homeless children or ~~any group home that provides care
for children~~ a transitional living program in order to
comply with the federal Family First Prevention Ser-
vices Act. For purposes of this section, "staff member"
means an individual who is employed by, or has applied
for and may be offered employment at, a children's re-
sidential care facility, an emergency children's shelter, or
a shelter for homeless children or ~~any group home that
provides care for children~~ with a transitional living pro-
gram, including a contract employee or self-employed
individual, whether or not the individual has direct con-
tact with children. "Staff member" does not include a
contractor performing maintenance or repairs at the
children's residential care facility, emergency children's
shelter, or shelter for homeless children or ~~group home
that provides care for children~~ for a transitional living
program who does not have unsupervised access to chil-
dren at the facility; or shelter or ~~group home in the tran-
sitional living program.~~

3. Fingerprint-based criminal history obtained.
A staff member shall consent to and have the staff mem-
ber's fingerprints taken. The State Police shall take or
cause to be taken the fingerprints of a staff member who
has consented under this subsection and shall forward
the fingerprints to the Department of Public Safety so
that the Department of Public Safety may conduct a
state and national criminal history record check on the
person. The Department of Public Safety shall forward
the results obtained to the department. The State Police
shall assess a fee set annually by the Department of Pub-
lic Safety to be paid by the children's residential care
facility, emergency children's shelter, shelter for home-
less children or ~~group home that provides care for chil-
dren~~ transitional living program or the staff member for
each criminal history record check required to be per-
formed under this section. Except for the portion of the
payment that constitutes the processing fee charged by
the Federal Bureau of Investigation, all money received
by the State Police under this subsection must be paid
to the Treasurer of State, who shall apply the money to
the expenses of administration of this section by the De-
partment of Public Safety.

4. Updates to information. The department may
request a subsequent criminal history record check un-
der subsection 3 on a staff member as the department
determines appropriate, including continuous notifica-
tions of updated criminal history record information if
a service providing notifications of updated criminal
history record information becomes available.

5. Confidentiality. Information obtained pursuant
to this section is confidential and may not be dissemi-
nated for purposes other than as provided in subsections
6 and 7.

6. **Use of information obtained.** Criminal history record information obtained pursuant to this section may be used by the department for employment purposes to screen a staff member. The subject of any criminal history record check under subsection 3 may contest any negative decision made by the department based upon the information received pursuant to the criminal history record check.

7. **Person's access to information obtained.** A person subject to a criminal history record check pursuant to subsection 3 must be notified each time a criminal history record check is performed on the person. A person subject to a criminal history record check under subsection 3 may inspect and review the criminal history record information pursuant to Title 16, section 709 and obtain federal information obtained pursuant to the criminal history record check by following the procedures outlined in 28 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 16.32 and 16.33.

8. **Right of subject to remove fingerprints from record.** Upon request from a person subject to a criminal history record check pursuant to subsection 3, the Department of Public Safety shall remove the person's fingerprints from the Department of Public Safety's records and provide written confirmation of the removal to the person.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 40

H.P. 145 - L.D. 224

An Act to Strengthen Maine's Health Care Workforce by Preventing Discrimination by Requiring Maintenance of Certification for Insurance Reimbursement

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRS §4303-G is enacted to read:

§4303-G. Provider maintenance of certification requirements

The following provisions govern maintenance of certification requirements.

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Hospital" means a hospital licensed and operating under Title 22, chapter 404 or 405 or the parent of such institution, or a hospital subsidiary or hospital affiliate in this State that provides medical

services or medically related diagnostic and laboratory services or engages in ancillary activities supporting those services.

B. "Maintenance of certification program" means satisfactory participation in a program beyond the continuing medical education requirements currently in place by the Board of Licensure in Medicine or Board of Osteopathic Licensure, or initial board certification by a national or regional medical specialty board.

C. "Outpatient clinical practice" means any medical practice, home care or hospice organization or other nonhospital entity providing medical care through physicians.

D. "Physician" means an individual licensed under Title 32, chapter 36 or 48.

2. Discrimination prohibited. A carrier offering a health plan in this State may not:

A. Deny reimbursement to a physician, hospital or outpatient clinical practice for services rendered because a physician does not participate in a maintenance of certification program;

B. Provide lower reimbursement for services rendered by a physician, hospital or outpatient clinical practice because a physician does not participate in a maintenance of certification program;

C. Prohibit a physician, hospital or outpatient clinical practice from participating in any of the carrier's provider networks because a physician does not participate in a maintenance of certification program; or

D. Determine credentialing of a physician, hospital or outpatient clinical practice based on the status of a physician's, hospital's or outpatient clinical practice's participation in a maintenance of certification program.

3. Repeal. This section is repealed April 1, 2029.

Sec. 2. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to a carrier as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4301-A that executes, delivers, issues for delivery, continues or renews an individual or group policy, contract or certificate in this State on or after January 1, 2024.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 41
H.P. 476 - L.D. 707

An Act to Update the Maine
Human Rights Act with
Respect to Gender Identity

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§9-C, as enacted
by PL 2005, c. 10, §3, is amended to read:

9-C. **Sexual orientation.** "Sexual orientation"
means a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality,
bisexuality, or homosexuality or gender identity or ex-
pression.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 42
S.P. 310 - L.D. 752

An Act to Expand Access to
Banking Services for Minors

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

Sec. 1. 9-B MRSA §427, sub-§1, as enacted by
PL 1975, c. 500, §1, is amended to read:

1. **Minor's deposits or accounts.** Money may be
deposited by or in the name of a minor is his and is the
minor's property, and a financial institution may, in the
discretion of the officer making or authorizing the pay-
ment, shall pay the same to such minor, to his the mi-
nor's order or to his guardian a joint owner of the ac-
count. The receipt of such minor, or his guardian, for
any such payment by the minor is a valid release and
shall discharge discharges the institution. A minor may
endorse and deposit to the credit of the minor's account
checks and other instruments for the payment of money.
Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
in all transactions with respect to a minor's account that
does not have a joint owner of majority age, a minor is
deemed to be the owner of the account and of legal age
and capacity.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 43
S.P. 313 - L.D. 755

An Act to Promote Higher
Blends of Biofuel by Regulating
the Sale or Transfer of Biofuels

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1663, as enacted by PL
2013, c. 124, §1, is amended to read:

§1663. Sale of biodiesel, biomass-based diesel,
biomass-based diesel blends and biodiesel
blends

1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the
context otherwise indicates, the following terms have
the following meanings.

A. "Biodiesel" means ~~the a~~ a renewable, biodegrada-
ble mono-alkyl esters of long chain fatty acids der-
ived from plant oils or animal matter fats that
meets the requirements of the American Society of
Testing and Materials Standard most recent ASTM
International standard D6751. "Biodiesel" in-
cludes fuel that otherwise meets the requirements
of this paragraph and also contains up to 1% diesel
fuel.

A-1. "Biodiesel blend" means a blend of diesel fuel
that contains greater than 5% by volume of bio-
diesel and meets the requirements of the most re-
cent ASTM International standard D7467.

B. "Biomass-based diesel" means a diesel fuel sub-
stitute produced from nonpetroleum renewable re-
sources that meets the registration requirements for
fuels and fuel additives established by the United
States Environmental Protection Agency under 42
United States Code, Section 7545 (2012).

C. "Biomass-based diesel blend" ~~and "biodiesel~~
~~blend" mean~~ means a blend of diesel fuel that con-
tains greater than 5% by volume of biomass-based
diesel or biodiesel and petroleum based diesel fuel.

2. **Number 2 heating oil.** For purposes of this sec-
tion, all references to diesel include #2 heating oil.

3. **Transfer document.** A person that sells or oth-
erwise transfers title to a fuel containing biodiesel,
biomass-based diesel blend or, biomass-based diesel
blend or biodiesel blend to any other person for resale
of the product shall prepare a document evidencing the
transfer. This transfer document may be in the form of
an invoice, bill of lading, bill of sale or other written
instrument meeting the requirements of this subsection.
This transfer document must include the name of the
transferor, the name of the transferee, the date of the
transfer, the volume in gallons of the product trans-
ferred and either the volume in gallons or the percentage
of biomass-based diesel or biodiesel that is contained in
the blended product. A person making such a transfer
shall maintain the transfer document required by this
subsection for a period of 4 years from the transfer date.
As used in this subsection, the term "resale" does not
include a sale of product purchased at a retail outlet.

4. **Transferee not liable.** A transferee of fuel con-
taining a biodiesel, biomass-based diesel, biomass-
based diesel blend or biodiesel blend is not liable for

failing to verify the accuracy of the information included in ~~any~~ a transfer document conforming to the requirements of subsection 3 or for ~~any~~ other liability arising from the transferee's reliance on ~~such that~~ information.

5. Supplement other requirements. The requirements of this section are in addition to any other requirements or standards in ~~state~~ law.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 44

H.P. 87 - L.D. 141

An Act to Simplify the Sale of Food Requirement for Certain Licenses for the Sale of Liquor to Be Consumed on the Licensed Premises

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 spread of the novel coronavirus disease referred to as COVID-19 created a public health emergency and prompted subsequent public health measures, which resulted in economic hardship and insecurity for restaurants, bars and recreational facilities; and

Whereas, the lingering effects of the public health emergency and subsequent public health measures continue to impact the economic health of Maine restaurants, bars and recreational facilities; and

Whereas, the busy summer season is quickly approaching, during which time a significant portion of income is generated for restaurants, bars and recreational facilities; 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 §2, sub-§15, ¶D-1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §17, is further amended to read:

D-1. "Curling center" means a facility that offers curling facilities to the public for a fee, ~~that offers food for sale to the public~~ and that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§15, ¶F-1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §17, is further amended to read:

F-1. "Disc golf course" means a commercially operated facility that offers disc golfing facilities to the public for a fee, ~~that offers food for sale to the public~~ and that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor. A disc golf course must have no fewer than 18 disc golfing holes with a total distance of no less than 5,000 feet per 18 disc golfing holes and must have a value of not less than \$50,000.

Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§15, ¶G, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §17, is further amended to read:

G. "Golf course" means a commercially operated facility, whether publicly or privately owned, that offers golfing facilities to the public for a fee, including a regulation-size golf course of no fewer than 9 holes and an average total of not less than 1,200 yards per 9 holes, that has a value of not less than \$100,000, ~~that offers food for sale to the public~~ and that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor.

Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§15, ¶I-1 is enacted to read:

I-1. "Indoor golf center" means a commercially operated indoor facility that offers golf simulator facilities to the public for a fee and that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor.

Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§15, ¶J, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §17, is further amended to read:

J. "Indoor ice skating center" means a commercially operated indoor facility that offers ice skating facilities to the public for a fee, ~~that offers food for sale to the public~~ and that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor.

Sec. 6. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§15, ¶K, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §17, is further amended to read:

K. "Indoor racquet center" means a commercially operated indoor facility with 4 or more courts or areas designed or used for the playing of a racquet sport, that is open to the public for a fee, ~~that offers food for sale to the public~~ and that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor. Racquet sports include tennis, squash, handball, paddleball, pickleball and badminton.

Sec. 7. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§15, ¶L, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §17, is further amended to read:

L. "Class A lounge" means a place where ~~food and liquor are~~ is sold at tables, booths and counters.

Sec. 8. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§15, ¶L-2 is enacted to read:

L-2. "Outdoor golf center" means a commercially operated outdoor facility with areas for practicing golf shots with rentable golf clubs and balls, which may include a miniature golf course that has adequate facilities for the sale and consumption of liquor. "Outdoor golf center" does not mean a golf course as defined in paragraph G.

Sec. 9. 28-A MRSA §2, sub-§15, ¶T-1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §17, is further amended to read:

T-1. "Tavern" means a place where food and malt liquor may be sold at tables, booths and counters.

Sec. 10. 28-A MRSA §1001, sub-§3, ¶H-1 is enacted to read:

H-1. Indoor golf centers;

Sec. 11. 28-A MRSA §1001, sub-§3, ¶J-2 is enacted to read:

J-2. Outdoor golf centers;

Sec. 12. 28-A MRSA §1003, sub-§3, ¶H-1 is enacted to read:

H-1. Indoor golf centers;

Sec. 13. 28-A MRSA §1003, sub-§3, ¶J-2 is enacted to read:

J-2. Outdoor golf centers;

Sec. 14. 28-A MRSA §1004, sub-§3, ¶H-1 is enacted to read:

H-1. Indoor golf centers;

Sec. 15. 28-A MRSA §1004, sub-§3, ¶J-1 is enacted to read:

J-1. Outdoor golf centers;

Sec. 16. 28-A MRSA §1005, sub-§3, ¶H-1 is enacted to read:

H-1. Indoor golf centers;

Sec. 17. 28-A MRSA §1005, sub-§3, ¶J-1 is enacted to read:

J-1. Outdoor golf centers;

Sec. 18. 28-A MRSA §1063, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §180, is repealed.

Sec. 19. 28-A MRSA §1063, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Income from sale of food requirement. At least 10% of the gross annual income must be from the sale of food for each Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge.

Sec. 20. 28-A MRSA §1063, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §180, is further amended to read:

3. Bureau to determine whether new applicant would probably meet sale of food requirement. The bureau may not issue an initial license to a Class A restaurant or a Class A restaurant/lounge unless it determines that the applicant would probably meet the ~~requirements~~ requirement of subsection ~~2~~ 2-A.

Sec. 21. 28-A MRSA §1063, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §180, is further amended to read:

4. Proof of compliance with sale of food requirement for license renewal. The bureau may not renew a Class A restaurant's or a Class A restaurant/lounge's license unless the licensee furnishes the bureau with proof that the previous year's business met the ~~requirements~~ requirement of subsection ~~2~~ 2-A. If the bureau determines that the licensee has not satisfied the ~~requirements~~ requirement of subsection ~~2~~ 2-A, the bureau may renew the license for only one year, during which the licensee must meet the ~~requirements~~ requirement of subsection ~~2~~ 2-A to be eligible for further license renewal.

Sec. 22. 28-A MRSA §1065, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 45, Pt. A, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 23. 28-A MRSA §1073, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §192, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§1073. Indoor racquet centers; indoor ice skating centers; golf courses; curling centers; bowling centers; indoor golf centers; outdoor golf centers; and disc golf courses

Sec. 24. 28-A MRSA §1073, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §192, 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 for on-premises consumption to bowling centers, curling centers, disc golf courses, golf courses, indoor golf centers, indoor ice skating centers and, indoor racquet centers and outdoor golf centers as defined in section 2, subsection 15, paragraphs B-1, D-1, F-1, G, I-1, J and, K and L-2, respectively.

Sec. 25. 28-A MRSA §1073, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §192, is repealed.

Sec. 26. 28-A MRSA §1073, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §192, is further amended to read:

3. Separate area for sale of food and liquor. A licensee under this section shall set aside a separate area for the sale and consumption of ~~food and~~ liquor in accordance with the rules of the bureau.

Sec. 27. 28-A MRSA §1073-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 658, §193, is repealed.

Sec. 28. 28-A MRSA §1075, sub-§1-A, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 658, §195, is amended to read:

B. The additional premises must offer food for sale to the public consistent with the sale of food requirement for the primary licensed premises, although the food need not be prepared at the additional premises; and

Sec. 29. 28-A MRSA §1076, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §201, is repealed.

Sec. 30. 28-A MRSA §1076, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Income from sale of food requirement. At least 10% of the gross annual income must be from the sale of food for both year-round and part-time qualified catering services. For purposes of this section, "year-round" means operated for more than 6 months in a year.

Sec. 31. 28-A MRSA §1076, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §202, is further amended to read:

4. Bureau to determine whether new applicant would probably meet sale of food requirement. The bureau may not issue an initial license to a qualified catering service unless it determines that the applicant would probably meet the ~~requirements~~ requirement of subsection ~~3~~ 3-A.

Sec. 32. 28-A MRSA §1076, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §203, is further amended to read:

5. Proof of compliance with sale of food requirement for license renewal. The bureau may not renew a qualified catering service's license unless the licensee furnishes the bureau with proof that the previous year's business met the ~~requirements~~ requirement of subsection ~~3~~ 3-A. If the bureau determines that the licensee has not satisfied the ~~requirements~~ requirement of subsection ~~3~~ 3-A, it may renew the license for only one year, during which the licensee must meet the ~~requirements~~ requirement of subsection ~~3~~ 3-A to be eligible for further license renewal.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 1, 2023.

**CHAPTER 45
H.P. 13 - L.D. 9**

An Act to Establish Processing Time Limits for Permit by Rule Applications Under the Site Location of Development Laws

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §344, sub-§2-A, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 890, Pt. A, §22 and affected by §40, is amended to read:

B. The commissioner shall decide whether an application meets the permit by rule provisions under subsection 7 within 20 working days after notifying the applicant of acceptance of the application, except that, in the case of an application to undertake an activity that requires a permit under chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6, the commissioner shall decide whether the application meets the permit by rule provisions under subsection 7 within 90 calendar days after notifying the applicant of acceptance of the application unless the commissioner establishes a different time period for the decision pursuant to section 344-B.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 46
S.P. 227 - L.D. 510**

An Act to Protect the Public Health by Allowing the Appointment of Associate Health Officers

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §411, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Associate health officer. "Associate health officer" means a municipal employee who has knowledge of the community and meets the educational, training and experience standards established by the local health officer.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §451, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Associate health officers. Municipal officers may appoint one or more associate health officers, as defined in section 411, subsection 1-A, to assist the local health officer perform the local health officer's duties during an actual or threatened epidemic or other public health threat. An associate health officer is not required to meet the qualifications set out in subsection

2 or in rules applicable to local health officers adopted by the department. An associate health officer must work under the direct supervision of the local health officer.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §454-A, sub-§2, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 598, §7, is amended to read:

G. Act as a resource for connecting residents with the public health services and resources provided by the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §454-A, sub-§2, ¶H, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 598, §7, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Laws pertaining to prohibited dumping under Title 30-A, section 3352-; and

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §454-A, sub-§2, ¶I is enacted to read:

I. Supervise associate health officers appointed under section 451, subsection 7.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 47

H.P. 405 - L.D. 628

An Act to Designate Maine Irish Heritage Day

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-S is enacted to read:

§150-S. Maine Irish Heritage Day

March 17th of each year is designated as Maine Irish Heritage Day in recognition of the contribution of Irish immigrants to the State and their descendants, and the Governor shall issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe this day in suitable places with appropriate activity.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 48

S.P. 73 - L.D. 134

An Act to Increase the Handling Fee for Beverage Containers Reimbursed to Dealers and Redemption Centers

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's successful beverage container redemption program protects public health and safety by preventing litter from polluting water sources and spreading disease and by reducing air and water contamination caused by the burning of containers in a waste-to-energy facility or the disposal of containers in a landfill; and

Whereas, Maine residents rely on beverage container redemption centers as a convenient option for redeeming container refunds, which many residents use to support their household budgets; and

Whereas, redemption centers are struggling to address increased system costs due to inflation and other factors, which have forced many redemption centers to reduce hours or close, while at the same time, recent increased demands for redemption services are overwhelming redemption centers still in operation; and

Whereas, necessary operational changes to streamline the beverage container redemption program cannot be implemented in sufficient time to address the current cost and demand issues overwhelming redemption centers now and in the near future; and

Whereas, an immediate increase in the handling fee paid by initiators of deposit to redemption centers and an additional future increase in that fee, as provided in this legislation, are necessary to prevent further redemption center closures; 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 §3106, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2019, c. 526, §7, is further amended to read:

7. Reimbursement of handling costs. Reimbursement of handling costs is governed by this subsection.

A. In addition to the payment of the refund value, the initiator of the deposit under section 3103, subsections 1, 2 and 4 shall reimburse the dealer or redemption center for the cost of handling beverage containers subject to section 3103, in an amount that equals at least 3¢ per returned container for containers picked up by the initiator before March 1, 2004, at least 3 1/2¢ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 2004 and before March 1, 2010, at least 4¢ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 2010 and before January 1, 2020 ~~and~~, at least 4 1/2¢ for containers picked up on or after January 1, 2020 and before May 1, 2023, at least 5 1/2¢ for containers picked up on or after May 1, 2023 and before September 1, 2023 and at least 6¢ for containers picked up on or after September 1, 2023.

The initiator of the deposit may reimburse the dealer or redemption center directly or indirectly through a party with which it has entered into a commingling agreement.

B. In addition to the payment of the refund value, the initiator of the deposit under section 3103, subsection 3 shall reimburse the dealer or redemption center for the cost of handling beverage containers subject to section 3103 in an amount that equals at least 3¢ per returned container for containers picked up by the initiator before March 1, 2004, at least 3 1/2¢ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 2004 and before March 1, 2010, at least 4¢ for containers picked up on or after March 1, 2010 and before January 1, 2020 ~~and~~, at least 4 1/2¢ for containers picked up on or after January 1, 2020 and before May 1, 2023, at least 5 1/2¢ for containers picked up on or after May 1, 2023 and before September 1, 2023 and at least 6¢ for containers picked up on or after September 1, 2023. The initiator of the deposit may reimburse the dealer or redemption center directly or indirectly through a contracted agent or through a party with which it has entered into a commingling agreement.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015

Initiative: Provides allocations for the State’s cost as an initiator of deposit for spirits for an increase in the reimbursement rate paid to a dealer or local redemption center of 1¢ per returned beverage container beginning May 1, 2023 and another 1/2¢ beginning September 1, 2023.

STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$52,959	\$450,155	\$514,766
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL	\$52,959	\$450,155	\$514,766

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 5, 2023.

**CHAPTER 49
S.P. 93 - L.D. 189**

An Act to Include an Expanded Archery Permit in the Super Pack License 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 §11109-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 599, §9, is further amended to read:

3. Harvest of ~~5~~ 6 deer. Notwithstanding section 11501, a super pack license authorizes the holder to take:

- A. One deer during either the regular open firearm season or the regular archery season or the special muzzle-loading season in accordance with sections 11401, 11403 and 11404, respectively;
- B. One deer in accordance with subsection 2-A, paragraph A; and
- C. Three antlerless deer and one deer of either sex during the special archery season in accordance with section 11402, subsection 4.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2015, c. 245, §5, is further amended to read:

5. Fee. The fee for a super pack license is ~~\$201~~ \$207 for residents and ~~\$476~~ \$182 for a person holding 2 or more lifetime licenses.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.

Effective January 1, 2024.

**CHAPTER 50
H.P. 165 - L.D. 260**

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, 2023

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.

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration 0339

Initiative: Establishes 41 positions to address project development, planning, legal, environmental, safety and human resources needs associated with the department's capital programs. Four of the positions are funded 100% Highway Fund, and the remainder are 50% Federal Expenditures Fund, 45% Highway Fund and 5% Other Special Revenue Funds. This initiative also eliminates 61.01 vacant full-time equivalent crew positions and 7 vacant positions to offset the cost of the new positions and generate additional savings to the Highway Fund. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

HIGHWAY FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$10,080	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$10,080	\$0	\$0

Fleet Services 0347

Initiative: Provides funding to support the operation of vehicles and equipment necessary to maintain the transportation system.

FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,600,000	\$0	\$0
FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT TOTAL	\$3,600,000	\$0	\$0

Fleet Services 0347

Initiative: Provides funding for increased costs of critical items, including paint, salt, culverts, guardrail parts, plow blades and vehicle parts.

FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0
FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT TOTAL	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Establishes 41 positions to address project development, planning, legal, environmental, safety and human resources needs associated with the department's capital programs. Four of the positions are funded 100% Highway Fund, and the remainder are 50% Federal Expenditures Fund, 45% Highway Fund and 5% Other Special Revenue Funds. This initiative also eliminates 61.01 vacant full-time equivalent crew positions and 7 vacant positions to offset the cost of the new positions and generate additional savings to the Highway Fund. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

HIGHWAY FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	35.000	0.000	0.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(1.000)	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$104,963	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$104,963	\$0	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$507,831)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$507,831)	\$0	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$636,679	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$636,679	\$0	\$0

Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Establishes 41 positions to address project development, planning, legal, environmental, safety and human resources needs associated with the department's capital programs. Four of the positions are funded 100% Highway Fund, and the remainder are 50% Federal Expenditures Fund, 45% Highway Fund and 5% Other Special Revenue Funds. This initiative also eliminates 61.01 vacant full-time equivalent crew positions and 7 vacant positions to offset the cost of the

new positions and generate additional savings to the Highway Fund. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

HIGHWAY FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE	(61.010)	0.000	0.000
COUNT			
Personal Services	(\$1,342,658)	\$0	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$1,342,658)	\$0	\$0

Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016

Initiative: Provides funding to support the operation of vehicles and equipment necessary to maintain the transportation system.

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$0	\$0
ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$0	\$0

Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position to assist with the operations of the Maine State Ferry Service.

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	0.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$30,675	\$0	\$0
ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$30,675	\$0	\$0

Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2022-23.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$243,564	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$243,564	\$0	\$0

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
HIGHWAY FUND	(\$1,227,615)	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	(\$507,831)	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$880,243	\$0	\$0

FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT	\$4,800,000	\$0	\$0
ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	\$530,675	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$4,475,472	\$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 any unexpended balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the 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 2022-23 and at the end of fiscal year 2023-24 to the next fiscal year to the All Other line category in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, of which up to \$2,000,000 is to be used for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles modernization project and up to \$7,000,000 is to be used for the new license plate general issue project.

PART C

Sec. C-1. 23 MRSA §4206, sub-§1, ¶O, as amended by PL 2021, c. 66, §2, is further amended to read:

O. To bring before the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters for review and approval any proposal that would alter the current land use, ownership or jurisdiction of lands owned by the State within the Port of Searsport presently under the jurisdiction of the department; ~~and~~

Sec. C-2. 23 MRSA §4206, sub-§1, ¶P, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 66, §3, is amended to read:

P. To enter into agreements and cooperate with the United States Department of Transportation or any other appropriate federal agency as provided in 23 United States Code, Sections 325 to 327 and as authorized under the federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act, the federal Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users and the federal National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Pursuant to such an agreement, the commissioner may assume certain responsibilities of the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation and take any other actions as required by any such agreement or by such federal laws.

(1) The commissioner may adopt any rules necessary to implement an agreement pursuant to this paragraph and carry out any duties imposed under such an agreement. Rules

adopted pursuant to this subparagraph are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

(2) The commissioner may make expenditures of money in connection with an agreement authorized under this paragraph from any funds of the department that are available to the commissioner.

(3) Notwithstanding Title 14, chapter 741, sovereign immunity from civil suit in federal court is waived consistent with 23 United States Code, Sections 326 and 327 and limited to the compliance, discharge or enforcement of a responsibility assumed by the department under this paragraph. This subparagraph applies only to actions that are authorized under this paragraph and does not create liability that exceeds the liability created under 23 United States Code, Sections 325 to 327; and

Sec. C-3. 23 MRSA §4206, sub-§1, ¶Q is enacted to read:

Q. To implement a program to enhance the skills of the department's transportation workers and ferry service workers. The program must provide that employees in these classifications who participate in training and who demonstrate they have achieved competencies prescribed by the commissioner may progress immediately to the next level in these classification series.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 5, 2023.

**CHAPTER 51
S.P. 132 - L.D. 311**

An Act to Delay the Repeal of the Law Governing the Sale of Pari-Mutuel Pools for Simulcast Harness 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, this bill delays the repeal of the provision of law governing the sale of pari-mutuel pools and common pari-mutuel pools for simulcast races; 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 harness racing 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. 8 MRSA §275-B, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 406, §3, is amended by amending the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is repealed January 1, 2024 2026.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §278 is amended to read:

§278. Minors

~~No~~ A minor, whether attending a race or employed in any manner on or about a ~~race track~~ racetrack, shall ~~may not~~ be permitted to participate in any pari-mutuel pool or be admitted to any pari-mutuel ~~enclosure~~ sales area.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 8, 2023.

**CHAPTER 52
H.P. 16 - L.D. 12**

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Severance Pay to Cover More Types of Employers and Include More Workers

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §625-B, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 417, §1, is further amended to read:

A. "Covered establishment" means any ~~industrial or commercial~~ facility or part thereof that employs or has employed at any time in the preceding 12-month period 100 or more persons.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §625-B, sub-§1, ¶A-1, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 417, §1, is amended to read:

A-1. "Closing" means the permanent shutdown of ~~industrial or commercial~~ operations at a covered establishment. A closing may occur due to relocation, or termination or consolidation of the employer's business.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §625-B, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 663, §157, is amended to read:

F. "Relocation" means the removal of all or substantially all of industrial or commercial operations in a covered establishment to a new location, within or without the State of Maine, 100 or more miles distant from its original location.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 53
H.P. 17 - L.D. 13**

**An Act to Define "Mail" in the
Employment Security Law to
Include Electronic Notification
and to Extend the Appeal
Times for Claimants**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§31 is enacted to read:

31. Mail. "Mail" includes delivery by United States Postal Service, private carrier or electronic mail.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1052 is enacted to read:

§1052. Method of mail for required notices

The bureau may not send a notice to an individual as required under this chapter exclusively by electronic mail without first allowing the individual the opportunity to elect to receive that notice exclusively by electronic mail.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1194, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 456, §24, is further amended by amending the 3rd blocked paragraph to read:

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 ~~45~~ 30 calendar days after that notification was mailed to the claimant's 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 ~~45~~ 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.

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §1194, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 456, §24, is further amended by amending the 6th blocked paragraph to read:

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. ~~The~~ Any fact-finding interview must be scheduled not less than ~~5~~ 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.

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**CHAPTER 54
H.P. 21 - L.D. 17**

**An Act to Amend the
Membership Requirements of
the State Claims Commission**

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §152, first ¶, as amended by PL 1999, c. 185, §2, is further amended to read:

The State Claims Commission, established by Title 5, section 12004-B, subsection 5, consists of 5 members. Four of the members must be appointed by the Governor, 2 of whom must ~~be~~ have been qualified appraisers certified as general real estate appraisers pursuant to Title 32, chapter 124 within the 5 years prior to the date of appointment and 2 of whom must be attorneys-at-law. The Governor shall designate one of the attorneys-at-law to be chair. The members of the commission appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of 4 years. They must be sworn, and for inefficiency, willful neglect of duty or for malfeasance in office may, after notice and hearing, be removed by the Governor on the address of both branches of the Legis-

lature or by impeachment. In case of a vacancy occurring through death, resignation or removal, the Governor shall appoint a successor for the whole term of the member whose place that successor takes, subject to removal as provided in this section.

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**CHAPTER 55
S.P. 15 - L.D. 23**

**An Act to Limit Public Access
to or Dissemination of
Electronic Citation and
Electronic Warning
Information**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2601, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 112, §9, is amended to read:

3-A. Electronic Violation Summons and Complaint. Notwithstanding subsection 3, the Chief Judge of the District Court may approve for use an electronic Violation Summons and Complaint form. The electronic Violation Summons and Complaint form must include, at a minimum, an electronic or digital signature of the officer, a brief description of the alleged offense, the time and place of the alleged offense and the date on or before which the person is to file a written answer with the violations bureau. Personally identifying information that is contained in the electronic citation or the electronic warning database maintained, administered or contributed to by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police is confidential, except that personally identifying information that is contained in these databases may be shared with another criminal justice agency, delivered to the person under subsection 7 and transmitted to the violations bureau as required by subsection 9. For the purposes of this subsection, "personally identifying information" means an individual's name, residential and post office mailing addresses, date of birth and driver's license number, a vehicle registration plate number and any other information contained in a data field that may be used to identify a person.

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**CHAPTER 56
S.P. 16 - L.D. 24**

**An Act to Prohibit Certain
Open Burning Under a Red
Flag Warning and Regulate
Recreational Campfires**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §9321, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Red flag warning areas. The following provisions govern permits for open burning in geographic areas subject to a red flag warning.

A. Except as provided in paragraph B, the director or the director's delegate may not issue a permit or other permission for open burning to take place in a geographic area subject to a red flag warning.

B. The director or the director's delegate may issue a permit for a controlled burn on a commercially managed wild blueberry field in a geographic area subject to a red flag warning as long as the application for the permit includes a prescribed burn plan approved by the issuing authority. The permit must incorporate by reference the approved burn plan.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §9321, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §32 and affected by §80, is further amended to read:

2. Revocation. The director or the director's delegate may revoke any permit during a period of high forest fire danger or any permit ~~which~~ that results in creation of a nuisance condition without compliance with the provisions of Title 4, chapter 5 or Title 5, chapter 375. If a geographic area is subject to a red flag warning, the following provisions apply.

A. Except as provided in paragraph B, the director or the director's delegate shall revoke any permit for open burning in the geographic area during the period in which a red flag warning is in effect.

B. The director or the director's delegate is not required to revoke a permit for a controlled burn on a commercially managed wild blueberry field during the period in which a red flag warning is in effect if the permit includes an approved prescribed burn plan.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §9321-B is enacted to read:

§9321-B. Definitions

As used in this article, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Licensed camping facility. "Licensed camping facility" means a recreational camp, youth camp or camping area licensed under Title 22, section 2495.

2. Recreational campfire. "Recreational campfire" means an out-of-door fire that is used for cooking, personal warmth, light or ceremonial or aesthetic purposes and that is not a part of debris disposal. "Recreational campfire" includes a residential fire contained within an out-of-door fireplace. "Recreational campfire" does not include a portable lantern designed to emit light resulting from combustion or a stove that is used inside a structure or living accommodation.

3. Red flag warning. "Red flag warning" means a forecast warning issued by the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service or its successor, in consultation with the bureau, that informs the public, firefighters and land management agencies that conditions are ideal for wildland fire combustion and rapid spread. A red flag warning indicates for a given geographic area, until the warning is withdrawn, that the temperature is warm, the humidity is very low and strong winds are expected and that these factors produce an increased risk of fire danger.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §9324, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Recreational campfires. A person who kindles or uses a recreational campfire, other than a licensed camping facility, may not allow the recreational campfire to exceed 3 feet in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire or 3 feet in height.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §9324, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Open burning during red flag warning. A person may not engage in open burning under section 9325, subsection 1 or 2, including a recreational campfire, in any geographic area subject to a red flag warning. Open burning without a permit under section 9325, subsection 2 is allowed at the following locations:

- A. A licensed camping facility; and
- B. Campsites under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the Baxter State Park Authority, as long as the campsite and the use of out-of-door fires and charcoal and gas grills at the campsite comply with rules under section 9001-B, subsection 4.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §9325, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 36, §4, is amended to read:

~~A. Recreational campfires~~ A recreational campfire kindled when the ground is covered by snow or on a frozen bodies body of water, as long as the recreational campfire does not exceed 3 feet in diameter on the ground at the base of the fire and does not exceed 3 feet in height;

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §9325, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 36, §4, is amended to read:

B. Residential use of outdoor grills and fireplaces for recreational purposes such as preparing food, as long as the fire does not exceed 3 feet in diameter in a fireplace or grill at the base of the fire and does not exceed 3 feet in height; and

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**CHAPTER 57
S.P. 20 - L.D. 28**

**An Act to Streamline
Rulemaking for Revisions to
Screening Levels for the Solid
Waste Beneficial Use Program**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1304, sub-§1-D is enacted to read:

1-D. Rules; beneficial use of solid waste. The board may adopt or amend rules relating to the beneficial use of solid waste. Rules adopted or amended pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, except that rules adopting or amending screening levels for beneficial use that are derived using the standard risk protocols of the United States Environmental Protection Agency are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. PL 2011, c. 304, Pt. F, §2 is repealed.

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**CHAPTER 58
S.P. 22 - L.D. 30**

**An Act to Increase the
Statutory Fee for Defensive
Driving Courses**

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4208, first ¶, as amended by PL 2007, c. 295, §1, is further amended to read:

The Department of Public Safety is authorized to conduct defensive driving courses for the purpose of promoting highway safety and to charge a registration fee of ~~\$35~~ \$65 to participants in the defensive driving courses conducted under the auspices of the department. The fee must be used to cover the cost of conducting the courses. Any balances remaining at the end of

the fiscal year may not lapse but must be carried forward to be used for the purposes stated in this section.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF
Highway Safety DPS 0457**

Initiative: Provides allocations to allow expenditure of additional revenue from an increase in the registration fee for defensive driving courses.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$9,640	\$12,850
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$9,640	\$12,850

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**CHAPTER 59
S.P. 28 - L.D. 36**

**An Act to Make Corrections to
the Maine Insurance Code**

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §220, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 26, is amended to read:

2. Response to inquiries. All insurers and other persons required to be licensed pursuant to this Title and Title 24 shall respond to all lawful inquiries of the superintendent ~~that relate to resolution of consumer complaints involving the licensee~~ within ~~14~~ 10 business days of receipt of the inquiry and to all ~~other lawful follow-up~~ inquiries of the superintendent within ~~30~~ 5 business days of receipt. If a substantive response ~~can not~~ cannot in good faith be provided within the ~~required time period,~~ the person required to respond shall so advise the superintendent and provide the reason for the inability to respond. The superintendent may adopt routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to implement the requirements of this subsection.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §1106, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2001, c. 524, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Except as otherwise expressly provided, an insurer may not invest more than 10% of its assets in the securities of any one person, other than investments eligible under the following sections:

- A. 1107 (public obligations);
- B. 1108 (obligations, stock of certain federal and international agencies); ~~and~~

C. 1120 (common trust funds, mutual funds), but as to this exception, only with the prior approval of the superintendent and only in index mutual funds in an amount up to 20% of the insurer's assets; ~~and~~

D. 1115 (stocks of subsidiaries), but only with the prior approval of the superintendent unless, with respect to investments in subsidiaries engaged in or organized to engage in the kinds of business in which the insurer may engage, the investments would not result in the aggregate net cost of the insurer's investments in all such subsidiaries exceeding 50% of its surplus as to policyholders. For the purposes of this paragraph, "net cost of the insurer's investment" means the sum of the total money or other consideration expended and obligations assumed in the acquisition or formation of a subsidiary, including all organizational expenses and contributions to capital and surplus of that subsidiary, and all amounts expended in acquiring additional common stock, preferred stock, debt obligations and other securities, and all contributions to the capital or surplus, of a subsidiary subsequent to its acquisition or formation less any returns of capital, repayments of principal and any other payments that reduce the insurer's investment in the subsidiary.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §1155, as amended by PL 2001, c. 524, §3, is further amended to read:

§1155. Diversification

Investments of an insurer shall be subject to the following diversification requirements and limitations.

1. Real estate; personal property; equity interests; subsidiaries. Not more than 40% of the insurer's assets in aggregate amount may consist of investments described in the following ~~subdivisions~~ paragraphs:

- A. Real estate, section 1156, subsection 2, paragraph D, subparagraph (1);
- B. Personal property, section 1156, subsection 2, paragraph E;
- C. Equity interests, section 1156, subsection 2, paragraph F; and
- D. Subsidiaries, section 1157, except as provided in that section.

If, on or after the effective date of this subsection, the insurer makes investments of those types in institutions or property located within the State aggregating 1% or more of its assets, the 40% limitation in this subsection ~~shall~~ must be increased by an equal amount up to 45%, exclusive of those investments in institutions or property located within the State, thus providing for a maximum limit on the investments described in those ~~subdivisions~~ paragraphs of 50% of the insurer's assets.

2. Government obligations; policy loans; other Counter-party limitations. Except as otherwise expressly provided, an insurer may not invest in or may not incur counter-party exposure to any one person if, after giving effect to those investments and that counter-party exposure, the aggregate of those investments in and that counter-party exposure to that person would exceed 10% of the insurer's admitted assets, with the following exceptions:

- A. Government obligations pursuant to section 1156, subsection 2, paragraph A;
- B. Policy loans pursuant to section 1158; and
- C. Index mutual funds, but as to this exception, only with the prior approval of the superintendent and limited to 20% of the insurer's admitted assets.

3. Other investment limitations. Other investment limitations shall be as provided in particular sections of this chapter.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §1481, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 457, §23 and affected by §55, is amended to read:

§1481. Continuing education advisory committee
Education Advisory Committee

The Continuing Education Advisory Committee is established and consists of 6 members appointed by the superintendent for terms of 3 years each, on a staggered-term basis to prevent the terms of more than 2 members from expiring in any one year. A person may not be reappointed to the committee for more than one 3-year term. A person is ineligible for appointment to the committee unless that person is an active, full-time insurance producer or consultant. Committee members are eligible for reimbursement of expenses. The superintendent may remove a committee member for cause.

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2808-B, sub-§2-A, ¶C, as amended by PL 2019, c. 653, Pt. B, §5, is further amended to read:

- C. Rates for small group health plans must be filed in accordance with this section and subsections 2-B and 2-C or section 2792, as applicable, for premium rates effective on or after July 1, 2004, ~~except that the rates for small group health plans are not required to account for any payment or any recovery of that payment pursuant to subsection 2-B, paragraph D and former section 6913 for rates effective before July 1, 2005.~~

Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §2808-B, sub-§2-B, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 244, Pt. G, §2, is further amended to read:

- A. Rates subject to this subsection must be filed for approval by the superintendent. The superintendent shall disapprove any premium rates filed by any carrier, whether initial or revised, for a small group health plan unless it is anticipated that the

aggregate benefits estimated to be paid under all the small group health plans maintained in force by the carrier for the period for which coverage is to be provided will return to policyholders at least 75% of the aggregate premiums collected for those policies, as determined in accordance with accepted actuarial principles and practices and on the basis of incurred claims experience and earned premiums. ~~For the purposes of this calculation, any payments paid pursuant to former section 6913 must be treated as incurred claims.~~

Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §2808-B, sub-§2-B, ¶D, as amended by PL 2007, c. 629, Pt. M, §8, is repealed.

Sec. 8. 24-A MRSA §2839-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 629, Pt. M, §11, is further amended to read:

2. Annual filing. Every carrier offering group health insurance specified in subsection 1 shall annually file with the superintendent on or before April 30th a certification signed by a member in good standing of the American Academy of Actuaries or a successor organization that the carrier's rating methods and practices are in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and with the applicable actuarial standards of practice as promulgated by an actuarial standards board. ~~The filing must also certify that the carrier has included in its experience any savings offset payments or recovery of those savings offset payments consistent with former section 6913.~~ The filing also must state the number of policyholders, certificate holders and dependents, as of the close of the preceding calendar year, enrolled in large group health insurance plans offered by the carrier. A filing and supporting information are public records except as provided by Title 1, section 402, subsection 3.

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CHAPTER 60

H.P. 32 - L.D. 57

**An Act to Amend Maine's
Endangered and Threatened
Species List**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

2. Commissioner's duties. In recommending a species to be listed as endangered or threatened, the commissioner shall:

- A. Make use of the best scientific, commercial and other data available;

B. Consult, as appropriate, with federal agencies, other interested state agencies, other states having a common interest in the species and interested persons and organizations; ~~and~~

C. Maintain a list of all species that the Legislature has designated to be endangered or threatened, naming each species by both its scientific and common name, if any, and specifying over what portion of its range each species so designated is endangered or threatened; and

D. Report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters no less frequently than every 4 years on any recommendations, status updates or changes to the list of species designated as endangered or threatened.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶D, as amended by PL 2007, c. 166, §1, is further amended to read:

D. Sedge wren, *Cistothorus ~~platensis~~ stellaris*, endangered;

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 573, §6 and affected by §8 and c. 655, Pt. C, §§3 and 6, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶P, as amended by PL 2015, c. 121, §2, is further amended to read:

P. Clayton's copper, *~~Lycena~~ Tharsalea dorcas claytoni*, threatened;

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶S, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 573, §6 and affected by §8 and c. 655, Pt. C, §§3 and 6, is amended to read:

S. Katahdin arctic, *~~Oenis~~ Oeneis polixenes katahdin*, endangered;

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶BB, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 573, §6 and affected by §8 and c. 655, Pt. C, §§3 and 6, is amended to read:

BB. Tidewater mucket, *~~Leptodea~~ Atlanticoncha ochracea*, threatened;

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶JJ, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 166, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶PP, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 166, §1, is amended to read:

PP. ~~Purple-lesser~~ Arctic fritillary, *Boloria chariclea grandis*, threatened;

Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶WW, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 121, §5, is amended to read:

WW. Frigga fritillary, *Boloria frigga saga*, endangered;

Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶ZZ, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 121, §5, is amended to read:

ZZ. Eastern small-footed bat, *Myotis leibii*, threatened; ~~and~~

Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶AAA, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 121, §5, is amended to read:

AAA. Six-whorl vertigo, *Vertigo morsei*, endangered; ~~;~~

Sec. 12. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶BBB is enacted to read:

BBB. Ashton's cuckoo bumble bee, *Bombus ash-toni*, endangered;

Sec. 13. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶CCC is enacted to read:

CCC. Bank swallow, *Riparia riparia*, threatened;

Sec. 14. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶DDD is enacted to read:

DDD. Bicknell's thrush, *Catharus bicknelli*, threatened;

Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶EEE is enacted to read:

EEE. Blackpoll warbler, *Setophaga striata*, threatened;

Sec. 16. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶FFF is enacted to read:

FFF. Cliff swallow, *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*, threatened;

Sec. 17. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶GGG is enacted to read:

GGG. Margined tiger beetle, *Ellipsoptera marginata*, threatened;

Sec. 18. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶HHH is enacted to read:

HHH. Saltmarsh sparrow, *Ammodramus caudacutus*, endangered; and

Sec. 19. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§3, ¶III is enacted to read:

III. Tricolored bat, *Perimyotis subflavus*, threatened.

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CHAPTER 61

S.P. 46 - L.D. 74

An Act to Update the Responsibilities of the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §341-D, sub-§1-D is enacted to read:

1-D. Rulemaking. The board shall adopt rules as necessary for hearing appeals from insurance claims-related decisions of the commissioner and the State Fire Marshal under section 568-A. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §341-D, sub-§4, ¶C, as amended by PL 2007, c. 661, Pt. B, §3, is further amended to read:

C. License or permit decisions appealed to the board under another law. Unless the law provides otherwise, the standard of review is the same as provided under paragraph A; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §341-D, sub-§4, ¶D, as amended by PL 2017, c. 334, §3, is further amended to read:

D. License or permit decisions regarding an expedited wind energy development as defined in Title 35-A, section 3451, subsection 4 or a general permit pursuant to section 480-HH or section 636-A. In reviewing an appeal of a license or permit decision by the commissioner under this paragraph, the board shall base its decision on the administrative record of the department, including the record of any adjudicatory hearing held by the department, and any supplemental information allowed by the board for supplementation of the record. The board may remand the decision to the department for further proceedings if appropriate. The chair of the Public Utilities Commission or the chair's designee may serve as a nonvoting member of the board and is entitled to fully participate but is not required to attend meetings and hearings when the board considers an appeal pursuant to this paragraph. The chair's participation on the board pursuant to this paragraph does not affect the ability of the Public Utilities Commission to submit information to the department for inclusion in the record of any proceeding before the department; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §341-D, sub-§4, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Decisions on insurance claims-related matters heard under section 568-A, including but not limited to decisions on eligibility for coverage, eligibility of costs and waiver and amount of deductible. Except as provided in board rules, an applicant must file the appeal not later than the 30th day after the applicant receives the decision made under section 568-A. If the board overturns the decision made under section 568-A, the department must pay reasonable costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the aggrieved applicant in pursuing the appeal to the board from the Maine

Ground and Surface Waters Clean-up and Response Fund established under section 551. Reasonable attorney's fees include only those fees incurred from the time of an insurance claims-related decision forward. Decisions of the board are subject to judicial review pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7.

Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §568-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2015, c. 319, §27, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The commissioner shall make written findings of fact when making a determination of deductible amounts under this subsection. The commissioner's findings may be appealed to the ~~Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board, as provided in section 568-B~~ Board of Environmental Protection as provided in section 341-D, subsection 2-C 4, paragraph E. On appeal, the burden of proof is on the commissioner as to which deductibles apply.

Sec. 6. 38 MRSA §568-A, sub-§2-B, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 206, §17, is amended to read:

2-B. Failure to pay deductibles. An order issued under subsection 1, paragraph F-1 may be conditioned on payment of the applicable deductibles. If an applicant fails to pay the deductible amounts as determined under subsection 2 within 180 days of receipt of a bill from the department or within 180 days of a decision by the ~~review board~~ Board of Environmental Protection as provided in section 341-D or an appellate court upholding the determination, whichever is later, the commissioner may seek reimbursement from the applicant or any other responsible party of all costs incurred by the State in the removal, abatement and remediation of the discharge for which coverage was sought.

Sec. 7. 38 MRSA §568-A, sub-§6, ¶C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 319, §28, is further amended to read:

C. Appeals of decisions made under this subsection may be made to the ~~Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board of Environmental Protection~~ as provided in section 341-D.

Sec. 8. 38 MRSA §568-B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 314, §§1 to 3, is further amended to read:

§568-B. Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board created

1. Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board. The Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board, as established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 11-A, is created to ~~hear and decide appeals from insurance claims related decisions under section 568-A~~ and monitor income and disbursements from the fund under section 551. The review board consists of 9 members appointed for 3-year terms as follows:

A. One person representing the petroleum industry, appointed by the Governor, who is a representative of a statewide association of energy dealers;

A-1. One person, appointed by the President of the Senate, who has expertise in oil storage facility design and installation, oil spill remediation or environmental engineering;

B. Two members of the public appointed by the Governor who must have expertise in biological science, earth science, engineering, insurance or law and may not be employed in or have a direct and substantial financial interest in the petroleum industry;

C. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

D. The State Fire Marshal or the fire marshal's designee;

F. One member familiar with oil spill technology appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

G. One member with expertise in coastal geology, fisheries biology, marine fisheries or coastal wildlife habitat appointed by the President of the Senate; and

H. One member who is a licensed state pilot or a licensed merchant marine officer appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

An appointed member may not serve more than 2 consecutive 3-year terms.

Members other than those described in paragraphs C and D are entitled to reimbursement for direct expenses of attendance at meetings of the review board ~~or the appeals panel.~~

1-A. Vacancies on review board. An appointed member continues to serve until that member has been reappointed or a successor has been appointed except that, if the member has not been reappointed or a successor has not been appointed one year after the member's term expires, the member may no longer continue to serve. A vacancy occurring other than by expiration of a term must be filled by appointment for the unexpired portion of the term.

2. Powers and duties of review board. The Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board has the following powers and duties:

~~A. To hear appeals from insurance claims related decisions of the commissioner and the State Fire Marshal under section 568 A;~~

B. To adopt rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2 and guidelines necessary for the furtherance of the review board's duties and responsibilities under this subchapter;

D. To monitor income and disbursements from the fund under section 551 and adjust fees pursuant to section 551, subsection 4, paragraph F, as required to avoid a shortfall in the fund;

E. To, at such times and in such amounts as it determines necessary, and in consultation with the department, direct the transfer of funds from the Underground Oil Storage Replacement Fund to the fund;

F. To review department priorities for disbursements from the fund and make recommendations to the commissioner on how the fund should be allocated;

G. To review and comment on the State's marine oil spill contingency plan; and

H. To review and monitor issues for oil spill prevention and response and recommend to the commissioner any regulatory changes that are appropriate.

2-A. Meetings. The Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board shall meet 4 2 times per year unless the review board votes ~~not to hold an additional meeting or not to~~ hold a meeting. Action may not be taken unless a quorum is present. A quorum is a majority of the seated members.

2-B. Chair. The review board shall ~~annually~~ choose a member to serve as chair of the review board every 2 years.

~~**2-C. Appeals to review board.** An applicant aggrieved by an insurance claims related decision under section 568 A, including but not limited to decisions on eligibility for coverage, eligibility of costs and waiver and amount of deductible, may appeal that decision to the Clean up and Response Fund Review Board. The appeals panel is composed of the member appointed under subsection 1, paragraph A 1, the 2 members appointed under subsection 1, paragraph B, the member appointed under subsection 1, paragraph G and the member appointed under subsection 1, paragraph H. The appeals panel shall hear and decide the appeal. Action may not be taken by the appeals panel unless a quorum is present. A quorum is a majority of the seated appeals panel members. Except as provided in review board rules, the appeal must be filed within 30 days after the applicant receives the decision made under section 568 A. The appeals panel must hear an appeal at its next meeting following receipt of the appeal unless the appeal petition is received less than 30 days before the meeting or unless the appeals panel and the aggrieved applicant agree to meet at a different time. If the appeals panel overturns the decision made under section 568 A, reasonable costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the aggrieved applicant in pursuing the appeal to the review board must be paid from the fund. Reasonable attorney's fees include only those fees incurred from the time of an insurance~~

~~claims related decision forward. Decisions of the appeals panel are subject to judicial review pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7.~~

2-D. Report; adequacy of fund. Beginning on April 15, 2015 and every other year thereafter, the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board, with the cooperation of the commissioner, shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters on the department's and the review board's experience administering the fund, clean-up activities and 3rd-party damage claims. The report must include an assessment of the adequacy of the fund to cover anticipated expenses and any recommendations for statutory change. To carry out its responsibility under this subsection, the review board may order an independent audit of disbursements from the fund.

2-E. Staff support. The commissioner shall provide the Clean-up and Response Fund Review Board with staff support.

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Sec. 5. 37-B MRSA §792, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 464, §3, is amended to read:

E. The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's ~~permanent~~ designee;

Sec. 6. 37-B MRSA §792, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 464, §3, is amended to read:

F. The Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency or the director's designee, who ~~shall serve~~ serves as chair;

Sec. 7. 37-B MRSA §792, sub-§1, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 464, §3, is amended to read:

G. The Chief of the State Police or the chief's ~~permanent~~ designee;

Sec. 8. 37-B MRSA §801, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 464, §3, is amended to read:

A. Registering facilities, not to exceed ~~\$50~~ \$100 per facility; and

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**CHAPTER 62
H.P. 63 - L.D. 95**

**An Act Concerning the
Membership of the State
Emergency Response
Commission and Fees for
Registering Facilities Required
to Report to That Commission**

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

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §792, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 464, §3, is amended to read:

A. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the commissioner's ~~permanent~~ designee;

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §792, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 464, §3 and amended by PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §7, is further amended to read:

B. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's ~~permanent~~ designee;

Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §792, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by RR 1995, c. 2, §96, is amended to read:

C. The Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services, Department of Public Safety, or the director's ~~permanent~~ designee;

Sec. 4. 37-B MRSA §792, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 464, §3, is amended to read:

D. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's ~~permanent~~ designee;

**CHAPTER 63
H.P. 82 - L.D. 136**

**An Act to Clarify Court
Jurisdiction of Actions
Involving Children Brought
Under the Maine Uniform
Probate Code**

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §152, sub-§5-A, as amended by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §3 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is further amended to read:

5-A. Actions involving minors under Title 18-C. ~~Exclusive~~ Except as provided in paragraph C, exclusive, continuing jurisdiction of actions for guardianship, adoption, change of name or other matters involving custody or other parental rights with respect to a minor child brought under Title 18-C under the following circumstances: if proceedings under the Maine Juvenile Code brought against the minor child are pending in the District Court; if proceedings involving custody or other parental rights with respect to a the minor child, including but not limited to adoption, divorce, parental rights and responsibilities, grandparents' rights, protective custody, change of name, guardianship, ~~paternity, parentage or termination of parental rights and protection from abuse or harassment,~~ are pending in the District Court; or if the minor child is or was the subject of an order issued by the District Court terminating parental rights, appointing a guardian, including a permanency, emergency or interim guardian, awarding parental rights to a 3rd party or granting an adoption. This

subsection does not apply if the only proceedings pending in the District Court involving custody or other parental rights with respect to the minor child are protection from abuse or protection from harassment proceedings unless one of the other grounds for exclusive, continuing jurisdiction are met under this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, a proceeding is pending if a complaint, petition or post-judgment motion has been filed and the final judgment or final order on that complaint, petition or post-judgment motion has not yet been issued.

A. The District Court presiding over any matter involving custody or other parental rights with respect to a minor child shall require all parties to disclose whether they have knowledge of:

- (1) Any interim or final order then in effect concerning custody or other parental rights with respect to the minor child;
- (2) Any proceeding under the Maine Juvenile Code brought against the minor child pending in the District Court or any proceeding involving custody or other parental rights with respect to the minor child ~~currently filed or~~ pending before any court of this State or another state, including before a probate court in this State; or
- (3) Any other related action ~~currently filed or~~ pending before any court of this State or another state, including before a probate court in this State.

B. If Except as provided in paragraph C, if the District Court presiding over any matter under the Maine Juvenile Code brought against a minor child and any matter involving custody or other parental rights with respect to a minor child becomes aware that a proceeding for guardianship, adoption or change of name or another matter involving custody or other parental rights with respect to the minor child under Title 18-C is pending in a probate court in this State, the District Court shall notify the Probate Court and take appropriate action to facilitate a transfer of the matter from the Probate Court. If a matter is transferred to the District Court under this paragraph, the District Court has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over the matter and over any future proceedings for guardianship, adoption or change of name or other matter involving custody or other parental rights with respect to the minor child brought under Title 18-C, except to the extent that the District Court's jurisdiction is precluded by the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

C. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a probate court shall retain jurisdiction over an action for guardianship, adoption, change of name or other matter involving custody or other

parental rights with respect to a minor child brought under Title 18-C that would otherwise be within the exclusive, continuing jurisdiction of the District Court under this subsection and may not transfer that matter to the District Court under paragraph B if:

(1) At the time the proceeding under the Maine Juvenile Code or the proceeding involving custody or other parental rights with respect to the minor child that would otherwise trigger the District Court's continuing, exclusive jurisdiction is initiated, the testimonial hearing on the Title 18-C matter has concluded and the Probate Court has that matter under advisement; and

(2) The Probate Court has not determined that the District Court is the more appropriate forum for the Title 18-C proceeding;

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §251-A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 460, §4, is amended to read:

§251-A. Other proceedings involving parental rights; transfer to District Court

1. Disclosure of orders and proceedings. The judge of probate presiding over any matter involving guardianship, adoption or change of name or another matter involving custody or other parental rights with respect to a minor child shall require all parties to disclose whether they have knowledge of:

A. Any interim or final order then in effect concerning custody or other parental rights with respect to the minor child, including any order of the District Court terminating parental rights; appointing a guardian, including a permanency, emergency or interim guardian; awarding parental rights to a 3rd party; or granting an adoption;

B. Any proceeding under the Maine Juvenile Code brought against the minor child pending in District Court or any proceeding involving custody or other parental rights with respect to the minor child ~~currently filed or~~ pending before any court of this State or another state, including the District Court; or

C. Any other related action ~~currently filed or~~ pending before any court of this State or another state, including the District Court.

2. Transfer to District Court. If Except as provided in subsection 3, if in a matter before the Probate Court concerning a minor child a judge of probate becomes aware that a proceeding under the Maine Juvenile Code brought against the minor child or a proceeding involving custody or other parental rights with respect to the minor child is pending in the District Court or that the minor child is or was the subject of a District Court order terminating parental rights, appointing a guardian, including a permanency, emergency or interim guardian, awarding parental rights to a 3rd party

or granting an adoption, the judge shall notify the District Court and take appropriate action to facilitate a transfer of the matter to the District Court. If a matter is transferred to the District Court under this subsection, the District Court has continuing, exclusive jurisdiction over the matter and over any future proceedings for guardianship, adoption or change of name or other matter involving custody or other parental rights with respect to the minor child brought under Title 18-C, except to the extent that the District Court's jurisdiction is precluded by the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

3. Exception to transfer. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a probate court shall retain jurisdiction over an action for guardianship, adoption, change of name or other matter involving custody or other parental rights with respect to a minor child brought under Title 18-C that would otherwise be within the exclusive, continuing jurisdiction of the District Court under section 152, subsection 5-A and may not transfer that matter to the District Court under subsection 2 if:

A. At the time the proceeding under the Maine Juvenile Code or the proceeding involving custody or other parental rights with respect to the minor child that would otherwise trigger the District Court's continuing, exclusive jurisdiction is initiated, the testimonial hearing on the Title 18-C matter has concluded and the Probate Court has that matter under advisement; and

B. The Probate Court has not determined that the District Court is the more appropriate forum for the Title 18-C proceeding.

For purposes of this section, a proceeding is pending if a complaint, petition or post-judgment motion has been filed and the final judgment or final order on that complaint, petition or post-judgment motion has not yet been issued.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4031, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. C, §28 and affected by Pt. D, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Scope of authority. The court shall consider and act on child protection petitions regardless of other decrees regarding a child's care and custody. The requirements and provisions of Title 19-A, chapter 58 do not apply to child protection proceedings. If custody or parentage is an issue in another pending proceeding, the proceedings may be consolidated in the District Court with respect to the issue of custody, parentage or both. In any event, the court shall make an order on the child protection petition in accordance with this chapter. That order takes precedence over any ~~prior~~ other order regarding the child's care and custody. Nothing in this subsection may be construed to limit the authority of the District Court to determine parentage pursuant to section 4005-F during the pendency of a child protection

proceeding; to consolidate a child protection proceeding with another matter; or to resolve a child protection proceeding through the entry of a parental rights and responsibilities order, guardianship order or adoption order.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 64
H.P. 118 - L.D. 177

**An Act to Amend the Authority
of the Public Utilities
Commission Regarding Access
to Information in Proceedings
Involving Special Rate
Contracts**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §1311-A, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 691, §5 and affected by §10, is amended to read:

F. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection:

(1) The commission may deny all parties, including the commission and its staff, access to information if the commission finds that the potential for harm from disclosure of the information outweighs its probative value in the proceeding; ~~and~~

(2) The commission may deny an attorney access to information under protective order if the commission finds that the attorney's request for access to the information is not made in good faith or that the attorney will not respect the terms of the protective order; ~~and~~

(3) The commission may deny or limit access by an attorney to information under protective order in a proceeding involving one or more special contracts under section 703 if:

(a) The information is customarily regarded as confidential business information and relates to the reasons for the parties' entering into the special contract; and

(b) The party represented by the attorney is not a party to the special contract with the utility.

The commission may deny or limit access to information by any attorney under this subparagraph after providing the attorney with an opportunity to be heard and upon finding that the

potential for harm from disclosure of the information outweighs the need for disclosure.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 65

H.P. 174 - L.D. 276

**An Act to Assist Municipalities
in Preventing Damage from
Storm Water**

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §3106, as amended by PL 2009, c. 501, §3, is further amended to read:

§3106. Municipal assistance for purposes of protecting or restoring a ~~great pond~~ natural resources

1. ~~Repairs to a private road~~ Protection or restoration of great ponds through repairs to private roads, ways or bridges. For the purpose of protecting or restoring a great pond, as defined in Title 38, section 480-B, subsection 5, a municipality may appropriate funds to repair a private road, way or bridge to prevent storm water runoff pollution from reaching a great pond if:

- A. The private road, way or bridge is within the watershed of the great pond;
- B. The great pond:
 - (1) Is listed on the Department of Environmental Protection's list of bodies of water most at risk pursuant to Title 38, section 420-D, subsection 3;
 - (2) Has been listed as impaired in an integrated water quality monitoring and assessment report submitted by the Department of Environmental Protection to the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act, 33 United States Code, Section 1315(b) at least once since 2002; or
 - (3) Is identified as having threats to water quality in a completed watershed survey that uses a protocol accepted by the Department of Environmental Protection;
- C. The Department of Environmental Protection or the municipality determines that the private road, way or bridge is contributing to the degradation of the water quality of the great pond based upon an evaluation of the road, way or bridge using a protocol accepted by the department;

D. The repair complies with best management practices required by the Department of Environmental Protection; and

E. The private road, way or bridge is maintained by a road association organized under this subchapter or Title 13-B.

1-A. Protection or restoration of protected natural resources through repairs to certain private roads, ways, bridges or storm water management systems. For the purpose of protecting or restoring a protected natural resource, a municipality or a regional community and economic development organization may appropriate funds to repair a private road, way, bridge or storm water management system to prevent storm water runoff pollution from reaching a protected natural resource if:

A. The private road, way, bridge or storm water management system is within the watershed of the protected natural resource or is located within or immediately adjacent to the protected natural resource;

B. With respect to a protected natural resource that is a great pond only, the great pond satisfies the criteria listed in subsection 1, paragraph B;

C. The Department of Environmental Protection, the municipality or the regional community and economic development organization determines that the private road, way, bridge or storm water management system is contributing to the degradation of water quality within or immediately adjacent to the protected natural resource based upon an evaluation of the road, way, bridge or storm water management system using a protocol accepted by the department;

D. The repair complies with best management practices required by the Department of Environmental Protection; and

E. The private road, way, bridge or storm water management system is located wholly or partially within or immediately adjacent to a military installation closed pursuant to the federal Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act of 1990.

1-B. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Protected natural resource" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 480-B, subsection 8.

B. "Regional community and economic development organization" means a quasi-governmental entity established in statute for the purpose of addressing the development needs, problems and opportunities of municipalities and regions. "Re-

gional community and economic development organization" includes, but is not limited to, the Mid-coast Regional Redevelopment Authority established in Title 5, section 13083-G.

2. Rules. The Department of Environmental Protection may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 66

S.P. 213 - L.D. 459

An Act to Update the Procedures for Issuance of Orders Related to Involuntary Hospitalizations

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

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §3801, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Electronic endorsement. "Electronic endorsement" has the same meaning as "electronic signature" in Title 4, section 17, subsection 18, paragraph A.

Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA §3863, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2015, c. 309, §3, is further amended to read:

3. Judicial review. The application and accompanying certificate must be reviewed by a Justice of the Superior Court, Judge of the District Court, Judge of Probate or a justice of the peace, who may review the original application and accompanying certificate or a secure electronic or facsimile transmission of them.

A. If the judge or justice finds the application and accompanying certificate to be regular and in accordance with the law, the judge or justice shall endorse them and promptly send them to the admitting psychiatric hospital. For purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section, an endorsement transmitted by facsimile machine or an electronic endorsement transmitted by secure electronic means has the same legal effect and validity as ~~the~~ an original endorsement signed by the judge or justice.

B. A person may not be held against the person's will in a hospital under this section, except that a person for whom an examiner has executed the certificate under subsection 2 may be detained in a hospital for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 24 hours, pending endorsement by a judge or justice, if:

(1) For a person informally admitted under section 3831, the chief administrative officer of the psychiatric hospital undertakes to secure the endorsement immediately upon execution of the certificate by the examiner; and

(2) For a person sought to be involuntarily admitted under this section, the person or persons seeking the involuntary admission undertake to secure the endorsement immediately upon execution of the certificate by the examiner.

C. Notwithstanding paragraph B, subparagraphs (1) and (2), a person sought to be admitted informally under section 3831 or involuntarily under this section may be transported to a psychiatric hospital and held there for evaluation and treatment pending judicial endorsement of the application and certificate if the endorsement is obtained between the soonest available hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

D. A person who has been held against that person's will for no more than 24 hours pursuant to paragraph B may be held for a reasonable additional period of time, not to exceed 48 hours, if:

(1) The hospital has had an evaluation of the person conducted by an appropriately designated individual and that evaluation concludes that the person poses a likelihood of serious harm due to mental illness;

(2) The hospital, after undertaking its best efforts, has been unable to locate an available inpatient bed at a psychiatric hospital or other appropriate alternative; and

(3) The hospital has notified the department of the name of the person, the location of the person, the name of the appropriately designated individual who conducted the evaluation pursuant to subparagraph (1) and the time the person first presented to the hospital.

E. If a person remains in a hospital for the full 48 hours allowed under paragraph D, the person may be held for one additional 48-hour period, if:

(1) The hospital satisfies again the requirements of paragraph D; and

(2) The department provides its best efforts to find an inpatient bed at a psychiatric hospital or other appropriate alternative.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 67
H.P. 282 - L.D. 465**

**An Act to Provide for an
Electronic Permit for the
Disposition of Human Remains**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2843, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2009, c. 601, §27, is further amended to read:

The State Registrar of Vital Statistics, ~~or a municipal clerk or a subregistrar~~ may issue a permit for final disposition by cremation, burial at sea, use by medical science or removal from the State only upon receipt of a certificate of release by a duly appointed medical examiner as specified in Title 32, section 1405.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2843, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 2009, c. 601, §27, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2843, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2013, c. 20, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Permit for burial. ~~The person in charge of each burying ground or funeral director or authorized person present at the burial or crematory in this State shall endorse or electronically affirm, and provide the date the body was or cremated remains were disposed of on, each such permit with which that person is presented, and return it to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics or to the clerk of the municipality in which such the burying ground or crematory is located within 7 days after the date of disposition. If there is no person in charge of the burying ground, an official of the municipality in which the burying ground is located shall endorse, and provide the date the body was disposed of on, each such permit, and present it to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics or the clerk of the municipality. The funeral director or authorized person shall present a copy of each permit, after endorsement or electronic affirmation, to the State Registrar of Vital Statistics or the clerk of the municipality where death occurred and to the clerk who issued the permit to be filed in the electronic death registration system authorized pursuant to section 2847. The State Registrar of Vital Statistics 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. 4. 22 MRSA §2843, sub-§3-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 257, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §2843, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 611, §1, is further amended to read:

4. Records. Each municipality shall maintain a record of any endorsed or electronically affirmed permit received pursuant to subsection 3 ~~or 3-A~~ in the electronic death registration system described in section 2847. A copy of an endorsed or electronically affirmed

permit must be made available to a member of the public upon a request made to the municipal clerk. The State Registrar of Vital Statistics may adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 68
H.P. 333 - L.D. 528**

**An Act to Improve Road Safety
for Waste and Recycling
Collection Employees**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§1, ¶I-1, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 32, §1, is amended to read:

I-1. "Public service vehicle" means a vehicle used to assist members of the public or law enforcement officers with disabled vehicles or to remove debris from a roadway, a refuse, garbage, compost, recycling or trash business vehicle used to transport refuse, garbage, compost, recycling or trash or a vehicle used to construct, maintain, inspect or repair utility infrastructure, including, but not limited to, electricity, water, sewer, cable, telephone, gas and natural gas infrastructure. "Public service vehicle" includes a wrecker.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 582, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (9) to read:

(9) A refuse, garbage, compost, recycling or trash business vehicle used by an individual to transport refuse, garbage ~~and, compost, recycling or~~ trash may be equipped with auxiliary lights that emit a flashing amber light.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 69
H.P. 358 - L.D. 553**

**An Act to Require Mortgage
Holders to Notify a
Homeowner's Insurance
Company on the Sale or
Transfer of a Mortgage**

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §9-305-A, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 206, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§9-305-A. Timely payments from escrow and notice of sale or transfer of mortgage on real estate

1. Payments from escrow. A creditor, assignee or servicer that holds or controls funds of a consumer in an escrow account for the payment of taxes or insurance premiums shall make timely payments from that escrow account for a consumer credit transaction secured by a mortgage on real estate. A creditor, assignee or servicer is liable to the consumer for actual damages resulting from failure to make timely payments from that escrow account. The creditor, assignee or servicer shall also rectify the results of a failure to make timely payments, including causing corrections of the consumer's credit report and causing the discharge of any liens against the consumer's real estate.

2. Notice of transfer or sale of mortgage on real estate. A creditor, assignee or servicer that holds or controls funds of a consumer in an escrow account for the payment of insurance premiums for a consumer credit transaction secured by a mortgage on real estate shall notify the insurer that provides insurance coverage for the real estate subject to the mortgage upon the sale or transfer of the mortgage. A creditor, assignee or servicer may satisfy the notice requirement in this subsection by providing the insurer with a copy of the notice of the sale or transfer of the mortgage sent to the consumer.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 70

H.P. 369 - L.D. 574

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Working Waterfront Covenants

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §131, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 574, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Qualified 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 waterfront or the enlargement of working waterfront opportunities for commercial fisheries businesses; or

C. A nonprofit organization organized under state law whose purposes or powers include retaining or protecting coastal community values, culture or

heritage, coastal habitat or real property that provides coastal water access.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 71

H.P. 377 - L.D. 600

An Act to Expand Availability of Naloxone Hydrochloride

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§4, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. With the express consent of a municipality, an overdose prevention program established under this subsection may provide and maintain naloxone hydrochloride in a wall-mounted box or other visible and accessible container 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.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§5, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. A municipality or overdose prevention program is immune from criminal and civil liability for providing or maintaining naloxone hydrochloride containers under subsection 4, paragraph C.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 72

H.P. 456 - L.D. 687

An Act to Increase the Allowable Width of a Snowplow

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2380, sub-§8, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 335, §8, is amended to read:

D. Snowplows and equipment mounted on a vehicle traveling from one work location to another work location during a snow event, or traveling from the point of purchase to a storage location, as long as the vehicle does not exceed ~~408~~ 126 inches in total width. For the purposes of this paragraph, "snow event" means the period beginning 48 hours

before a snowstorm and ending 48 hours after the snowstorm.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 73

S.P. 309 - L.D. 751

An Act to Clarify the Powers of a Conservator to Transfer Property

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

Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §5-414, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

B. Sell, encumber, convey or release an interest in, sign or revoke a transfer on death deed for or surrender a lease to the primary dwelling of the individual subject to conservatorship. For purposes of this paragraph, "transfer on death deed" has the same meaning as in section 6-402, subsection 6;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 74

H.P. 523 - L.D. 834

An Act to Ensure Transparency in the Labeling of Meat as Grass-fed

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2157, sub-§15, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 528, §10 and corrected by RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §23, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

For the purposes of this subsection, "hemp" has the same meaning as in Title 7, section 2231, subsection 1-A, paragraph D; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2157, sub-§16, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 455, §1 and reallocated by RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §22, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

As used in this subsection, "poultry," "poultry product," "meat" and "meat product" have the same meanings as in section 2511-~~;~~ or

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2157, sub-§17 is enacted to read:

17. Grass-fed claims. If a person sells, offers for sale or distributes within the State or sells, offers for sale or serves in any retail food establishment or eating

establishment as defined in section 2491, subsection 7 any meat or meat product as defined in section 2511 labeled or advertised as "grass-fed" or by similar designation unless the ruminant animal was grass-fed.

For purposes of this subsection, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Acceptable additional feed" means hay, haylage, baleage, silage, crop residue without grain and other sources of roughage as well as routine mineral and vitamin supplementation.

B. "Forage" means annual or perennial grasses, forbs and other browse. "Forage" also includes cereal grain crops in the vegetative stage of growth.

C. "Grass-fed" means, with respect to meat or a meat product, that the ruminant animal from which the meat was derived:

(1) Consumed only forage and acceptable additional feed during its lifetime with the exception of milk consumed prior to its weaning; and

(2) Had continuous access to pasture during each growing season until slaughter.

A determination that meat or a meat product is misbranded may be waived by the commissioner upon application if the commissioner finds a waiver warranted due to inadvertent exposure of the animal to nonforage feedstuffs or because incidental supplementation with nonforage feedstuffs was necessary to ensure the well-being of the animal during adverse environmental or physical conditions.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 75

H.P. 670 - L.D. 1034

An Act to Require That Service of a Temporary Protection Order Be Attempted Within 48 Hours from the Issuance of the Order

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4114, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

11. Service of protection from abuse order. Every law enforcement agency shall adopt a written policy on the service of protection from abuse orders that directs that every order issued under this chapter is served on the subject of the order as quickly as possible, including that service of every temporary, emergency or

interim order issued under this chapter must be attempted within 48 hours after receiving notice of that order from the court. Service of a protection from abuse order that is not in compliance with a policy adopted under this subsection does not affect the validity of the service or the order.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 76
S.P. 637 - L.D. 1605**

**An Act to Amend the Terms of
the Members of the Maine
Space Corporation Board of
Directors by Requiring
Staggered Terms**

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 Space Corporation was established by Public Law 2021, chapter 631; and

Whereas, the Governor is directed to appoint 11 members to the corporation's board of directors, and these appointments must be made as soon as possible in order for the board of directors to convene and conduct its business, including establishing bylaws for the corporation; 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 §13203, sub-§4, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 631, §1, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The terms of the members of the board of directors who are not ex officio members must be staggered as specified in the bylaws of the corporation are appointed for 3-year terms. A vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment in accordance with this paragraph for the balance of the unexpired term. A member of the board of directors 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 member's term.

Sec. 2. Staggered terms. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13203, subsection 4, paragraph C, with regard to the initial appointments of the members of the Board of Directors of the

Maine Space Corporation, the Governor shall appoint 4 members to a one-year term, 4 members to a 2-year term and 3 members to a 3-year term.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 11, 2023.

**CHAPTER 77
S.P. 100 - L.D. 194**

**An Act to Update and Clarify
the Public Utilities
Commission's Reporting
Requirements**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §120, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2001, c. 137, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Regional issues. The commission's efforts undertaken in accordance with its authority under this Title to promote and protect consumer interests through participation in and presentations before regional entities and federal agencies with jurisdiction over regional marketplaces that affect the State's consumers, including, but not limited to, the efforts described in section 1911. The commission must provide an assessment of staffing requirements to undertake these responsibilities;

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §120, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2009, c. 122, §8, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §120, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2021, c. 236, §1, is further amended to read:

6. Significant developments. Any significant developments in the utility sectors or other areas of commission oversight; including, but not limited to, the developments described in the following provisions:

A. Section 3195, subsection 5; and

B. Section 4706, subsection 9;

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §120, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 122, §11, is amended to read:

7. Other. All other subjects that the commission is required to include in the annual report pursuant to law; including, but not limited to, the following provisions:

A. Title 25, section 2927, subsection 5;

B. Section 3144, subsection 5;

C. Section 3214, subsection 6;

D. Section 3217, subsection 4;

E. Section 4706-B, subsection 4; and

F. Section 6102-A, subsection 2.

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §1911, as amended by PL 2015, c. 445, §7, is further amended to read:

§1911. Reports

The commission shall include in its annual report under section 120, subsection 3 a description of its efforts to pursue, in appropriate regional and federal forums, market and rule changes that will reduce the basis differential for natural gas coming into New England ~~and data and analysis regarding leak emissions of greenhouse gases from liquefied natural gas storage that has been contracted for through a physical energy storage contract.~~

Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §3143, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 539, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §3210-C, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2019, c. 476, §2, is further amended by amending the 6th 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 in the preceding 12 months under this subsection, ~~the Community-based Renewable Energy Act~~ 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 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, including dates for requests for proposals, and types of resources to be procured.

Sec. 8. 35-A MRSA §3217, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 122, §15, is repealed.

Sec. 9. 35-A MRSA §3607, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 329, Pt. A, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 10. 35-A MRSA §7508, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2009, c. 122, §18, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 78

H.P. 296 - L.D. 479

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Membership of the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Advisory Council

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1726, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 203, §2, is amended to read:

E. Two persons appointed by the member of the House of Representatives who is the leader of the minority party in the House. One person must be a spiritual counselor with experience working with persons with serious illnesses and their family members. One person must represent persons 55 years of age and older; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1726, sub-§2, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 203, §2, is amended to read:

F. The executive director of the Maine Hospice Council, established in section 8611, who serves as a nonvoting member; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1726, sub-§2, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. One person who is an individual receiving palliative care, or a primary caregiver of an individual receiving palliative care, appointed by the Governor.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 79

S.P. 264 - L.D. 596

An Act to Exempt Certain Conservation Lots from Municipal Subdivision Review

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4401, sub-§4, ¶J is enacted to read:

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.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 80

H.P. 414 - L.D. 637

An Act to Promote the Use of Free Annual Wellness Visits by Ensuring Proper Disclosure

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1718-H is enacted to read:

§1718-H. Disclosure related to annual wellness visit

A health care entity, as defined in section 1718-B, subsection 1, paragraph B, at the time of an annual wellness visit by an insured patient, shall disclose to the patient that not all services provided during the course of an annual wellness visit may be covered as preventive services without any out-of-pocket costs to the patient by the patient's health plan, as defined in Title 24-A, section 4301-A, subsection 7, and that, if the patient has questions about the scope of covered services under the patient's health plan, the patient should contact the patient's health insurance carrier.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§15, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 364, §26, is amended to read:

15. Uniform explanation of coverage documents and standardized definitions. A carrier offering a health plan in this State shall:

A. Provide to applicants, enrollees and policyholders or certificate holders a summary of benefits and an explanation of coverage that accurately describe the benefits and coverage under the applicable plan or coverage. A summary of benefits and an explanation of coverage must conform with the requirements of the federal Affordable Care Act; ~~and~~

B. Use standard definitions of insurance-related and medical-related terms in connection with health insurance coverage as required by the federal Affordable Care Act; and

C. Provide notice to enrollees and policyholders or certificate holders that preventive services are covered without cost sharing as provided in section 4320-A, subsection 1, but services related to a specific health concern, condition or injury may be separately billed as an office visit and may be subject to cost-sharing requirements as provided in the health plan.

Sec. 3. Application. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4303, subsection 15 applies to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2024. For purposes of this Act, all policies, contracts and certificates are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 81

H.P. 506 - L.D. 817

An Act to Allow the Crew Member of a Holder of an Elver Fishing License to Empty an Elver Fyke Net

Emergency preamble. **Whereas**, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, fishing for or taking elvers within the waters of the State may occur only between March 22nd and June 7th, or until Maine's elver quota, as established by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, has been met, whichever is earlier; and

Whereas, the elvers taken during the 2022 fishing season were worth nearly \$20,000,000 at the docks; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order for it to be in effect for the 2023 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 §6505-A, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 468, §24, is 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. ~~Only the~~ The license holder to whom a tag is issued or the unlicensed crew member may empty an elver fyke net.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 15, 2023.

CHAPTER 82

H.P. 15 - L.D. 11

**An Act to Strengthen
Temporary Protections for
Children Living in Dwellings
with Identified Lead Hazards**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1321, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Notice to owner; interim controls. The department may order the owner to implement lead exposure reduction actions or interim controls as determined by the department with reasonable notice until the owner is able to remove, replace or securely and permanently cover lead-based substances. In order to determine the effectiveness of the actions taken or interim controls, the department may inspect the dwelling, premises, residential child-occupied facility, child care facility, premises of the family child care provider or nursery school;

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1322, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2003, c. 421, §9, is further amended to read:

Until the owner brings any residential dwelling or premises into compliance with this Act while a tenant is occupying a dwelling unit, the owner shall move the tenant to a substitute dwelling unit upon reasonable notice. The department may, on a case-by-case basis,

waive this requirement if the department determines that the implementation of actions to reduce lead exposure or interim controls sufficiently protects the residents of the unit until full abatement is achieved. Pursuant to section 1321, subsection 3-A, the department may order the owner to implement lead exposure reduction actions or interim controls as determined by the department with reasonable notice. The owner shall pay reasonable moving expenses and any use and occupancy charges for a substitute dwelling unit that exceed the rent for the vacated dwelling unit for which the tenant remains responsible. "Substitute dwelling unit" means a dwelling unit of like or similar accommodation and in like or similar location that is lead-safe. If the tenant fails to accept the substitute dwelling unit selected by the owner while the owner is required to bring the vacated dwelling unit into compliance with this Act or the tenant fails to remain current in rent pursuant to the lease or tenancy at will under Title 14, section 6002, including the statutory period of right to cure, the owner is not obligated beyond 10 days after completion of remediation to reimburse the tenant for any expense or inconvenience other than moving expenses and any use and occupancy charges for the substitute dwelling unit selected by the owner that exceed the rent for the vacated dwelling unit.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 83

H.P. 52 - L.D. 82

**An Act to Improve Access to
Children's Behavioral Health
Services**

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

Sec. 1. 34-B MRSA §1208, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. SSS, §2, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 84

H.P. 64 - L.D. 96

**An Act to Ensure Release of
Relevant Background
Investigation Material to
Current Employers of Law
Enforcement and Corrections
Officers**

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2805-B, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 256, §1, is amended to read:

B. The applicant shall sign a request that an employing agency release all employment records to a hiring agency. For the purposes of the employment application, the request form must include a waiver of any rights that the applicant has to the privacy of the employment records, including those rights related to the exchange of information resulting from a background investigation or polygraph examination under subsection 5 between the employing agency and the hiring agency. The request form must be signed by the applicant and the signature must be witnessed. The board shall adopt rules establishing a standard request and waiver form. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2805-B, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 256, §2, is amended to read:

5. Release of the results of a background investigation or polygraph examination. When a background investigation or polygraph examination has been performed on a law enforcement officer or corrections officer and the results indicate probable cause to believe that the officer is or has been involved in criminal activity, the head of the law enforcement agency, correctional facility or county or regional jail that conducted the investigation or examination or for whom the investigation or examination was performed shall release the results of the investigation or examination to the head of the law enforcement agency, correctional facility or county or regional jail that employs the law enforcement officer or corrections officer.

The head of the law enforcement agency, correctional facility or county or regional jail that conducted the background investigation or polygraph examination of the law enforcement officer or corrections officer, or for whom the investigation or examination was performed, is immune from civil or criminal liability for releasing information gathered during the investigation or examination to the head of the law enforcement agency, correctional facility or county or regional jail that employs the law enforcement officer or corrections officer.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 85
S.P. 67 - L.D. 128**

**An Act to Remove the Limit on
Sets of Special Veterans
Registration Plates**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2017, c. 43, §2 and PL 2019, c. 377, §6, is further amended to read:

3. Special veterans registration plates. The Secretary of State, on application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482 and the registration fee required by section 501 or by section 504, subsection 1 for a vehicle with a registered gross weight over 10,000 pounds, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of special veterans registration 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 person who has served in the United States Armed Forces and who has been honorably discharged or to a person who has served in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years and continues to serve. If a person who qualifies for a special veterans registration plate under this subsection is ~~the a~~ primary driver of any vehicle, the Secretary of State may issue in accordance with this section a set of special veterans registration plates for each vehicle.

Each application must be accompanied by the applicant's Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, certification from the United States Veterans Administration or the appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge, or a letter from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services verifying active duty military service and length of service.

The Secretary of State shall recall a special veterans registration plate of a recipient who has been less than honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

All surplus revenue collected for issuance of the special registration plates is retained by the Secretary of State to maintain and support this program.

The surviving spouse of a special veteran plate recipient issued plates in accordance with this subsection may retain and display the special veteran plates as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the special veteran plates on a motor vehicle, but may retain them as a keepsake. Upon the death of the surviving spouse, the family may retain the special veteran plates, but may not use them on a motor vehicle.

The Secretary of State may issue a special disability registration plate for veterans in accordance with section 521, subsections 1, 5, 7 and 9. The special disability registration plate for veterans must bear the International Symbol of Access.

The Secretary of State may issue a set of special veterans registration plates when the qualifying veteran is the primary driver of a company-owned vehicle if:

- A. The company is owned solely by a veteran who qualifies for a veteran plate under this section;

B. The vehicle is leased by a veteran who qualifies for the veteran plate under this subsection; or

C. The vehicle is leased by the employer of a veteran who qualifies for the veteran plate and the employer has assigned the vehicle exclusively to the veteran. The employer must attest in writing that the veteran will have exclusive use of the vehicle and agrees to the display of the special veteran plate.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§3-A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 356, §12 and PL 2019, c. 377, §6, is further amended to read:

3-A. Motorcycle plates; veterans. In addition to any plate issued pursuant to subsection 3, the Secretary of State, on application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482 and the registration fee required by section 515, subsection 1, shall issue a registration certificate and a special veterans registration plate for ~~up to 3~~ any designated motorcycles owned or controlled by a person who has served in the United States Armed Forces and who has been honorably discharged or to a person who has served in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years and continues to serve.

Each application must be accompanied by the applicant's Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge, or a letter from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services verifying active duty military service and length of service.

The Secretary of State shall recall a special veterans registration plate of a recipient who has been less than honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

All surplus revenue collected for issuance of the special veterans registration plates is retained by the Secretary of State to maintain and support this program.

Upon request the Secretary of State shall issue special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle that are also vanity plates. These plates are issued in accordance with this section and section 453. Vanity plates issued under this subsection may not duplicate vanity plates issued in another class of plate.

The surviving spouse of a recipient of a special veterans registration plate issued in accordance with this subsection may retain and use the plate or plates as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the plate or plates, but may retain them. Upon the death of the surviving spouse, the family may retain the plate or plates, but may not use them.

The Secretary of State may not issue special commemorative decals under subsection 5 or 6 for use on special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 86

S.P. 76 - L.D. 147

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Regarding Certain Raffles
Conducted by Eligible
Organizations**

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1836, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 119, §2, 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 and no more than one 50/50 raffle per tournament with a prize value up to ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000. All prizes awarded in accordance with this subsection must be paid in cash or by check.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §1837-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2019, c. 129, §3, is further amended to read:

3. Raffle with a noncash prize greater than \$2,500 but not greater than \$10,000. Except for raffles conducted by an eligible organization under subsection 4, a person or organization may conduct a raffle in which the total value of the prize offered to the holder of the winning chance is greater than \$2,500 and does not exceed \$10,000 upon the acceptance of a registration by the Gambling Control Unit. The Gambling Control Unit may not accept a registration for a raffle under this subsection unless the registration states a verifiable charitable purpose for which the proceeds of the raffle are dedicated to benefit. If the raffle is conducted in a manner in which there are multiple winning

chances, the total value of all prizes offered may not exceed a value of \$10,000. A prize offered for a raffle conducted under this subsection may not be in the form of cash and, notwithstanding subsection 8, may not be exchanged for cash.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §1837-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 129, §3, is further amended to read:

4. Raffle with a noncash prize of up to \$75,000 \$150,000 or a cash prize of up to \$20,000 \$10,000 per holder of a winning chance conducted by eligible organization. An eligible organization as described in section 1832, subsection 2 may register with the Gambling Control Unit to conduct a raffle in which the total value of the prize or prizes awarded to the holder of a winning chance or to the holders of the winning chances does not exceed:

- A. ~~Seventy five thousand dollars~~ Exceed \$150,000 that is not in the form of cash and, notwithstanding subsection 8, may not be exchanged for cash; or
- B. ~~Twenty thousand dollars in cash, with no~~ Include more than one \$10,000 cash prize for ~~the~~ each holder of a winning chance.

At the time of registration, the eligible organization shall state a verifiable charitable purpose that the proceeds of the raffle are dedicated to benefit.

Beginning December 1, 2024, the Gambling Control Unit shall adjust every 2 years the noncash prize dollar value 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 \$100.

Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §1837-A, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 129, §3, is amended to read:

6. Multiple raffles. An eligible organization as described in section 1832, subsection 2 may conduct more than one raffle at a time that meet the requirements of subsections 2-A, 3 and 4, ~~except that an eligible organization may not conduct more than one registered raffle at the same time under subsection 4, paragraph A and may not conduct more than one registered raffle at the same time under subsection 4, paragraph B. This subsection does not prevent an eligible organization from conducting one registered raffle under subsection 4, paragraph A at the same time that the eligible organization conducts one registered raffle under subsection 4, paragraph B.~~ When an eligible organization conducts multiple raffles as permitted by this subsection, the eligible organization is not required to begin and end those raffles on the same dates.

Sec. 5. 17 MRSA §1837-A, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Lottery ticket as noncash prize; total value. A lottery ticket offered as a prize in a raffle held in

accordance with this section is considered a noncash prize and the total value of the lottery ticket is determined by the purchase price of the lottery ticket and not by the potential or actual value of the lottery ticket winnings.

Sec. 6. 17 MRSA §1839, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. KKKKK, §27, is further amended to read:

1. Records required. Each licensee or registrant shall keep a record of all financial transactions involving games operated under this chapter. ~~The~~ Except for records kept by eligible organizations operating raffles under section 1837-A, the records must include an exact account of all gross revenue from the games, an itemization of all allowable expenses, including, but not limited to, the cost of prizes, printing, licenses and administration, and the disposition of all proceeds, including, but not limited to, all gifts, grants and payments to any person, firm, corporation, association or organization for any purpose whatsoever. All financial records involving games operated under this chapter must be separate and distinguishable from other records of the organization. Revenue from more than one game operated under this chapter may be entered into one account.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 87

H.P. 94 - L.D. 153

An Act to Allow Electronic Distribution of Certain Documents to Municipalities and Electronic Acknowledgment of Receipt of Certain Documents as Acceptable Communications

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §701, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2007, c. 663, §2, is further amended to read:

3. Public hearing. The county commissioners shall hold a public hearing in the county on ~~these~~ the estimates before the end of the county's fiscal year. ~~They~~ At least 10 days before the hearing, the county commissioners shall publish a notice of the hearing at least 10 days before the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. ~~Written and provide written~~ notice and a copy of the estimates ~~must be sent by mail or delivered in person to the clerk of each municipality in the county at least 10 days before the hearing by e-mail, regular mail or delivery in person to the clerk, except that the county commissioners shall provide the written notice and a copy of the estimates by~~

e-mail or regular mail if a municipality requests delivery by one of these methods. If the notice is delivered by e-mail or regular mail, the municipal clerk shall confirm receipt of the notice and a copy of the estimates by e-mail or regular mail. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officers of the receipt of the estimates.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §725, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

4. Public hearing on revised budget. The budget committee shall hold at least one additional public hearing in the county on the proposed budget, as revised by the budget committee, before the end of the county's fiscal year and before the final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing must be given at least 10 days before the hearing in all newspapers of general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget shall be mailed sent or delivered in person to the clerk of each municipality in the county in accordance with section 701, subsection 3. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officials of the proposed budget.

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §739-B, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 475, §§1 and 2, is amended to read:

3. Public hearing. The finance committee shall hold a public hearing in the county on its proposed budget before the end of the county's fiscal year and before the final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing shall be given at least 10 days before the hearing in all newspapers of general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget shall be sent by mail, or delivered in person, to the clerk of each municipality in the county in accordance with section 701, subsection 3. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officials of the proposed budget.

Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §742-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2007, c. 663, §5, is further amended to read:

4. Public hearings. Public hearings on the proposed budget must be held by the budget advisory committee and county commissioners in each commissioner's district at least one month prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. Notice of these hearings must be given at least 10 days before the hearing in newspapers of general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget must be sent by mail, or delivered in person, to the clerk of each municipality in the county in accordance with section 701, subsection 3. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officials of the receipt of the proposed budget and the date of the hearings.

Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §753, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 257, is amended to read:

3. Public hearing. The budget committee shall hold a public hearing in the county on its proposed budget before the end of the county's fiscal year and before the final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing must be given at least 10 days before the hearing in all newspapers of general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget must be sent by mail or delivered in person to the clerk of each municipality in the county in accordance with section 701, subsection 3. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officials of the receipt of the proposed budget.

Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §764, as amended by PL 2007, c. 663, §8, is further amended to read:

§764. Public hearing

The Hancock County commissioners shall hold a public hearing on the budget estimate at least 90 days before the end of the county's fiscal year and an informational meeting on the advisory committee's budget estimates at least 30 days before the end of the county's fiscal year. Pursuant to the requirements of section 701, subsection 3, written Written notice and a copy of the estimates must be sent by mail or delivered in person to each member of the county legislative delegation in accordance with section 701, subsection 3 at least 10 days before the informational meeting on the annual budget.

Sec. 7. 30-A MRSA §825, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2007, c. 663, §13, is further amended to read:

4. Public hearing. The county commissioners shall hold a public hearing in the county on the proposed budget at least 30 days before the end of the county's fiscal year and before the final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing must be given at least 10 days before the hearing in all newspapers of general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget must be sent by mail or delivered in person to the clerk of each municipality in the county and to the members of the budget committee in accordance with section 701, subsection 3. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officials of the proposed budget and the date of the public hearing.

Sec. 8. 30-A MRSA §833, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 623, §1, is amended to read:

3. Public hearing. The budget committee shall hold a public hearing in the county on the proposed budget before the end of the county's fiscal year and before the final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing must be given in all newspapers of general circulation within the county at least 10 days before the hearing. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget must be sent by mail, or delivered in person, to the clerk of each municipality in the county in accordance with section 701, subsection 3. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officials of the proposed budget.

Sec. 9. 30-A MRSA §855, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

3. Public hearing. The budget committee shall hold a public hearing in the county on the proposed budget before the end of the county's fiscal year and before the final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing shall be given at least 10 days before the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget shall be sent ~~by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, or delivered in person, with proof received of the delivery,~~ to the clerk of each municipality in the county in accordance with section 701, subsection 3. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officers of the proposed budget.

Sec. 10. 30-A MRSA §864, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 533, §6 and affected by §10, is amended to read:

3-A. Written notification. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget must be sent or delivered in accordance with section 701, subsection 3 at least 10 days before the public hearing to the clerk of each municipality in the county. The municipal clerk shall notify the elected officials of the proposed budget.

Sec. 11. 30-A MRSA §874, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 495, is amended to read:

3. Public hearing. The advisory committee shall hold a public hearing in the county on the proposed budget before the end of the county's fiscal year and before the final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing must be given in all newspapers of general circulation within the county at least 10 days before the hearing. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget must be sent ~~by mail, or delivered in person,~~ to the clerk of each municipality in the county in accordance with section 701, subsection 3. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officials of the proposed budget.

Sec. 12. 30-A MRSA §897, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 582, §1, is amended to read:

3. Public hearing. The budget committee shall hold a public hearing in the county on the proposed budget before the end of the county's fiscal year and before final adoption of the budget. Notice of the hearing must be given in all newspapers of general circulation within the county at least 10 days before the hearing. Written notice and a copy of the proposed budget must be sent ~~by mail or delivered in person~~ to the clerk of each municipality in the county in accordance with section 701, subsection 3. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officials of the proposed budget.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 88
H.P. 160 - L.D. 239**

**An Act to Establish the
Pink-edged Sulphur as the
State Butterfly**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §231 is enacted to read:

§231. State butterfly

The Pink-edged Sulphur (Colias interior) is the official state butterfly.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 89
H.P. 278 - L.D. 449**

**An Act to Authorize the
Department of Health and
Human Services to License
Home-based and
Community-based Services for
Persons with an Intellectual
Disability, Autism Spectrum
Disorder or a Related
Condition or an Acquired
Brain Injury and Define
Autism Spectrum Disorder**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3089, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Licensing. As provided in Title 34-B, section 1203-B, the department shall license agencies, as defined in that section, that serve or provide support for an adult with an acquired brain injury.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §7801, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1993, c. 661, §3, is further amended to read:

3. Residential care facilities. A residential care facility providing care to no more than 2 residents is not required to obtain a license under subsection 1, unless the license is required for the residential care facilities to receive payment from available state funds, including the State's share of MaineCare reimbursements. The department may issue 2-year licenses and conduct modified surveys for compliance of those facilities as long as the facilities have relatively deficiency-free surveys with no history of health or safety violations.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §7801, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Residential care facilities serving adults with certain conditions. This subsection applies to a residential care facility that provides a setting for an adult with an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, as defined in Title 34-B, section 6002, subsection 1, a related condition, as defined in Title 34-B, section 5001, subsection 5-A, or an acquired brain injury.

A. A residential care facility to which this subsection applies must obtain a license as provided by Title 34-B, section 1203-B.

B. A license issued under this chapter before July 1, 2024 to a residential care facility that provides a setting for an adult with an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, a related condition or an acquired brain injury continues in effect until the license's expiration date, unless subject to the disciplinary authority of the department.

This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2026.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §7862, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 546, §1, is amended to read:

~~All~~ Except as provided by subsection 2-A, all contracts or agreements executed by providers of assisted living services under this chapter and a consumer or the legal representative of the consumer are subject to the requirements of this section.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §7862, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Exception. This section does not apply to a contract for the provision of services in a setting for an adult with an acquired brain injury, an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, as defined in Title 34-B, section 6002, subsection 1, a related condition, as defined in Title 34-B, section 5001, subsection 5-A.

Sec. 6. 34-B MRSA §1203-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §108, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§1203-A. Licenses for the provision of mental health services

Sec. 7. 34-B MRSA §1203-B is enacted to read:

§1203-B. Licenses for agencies that provide services to adults with certain conditions

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Agency" means a firm, association, corporation or nonprofit organization.

B. "Related condition" means a condition that meets the definition of 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 435.1010 in effect January 1, 2023.

2. License required. An agency that provides a service, if the service provided is funded in whole or in part by the department, to an adult with an intellectual

disability, autism spectrum disorder, a related condition or an acquired brain injury, including a service provided under Title 22, section 3089, may not provide that service without a license issued by the department as provided by this section. This section applies to:

A. A provider of services regarding case management or care coordination, home support, community support, employment support, personal support and residential services; and

B. A residential care facility that provides a setting for an adult with an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, a related condition or an acquired brain injury.

3. Full license. Full licenses under this section are governed as follows.

A. The department may issue a full license to or renew a full license for an applicant that the department determines has complied with all applicable laws and rules.

B. A full license has a term not to exceed 2 years.

4. Conditional license. Conditional licenses under this section are governed as follows.

A. The department may issue a conditional license to an agency applying for or renewing a 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.

B. A conditional license has a term for a specified period of time not to exceed one year or the remaining period of the full license, if the applicant has a full license and has applied for renewal, as determined by the department. The department shall determine the period of the 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 when the conditional licensee must comply with those conditions.

C. If a conditional licensee fails to comply with conditions imposed by the department, the department may initiate proceedings to revoke, suspend or refuse to renew the conditional license in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375.

5. Provisional license. Provisional licenses under this section are governed as follows.

A. The department may issue a provisional license to an agency that:

(1) Has not previously operated as an agency serving an individual with an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, a related condition or an acquired brain injury;

(2) Complies with all applicable laws and rules, except those that can be complied with only once the applicant serves clients; and

(3) Demonstrates the ability to comply with all applicable laws and rules by the end of the provisional license term.

B. A provisional license has a term for a specified period of time of at least 3 months but no longer than 12 months, as determined by the department.

6. Qualifications for license. The department shall establish qualifications for a license issued under this section, including qualifications regarding:

A. General requirements;

B. Professional personnel;

C. Paraprofessional personnel;

D. Treatment, services and the coordination of treatment and services;

E. Supervision of professional and nonprofessional personnel;

F. Organizational structure, including lines of authority;

G. Clinical records;

H. Business records; and

I. Other aspects of providing a service to an individual with an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, a related condition or an acquired brain injury that may be necessary to protect the public.

7. License not assignable or transferable. A license issued under this section is not assignable or transferable. A license is immediately void if ownership or control of the agency changes.

8. Quality assurance and technical assistance. The department may perform programmatic review of a licensee, monitor, audit and provide technical assistance to a licensee and otherwise ensure that a licensee is compliant with standards of operation set forth by the department. The department may:

A. Issue a notice of deficiency for failure to comply with applicable state statutes or rules or federal regulations; and

B. Require licensees to submit and comply with acceptable plans of corrective action to remedy the deficiency for which notice was issued under paragraph A.

The department shall monitor each licensee for continued compliance with applicable laws and rules at least every 2 years.

9. Confidentiality of records. A department record that contains personally identifiable information or health information and that is created or obtained in connection with the department's licensing or quality assurance powers under this section is confidential, with the exceptions of a notice of deficiency, a plan of corrective action and a final action with respect to a license or a quality assurance activity.

10. Right of entry; investigation. The department has the right to enter and inspect the premises of an agency licensed by the department under this section, an agency requesting a license from the department under this section or an agency the department determines is operating without a license required by this section.

A. The department has the right to inspect and copy any books, accounts, papers, records and other documents in order to determine the state of an agency's compliance with applicable laws and rules.

B. The department must enter the premises at a reasonable time.

C. To inspect an agency that the department knows or believes to be operating without a license, the department may enter only with the permission of the owner or person in charge or with an administrative inspection warrant issued pursuant to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80E by the District Court authorizing entry and inspection. An owner or operator of an agency that is unlicensed may not interfere with, impede or obstruct an investigation by the department.

11. Enforcement. The following provisions govern enforcement of this section.

A. When an applicant or licensee fails to comply with applicable laws and rules or a plan of corrective action, the department may refuse to issue or renew the license or may impose one or more of the following sanctions if the department determines that a sanction is necessary and appropriate to ensure compliance with applicable laws or rules or to protect an individual served by an agency. The department may direct the licensee or applicant to:

(1) Stop all new admissions or intake of new clients, regardless of payment source, until the department determines that corrective action has been taken; and

(2) Correct any deficiencies in a manner and within a time frame that the department determines is appropriate to ensure compliance with applicable laws or rules or to protect a client of the licensee or applicant.

B. If, at the expiration of a full or provisional license or during the term of a full license, a licensee fails to comply with applicable laws and rules and, in the judgment of the department, the best interest of the public would be served by the issuance of a conditional license, the department may issue a conditional license or change a full license to a conditional license.

C. A license issued under this section may be suspended or revoked for violation of applicable laws and rules; committing, permitting, aiding or abetting any illegal practices in the operation of the agency; or conduct or practices detrimental to the welfare of persons living in or attending a facility operated by the agency.

D. When the department determines that a license should be suspended or revoked, the department shall file a complaint with the District Court as provided in Title 5, chapter 375.

E. The department may petition the Superior Court to appoint a receiver to operate an agency in the same manner as for a long-term care facility under Title 22, chapter 1666-A.

F. The department may impose a penalty on a licensee for a violation of this section. The department shall establish a schedule of penalties according to the nature of the violation. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

G. The department may impose a penalty on an agency required to be licensed under this section that is operating without the required license. The minimum penalty for operating without a license is \$500 per day but not more than \$10,000 in total.

12. Appeals. A person aggrieved by a final action of the department under this section may obtain judicial review in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375. A final action for purposes of this subsection includes:

- A. Issuing a conditional license;
- B. Amending or modifying a license;
- C. Refusing to issue or renew a full license;
- D. Refusing to issue a provisional license; and
- E. Imposing a sanction.

13. Rules. 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.

14. Transitional provisions. An agency that is otherwise required to obtain a license under this section or a residential care facility that provides a setting for an adult with an intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, a related condition or an acquired brain injury that is otherwise required to obtain a license under this

section is not required to obtain the license before July 1, 2024.

This subsection is repealed July 2, 2024.

Sec. 8. 34-B MRSA §5001, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Related condition. "Related condition" means a condition that meets the definition in 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 435.1010 in effect January 1, 2023.

Sec. 9. 34-B MRSA §5433, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §96, is further amended to read:

2. Services and programs. Provide and help finance adult developmental services and programs throughout the State for persons with intellectual disabilities or autism spectrum disorder or related conditions residing in the community and residing in privately owned residential care facilities;

Sec. 10. 34-B MRSA §6002, as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 309, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§6002. Autism spectrum disorder and autism defined

1. Generally. "Autism spectrum disorder" or "autism" means a neurodevelopmental disorder characterized by symptoms that typically present in the early developmental period and result in clinically significant impairment in social, occupational or other important areas of functioning, including:

- A. Deficits in social communication and social interaction; and
- B. Restricted repetitive behaviors, interests and activities.

2. Adult with autism spectrum disorder; adult with autism. "Adult with autism spectrum disorder" or "adult with autism" means an adult who has received a diagnosis that meets the diagnostic criteria of autism spectrum disorder, as set forth in department rules.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 90

H.P. 343 - L.D. 538

An Act Regarding the Appointment of Expert Witnesses in Certain Family Court Actions

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1653, sub-§6, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. In cases involving past or current allegations of domestic abuse between the parents, if the court orders an assessment or evaluation that will include providing court recommendations regarding the award of parental rights and responsibilities or conditions of parent-child contact that are in the best interest of the child from a person other than a guardian ad litem appointed under Title 4, section 1554, subsection 1, the court may appoint only a licensed clinical social worker, psychologist or psychiatrist who has training and demonstrated expertise on at least the following topics:

- (1) The domestic abuse tactics affecting adult and child safety after separation of the parents;
- (2) The effects of domestic abuse and violence on children and conditions that support resilience;
- (3) Best practices for recognizing, asking about and assessing the effects of domestic abuse on the parent-child relationship; and
- (4) Methods for reducing post-separation abuse of the nonabusing parent and promoting child safety and security.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 91

H.P. 609 - L.D. 962

An Act Regarding the Transfer of Seized Currency to the Federal Government for Criminal Asset Forfeiture

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §5821, last ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 454, §5, is amended to read:

~~Unless seized property under this section includes United States currency in excess of \$100,000 in conjunction with a federal criminal case, a law enforcement agency, prosecuting authority, state agency, county or municipality may not enter into an agreement to transfer or refer property seized under this section to a federal agency directly, indirectly, through adoption, through an intergovernmental joint task force or by other means that circumvent the provisions of this section.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 92

S.P. 400 - L.D. 981

An Act to Require All Emergency Medical Services Persons to Be Trained to Administer and Dispense Naloxone Hydrochloride

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 161, §4, is amended to read:

8. Naloxone hydrochloride. An emergency medical services person licensed under this chapter ~~may~~ **shall administer and** dispense naloxone hydrochloride in accordance with Title 22, section 2353, subsection 2-A and the rules adopted and compliance with protocols and training developed for emergency medical services persons under in accordance with this chapter.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2024.

Effective July 1, 2024.

CHAPTER 93

H.P. 678 - L.D. 1083

An Act to Amend the Membership of the Rare Disease Advisory Council

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 council coordinator to provide administrative support to the Rare Disease Advisory Council is currently being appointed and members of the council will soon be appointed; and

Whereas, to minimize disruption of membership and ensure that members of the council with direct experience of a single-gene disorder will be appointed at the beginning of the council's activities, this legislation must take effect 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. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶L, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 740, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶M, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 740, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶N, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 740, §2, is amended to read:

N. One representative of an organization dedicated to providing services to persons with rare diseases;

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶O is enacted to read:

O. One person 18 years of age or older who has had or has a single-gene disorder;

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶P is enacted to read:

P. One person 18 years of age or older who has had or has a rare disease that is not a single-gene disorder;

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶Q is enacted to read:

Q. One parent or guardian who has a child with a single-gene disorder; and

Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §1700-B, sub-§2, ¶R is enacted to read:

R. One parent or guardian who has a child with a rare disease that is not a single-gene disorder.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 17, 2023.

CHAPTER 94

H.P. 570 - L.D. 914

An Act to Amend the Duties of the Office of Affordable Health Care

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3122, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 459, §3, is amended to read:

B. Analyze health care spending trends by consumer categories, payer type, provider categories or any other measurement that presents available data in a manner that may assist the legislative oversight committee in understanding health care cost drivers, health care quality and utilization trends, the impact of emerging technology in health care treatment, consumer experience with the health care system or any other aspect of the health care system;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 95

H.P. 690 - L.D. 1095

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Public Sector Bargaining in Public Schools

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §965, sub-§1, ¶B-1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 752, §2, is amended to read:

B-1. For a public employer that is a school ~~district~~ administrative unit and the bargaining agent representing ~~teachers~~ employees within that school ~~district~~ administrative unit, to meet within 10 days after receipt of written notice from the other party requesting a meeting for collective bargaining purposes, as long as the parties have not otherwise agreed in a prior written contract, except that explicit waivers of collective bargaining over wages, hours, working conditions and contract grievance arbitration in a prior written contract may not be enforced for purposes of this paragraph. ~~This~~ The obligation to meet within 10 days of notice is suspended during the period between a referendum approving a new regional school unit and the operational date of the regional school unit, as long as the parties meet at reasonable times during that period;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 96

H.P. 625 - L.D. 978

An Act to Maintain Legislative Oversight of the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Program by Requiring Major Substantive Rulemaking

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2422-A, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 652, §1, is amended to read:

A. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 8072, subsection 11 or any other provision of law to the contrary, rules provisionally adopted by the department in accordance with this subsection and submitted for legislative review may not be finally adopted by the department unless legislation authorizing final adoption of those rules is enacted into law.

~~This paragraph is repealed on November 1, 2025.~~

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2430-G, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 452, §24, is amended to read:

4. **Procedures for suspending or terminating registration.** The department shall adopt rules establishing procedures for suspending or terminating the registration of a registered dispensary or a registered caregiver that violates the provisions of this section or the rules adopted pursuant to this subsection.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are ~~routine technical~~ major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 97

H.P. 295 - L.D. 478

An Act to Improve Coastal Sand Dune Restoration Projects

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-E, sub-§15 is enacted 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.

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 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 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.

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.

Sec. 2. Department of Environmental Protection; rulemaking. The Department of Environmental Protection shall initiate rulemaking, as necessary, to amend its rule Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act – Permit by Rule Standards and its rule Chapter 355: Coastal Sand Dune Rules to ensure the consistency of those rules with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 480-E, subsection 15. Notwithstanding Title 38, section 480-AA or any other provision of law to the contrary, the amendment of rule Chapters 305 and 355 by the department in accordance with this section is routine technical rulemaking as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 98
S.P. 249 - L.D. 581**

**An Act to Assist Municipal
Shellfish Conservation
Programs**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6072-C, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 159, §6, is amended to read:

3-A. Educational courses. Prior to the issuance or renewal of a limited-purpose aquaculture license, the commissioner may require the applicant to complete any educational courses the commissioner determines appropriate, except that an applicant that is exempt from payment of an application fee as provided in subsection 6-A may not be required to complete an educational course. Educational courses may be provided by the department or by any public or private sector association or organization authorized by the commissioner. For any course provided by the department, the commissioner shall set an enrollment fee sufficient to recover all costs incurred by the department in providing the course.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6072-C, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2021, c. 52, §16 and affected by §21, is further amended to read:

6. Fee. The Except as provided in subsection 6-A, the application fee for a resident limited-purpose aquaculture license is \$100 and for a nonresident limited-purpose aquaculture license is \$400. The application fee is nonrefundable. All fees collected under this subsection must be deposited in the Aquaculture Research Fund established in section 6081.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6072-C, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Fee exemptions. The commissioner may not assess an application fee for a limited-purpose aquaculture license that is issued to:

A. A municipal shellfish management committee established pursuant to section 6671, as long as the organisms cultured on the license site are not used for commercial purposes; or

B. A municipal officer for a municipal project, as long as the organisms cultured on the license site are not used for commercial purposes.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 99
H.P. 408 - L.D. 631**

**An Act to Change the
Notification Law for School
Truancy**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5051-A, sub-§2, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

C-1. Notwithstanding paragraph C, a superintendent may make 2 documented attempts to serve or cause to be served upon a parent the written notice and may serve or cause to be served or attempt to serve or cause to be served upon a parent the written notice by certified mail instead of registered mail.

This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2025.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §5051-A, sub-§2, ¶D-1 is enacted to read:

D-1. Prior to notifying the local law enforcement department under paragraph E-1, the superintendent shall schedule at least one meeting as required under paragraph B-1 and may invite a local prosecutor.

This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2025.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §5051-A, sub-§2, ¶E-1 is enacted to read:

E-1. If, after 3 school days after the 2nd attempted service of the notice referred to in paragraph C-1, the student remains truant and the parent and student refuse to attend the meeting scheduled according to paragraph D-1, the superintendent shall report the facts of the unlawful absence to the local law enforcement department, which may proceed with an action to enforce section 5053-A against the parent unless the student is at once placed in an appropriate school or otherwise meets the requirements under section 5001-A.

This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2025.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 100
H.P. 533 - L.D. 844**

**An Act to Protect the Practice
of Certain Cardiovascular
Professionals**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §9854, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2015, c. 429, §§19 and 20, is further amended to read:

3. Exceptions. The requirement of a license shall does not apply to:

A. A dentist, dental hygienist 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; or

D. Any person serving in the United States Armed Services or public health service or employed by the Veterans' Administration United States Department of Veterans Affairs or other federal agency performing his the person's official duties, provided that 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.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 101
S.P. 392 - L.D. 921

An Act to Allow the Local
Foods Fund for Public Schools
to Be Used for Processed and
Value-added Maine Food
Products

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 2021, c. 426, §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 a school administrative unit pays for produce, value-added dairy, protein or minimally processed foods purchased directly from a farmer, farmers' cooperative, local food hub, local food processor or food service distributor in the State, to a maximum state contribution of \$5,000 per school administrative unit in fiscal year 2021-22 and subsequent years or \$5,500 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 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. For purposes of this subsection, "minimally processed" means only the washing, cleaning, trimming, peeling, slicing, drying, sorting, refrigerating, freezing and packaging of food items or a combination of those activities. 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.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 102
S.P. 228 - L.D. 511**

**An Act to Clarify That Haulers
Are Under the Jurisdiction of
the Logging Dispute Resolution
Board**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §3701, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 665, §4, is amended to read:

4. Forest products harvester or hauler. "Forest products harvester or hauler" means an individual who qualifies as an independent contractor under section 1043, subsection 11, paragraph E and who is engaged in harvesting or hauling trees from forest land for a forest landowner.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §3703, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 665, §4, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) One member with experience in dispute resolution and arbitration representing forest products harvesters or haulers from a list submitted by the Maine AFL-CIO or its successor organization; and

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §3704, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 665, §4, is amended to read:

The board may hear and decide disputes between a forest products harvester or hauler and forest landowner in accordance with this section related to wage violations, payout amounts, contract violations or disputes related to hiring.

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §3705, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 665, §4, is amended to read:

§3705. Filing of complaint

1. Who may file complaint. A forest products harvester or hauler or forest landowner may file a complaint with the board stating the facts of a dispute. The filing must contain any information as required by the board by rule.

2. Limitation on time to file complaint. A forest products harvester or hauler or forest landowner may not file a complaint more than 2 years after an alleged dispute.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 103
S.P. 435 - L.D. 1066**

**An Act to Allow a Restaurant
to Serve a Bottle of Wine to the
Person Who Brought the Bottle**

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§2, ¶K, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §106, is further amended to read:

K. Donations authorized under section 708-C; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§2, ¶M, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §34, is amended to read:

M. Product supplied by licensees authorized under section 1052-D for the purposes of providing taste-testing samples under a taste-testing event license; or

Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §709, sub-§2, ¶N is enacted to read:

N. A restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge giving, serving or permitting to be served a bottle of wine as authorized under section 1051, subsection 10.

Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §1051, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Consumption of bottles of wine not sold on the premises. A restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge licensed by the State to sell wine on the premises may give, serve or permit to be served a bottle of wine furnished by a person who has purchased a full meal to be consumed on the premises by that person or by another person within the same group as the person who furnished the wine and may charge a fee, not to exceed \$100 per bottle, for this service. A restaurant, Class A restaurant or Class A restaurant/lounge may permit a person who furnished the bottle of wine to remove the partially consumed bottle of wine from the premises upon departure as long as the person is not visibly intoxicated as defined in section 2503, subsection 7 and the bottle of wine is removed and transported in a manner consistent with subsections 4 and 5, respectively.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 104
H.P. 206 - L.D. 308**

**An Act to Require That
Insurance Companies Notify
Insured Persons over 65 Years
of Age Regarding Coordination
of Benefits with Medicare
Part B**

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

Sec. 1. 24 MRSA §2332-A, sub-§1-A, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 604, Pt. G, §1, is amended to read:

B. The contract may not coordinate benefits with Medicare Part B unless:

- (1) The insured is enrolled in Medicare Part B;
- (2) The insured was previously enrolled in Medicare Part B and voluntarily disenrolled;
- (3) The insured stated on an application or other document that the insured was enrolled in Medicare Part B; or
- (4) The insured is eligible for Medicare Part A without paying a premium and the insurer provided prominent notification to the insured both when the contract was issued and, if applicable, when the insured becomes eligible for Medicare due to age. The content of the notification must be approved by the bureau. The notification must state that the contract will not pay benefits that would be payable under Medicare even if the insured fails to enroll in Medicare Part B and state that the insured may contact the bureau, the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program established in Title 24-A, section 4326 or another relevant organization or agency for assistance in understanding coordination of benefits with Medicare Part B under the insured's contract.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2723-A, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 1999, c. 790, Pt. D, §7, is further amended to read:

B. The policy may not coordinate benefits with Medicare Part B unless:

- (1) The insured is enrolled in Medicare Part B;
- (2) The insured was previously enrolled in Medicare Part B and voluntarily disenrolled;
- (3) The insured stated on an application or other document that the insured was enrolled in Medicare Part B; or

- (4) The insured is eligible for Medicare Part A without paying a premium and the insurer provided prominent notification to the insured both when the policy was issued and, if applicable, when the insured becomes eligible for Medicare due to age. The content of the notification must be approved by the bureau. The notification must state that the policy will not pay benefits that would be payable under Medicare even if the insured fails to enroll in Medicare Part B and state that the insured may contact the bureau, the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program established in section 4326 or another relevant organization or agency for assistance in understanding coordination of benefits with Medicare Part B under the insured's contract.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2844, sub-§1-A, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 604, Pt. G, §2, is amended to read:

B. The contract may not coordinate benefits with Medicare Part B unless:

- (1) The insured is enrolled in Medicare Part B;
- (2) The insured was previously enrolled in Medicare Part B and voluntarily disenrolled;
- (3) The insured stated on an application or other document that the insured was enrolled in Medicare Part B; or
- (4) The insured is eligible for Medicare Part A without paying a premium and the insurer provided prominent notification to the insured both when the certificate was issued and, if applicable, when the insured becomes eligible for Medicare due to age. The content of the notification must be approved by the bureau. The notification must state that the contract will not pay benefits that would be payable under Medicare even if the insured fails to enroll in Medicare Part B and state that the insured may contact the bureau, the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program established in section 4326 or another relevant organization or agency for assistance in understanding coordination of benefits with Medicare Part B under the insured's contract.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 105
H.P. 306 - L.D. 489**

**An Act to Provide Equal
Educational Opportunity by
Adopting Rules Ensuring
Nondiscrimination on the Basis
of Protected Class Status in
Educational Institutions**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4603, as amended by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. A, §18, is further amended to read:

§4603. Rulemaking; review

The Commissioner of Education ~~shall have~~ has joint rule-making authority with the commission to effectuate this subchapter. On or before January 15, 2024 and at least once every 10 years thereafter, the Commissioner of Education and the commission shall jointly review rules adopted pursuant to this section and, if the Commissioner of Education and the commission determine that those rules must be amended to reflect changes in statute and best practices to ensure an individual's right to freedom from discrimination in education, the Commissioner of Education and the commission shall as soon as practicable initiate rulemaking in accordance with this section.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 106
H.P. 314 - L.D. 497**

**An Act to Prohibit the Use of
Personal Watercraft on Keyes
Pond in the Town of Sweden**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13071-A, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §384 and affected by §422, is amended by amending subparagraph (32) to read:

(32) Highland Lake or Woods Pond in the Town of Bridgton in Cumberland County if the personal watercraft is rented and does not display a decal identifying the rental agency that owns the personal watercraft; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13071-A, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §384 and affected by §422, is amended by amending subparagraph (33) to read:

(33) Lake St. George in the Town of Liberty; or

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13071-A, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §384 and affected by §422, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (34) to read:

(34) Keyes Pond in the Town of Sweden in Oxford County.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 107
H.P. 327 - L.D. 522**

**An Act to Require That Motor
Vehicles Be Clear of Snow and
Ice When Operated on Public
Ways**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2093 is enacted to read:

§2093. Snow and ice; duty of care

The operator of a vehicle with a registered weight under 10,000 pounds shall take reasonable measures to prevent snow or ice on the vehicle from falling off the vehicle while it is being operated on a public way.

A violation of this section that causes damage or injury is a traffic infraction subject to a fine of not more than \$50 for a first offense and for which a fine of not less than \$150 and not more than \$250 may be adjudged for each subsequent offense.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2396, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2001, c. 144, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Unsecured load. A person may not operate on a public way a vehicle with a load that is not fastened, secured, confined or loaded to reasonably prevent a portion from falling off.

For the purposes of this section, "load" includes, but is not limited to, firewood, pulpwood, logs, bolts, snow, ice or other material, but does not include loose hay, pea vines, straw, grain or cornstalks.

When the load consists of sawdust, shavings or wood chips, and a reasonable effort has been made to completely cover the load, minor amounts blown from the vehicle while in transit do not constitute a violation.

A violation of this section is a traffic infraction subject to a ~~forfeiture~~ fine of not less than \$150 nor more than \$500.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 108
S.P. 269 - L.D. 652**

**An Act to Allow the
Reinstatement of Certain
Commercial Driver's Licenses**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1253, sub-§2, ¶D, as amended by PL 2009, c. 447, §27, is further amended to read:

D. Protect public safety by removing from public ways a commercial driver who has:

- (1) Operated or attempted to operate a commercial vehicle while having an alcohol level of 0.04 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or 210 liters of breath;
- (2) Refused to submit to or complete a lawfully requested test to determine that driver's alcohol level; or
- (3) Operated or attempted to operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1253, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

E. Provide maximum safety on public ways; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1253, sub-§2, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. Allow for the reinstatement, in accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 383.51(a)(6) (2023), of a commercial license of any driver who has been disqualified for life from operating a commercial motor vehicle for offenses described in paragraphs (b)(1) to (b)(8) of Table 1 to 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 383.51 (2023).

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2025.

Effective January 1, 2025.

**CHAPTER 109
S.P. 376 - L.D. 879**

**An Act to Place Restrictions on
Candidate Speech and
Clothing, Buttons and Other
Items at Voting Places**

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §21, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

These limitations do not prohibit a candidate from attending the voting place and orally communicating with voters as long as the candidate does not attempt to influence their vote. A candidate may not state the name of the office sought or request a person's vote, 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 or otherwise express support for or opposition to a party, a candidate or a ballot question.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 110
S.P. 401 - L.D. 982**

**An Act to Allow the Disclosure
of Death Certificate Data to
Hospitals and Health Care
Practitioners**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2706, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Disclosure of death certificate data to hospital or health care practitioner. Death certificate data must be made available, upon request and in accordance with rules adopted by the department, to a hospital licensed under chapter 405 or a health care practitioner as defined in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph F. 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 111
S.P. 39 - L.D. 47**

**An Act to Amend the Law
Governing Licensing Actions of
the Emergency Medical
Services' Board**

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 2019, the 129th Legislature enacted Public Law 2019, chapter 370, which gave the Emergency Medical Services' Board the authority to deny, refuse to renew or revoke an emergency medical services person's license; and

Whereas, prior to the enactment of Public Law 2019, chapter 370, the Emergency Medical Services' Board was not permitted to revoke emergency medical services licenses of emergency medical services personnel, but instead was required to request the Office of the Attorney General to file a complaint with the District Court to revoke a license; and

Whereas, language in the prior law referencing the revocation pathway through the Office of the Attorney General was not removed, which has created ambiguity; and

Whereas, it is imperative that this ambiguity be resolved as soon as possible to clarify the Emergency Medical Services' Board's authority over the licensing of emergency medical services personnel; 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 §90-A, sub-§4, ¶D, as amended by PL 2001, c. 229, §7, is further amended to read:

D. Except in the specific circumstances where Title 5, section 10004 may be invoked, if the board or its staff concludes that suspension beyond the authority conferred by section 88 ~~or revocation~~ of the license is in order, the 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.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 1, 2023.

**CHAPTER 112
H.P. 68 - L.D. 100**

**An Act to Require Annual
Financial Audits of Certain
Private Schools Approved for
Tuition Purposes**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2953, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Annual audit required. A private school approved for tuition purposes that enrolls 60% or more publicly funded students shall, within 6 months after the end of the school's audit period, submit to the State Auditor and the commissioner satisfactory proof that the books, accounts, financial documents and reports of the school for the preceding fiscal year have been examined and found to be in a satisfactory and accurate condition with proper vouchers on file. The audit required under this subsection must be conducted by the Office of the State Auditor, a public accountant licensed to practice in the State or an individual or firm the department has determined is a competent auditor by training and experience. The department shall adopt routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to implement this subsection.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 113
S.P. 75 - L.D. 146**

**An Act to Clarify Assessment
of Penalties for Tattoo Artists,
Body Piercers, Electrologists
and Micropigmentation
Practitioners and to Change
Requirements for the Approval
of Public Pool and Spa Plans**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2662, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2007, c. 631, §4, is further amended to read:

4. Residential spa. "Residential spa" means any constructed spa, permanently installed or portable, that is used in connection with a single or multifamily residence, used by tenants of apartment buildings, owners of condominiums or members of property owners associations and available only to these residents and their private guests or used by guests of a lodging place as defined in section 2491, subsection 7-F that has 10 or fewer rooms or cottages.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2665, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2007, c. 631, §7, is further amended to read:

~~The design criteria to be followed by the department in the review and approval is~~ Submitted plans and specifications must be sealed by a licensed professional engineer under Title 32, chapter 19 and must include a statement by the engineer indicating that the plans and specifications meet the minimum standard for all pools and the minimum standard for all spas published by the

American National Standards Institute and the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals or successor organizations as identified by the department by rule.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1222, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 264, §8, is amended to read:

3. Civil Administrative penalty. A person who practices electrology without a license or who violates the sterilization, sanitation or safety standards adopted by the department under this chapter ~~commits a civil violation for which a fine~~ is subject to an administrative penalty, imposed by the department, of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 ~~may be adjudged~~ for each violation. Each day the violation remains uncorrected may be counted as a separate offense.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1222, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Schedule of penalties. The department shall adopt major substantive rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A establishing a schedule of penalties according to the nature and duration of the violation of this section.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §4204, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 264, §14, is amended to read:

1. Penalty Administrative penalty. A person who fails to be licensed as required by this chapter, violates the sterilization, sanitation or safety standards adopted by the ~~Department of Health and Human Services~~ department under section 4251 or performs tattooing on a minor ~~commits a civil violation for which a fine~~ is subject to an administrative penalty, imposed by the department, of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 ~~may be adjudged~~ for each violation. Each day the violation remains uncorrected may be counted as a separate offense.

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §4204, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Schedule of penalties. The department shall adopt major substantive rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A establishing a schedule of penalties according to the nature and duration of the violation of this section.

Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §4318, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 264, §16, is amended to read:

1. Penalty Administrative penalty. A person who fails to be licensed as provided by section 4312 or violates the sterilization, sanitation or safety standards adopted by the department under section 4313 ~~commits a civil violation for which a fine~~ is subject to an administrative penalty, imposed by the department, of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 ~~may be adjudged~~ for each violation. Each day the violation remains uncorrected may be counted as a separate offense.

Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §4318, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Schedule of penalties. The department shall adopt major substantive rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A establishing a schedule of penalties according to the nature and duration of the violation of this section.

Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §4327, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 264, §17, is amended to read:

1. Penalty Administrative penalty. A person who fails to be licensed as provided by section 4324, violates the sterilization, sanitation or safety standards adopted by the department under section 4326 or performs body piercing on a minor without parental consent under section 4323 ~~commits a civil violation for which a fine~~ is subject to an administrative penalty, imposed by the department, of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 ~~may be adjudged~~ for each violation. Each day the violation remains uncorrected may be counted as a separate offense.

Sec. 10. 32 MRSA §4327, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Schedule of penalties. The department shall adopt major substantive rules in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A establishing a schedule of penalties according to the nature and duration of the violation of this section.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 114

H.P. 111 - L.D. 170

An Act to Clarify the Authority of the Director of the Real Estate Commission to Investigate Complaints

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13069, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. BB, §15, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6. Investigations. The director may, in accordance with this subsection, investigate the actions of any licensee under this chapter, or any person or entity that assumes to act in a capacity requiring a license under this chapter, upon receipt of a written complaint or in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by the commission by rule.

A. If the director receives a written complaint under this subsection, the director shall review the complaint to determine whether the complaint describes a violation of law or rule that is within the authority of the commission to enforce. If the director determines that a complaint does not describe a violation of law or rule that is within the

authority of the commission to enforce, the director shall notify the person who submitted the complaint of this determination. If the director determines that the complaint does describe a violation of law or rule that is within the authority of the commission to enforce, the director shall investigate the actions described in the complaint.

B. If the director undertakes an investigation under this subsection, either of a written complaint or in accordance with guidelines prescribed by the commission by rule, the director shall, upon completion of the investigation, take one of the following actions:

- (1) With the commission's approval, dismiss the complaint;
- (2) With the consent of the parties and subject to approval of the commission and commission counsel, execute a consent agreement; or
- (3) Issue a staff petition for hearing before the commission, which may include a recommended disposition.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 115
S.P. 158 - L.D. 351**

**An Act to Increase Access to
Birth Control by Making
Certain Contraception
Accessible from a Pharmacist**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA c. 117, sub-c. 12-A is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 12-A

PRESCRIBING, DISPENSING AND ADMINISTERING CONTRACEPTIVES

§13826. Authorization to prescribe, dispense and administer contraceptives

1. Definitions. As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Injectable hormonal contraceptive" means a drug composed of a hormone or a combination of hormones that is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration to prevent pregnancy and that is administered by injection.

B. "Self-administered hormonal contraceptive" means a drug composed of a single hormone or a combination of hormones that is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration to

prevent pregnancy and that the patient to whom the drug is prescribed may self-administer. "Self-administered hormonal contraceptive" includes an oral hormonal contraceptive, a hormonal vaginal ring and a hormonal contraceptive patch.

2. Authorization. A pharmacist may prescribe, dispense or administer a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or injectable hormonal contraceptive in accordance with the requirements set forth in subsection 3.

3. Requirements. In order to prescribe, dispense or administer contraceptives under this section, a pharmacist shall:

A. Successfully complete a training program approved by the board related to prescribing, dispensing and administering contraceptives that reflects evidence-based medical eligibility guidelines for contraceptive use and best practices to counsel patients;

B. Obtain a certificate of authorization issued by the board pursuant to subsection 4;

C. Obtain a completed self-screening risk assessment from a patient prior to counseling the patient and issuing a prescription to the patient for a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or injectable hormonal contraceptive. The self-screening risk assessment and counseling provided by a pharmacist must be based on evidence-based medical eligibility guidelines for contraceptive use and best practices to counsel patients;

D. Refer the patient to the patient's practitioner upon dispensing a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administering an injectable hormonal contraceptive or, if the patient does not have a practitioner responsible for the patient's regular care, advise the patient to consult a practitioner;

E. Provide the patient with a written record of the prescribed self-administered hormonal contraceptive or injectable hormonal contraceptive; and

F. Dispense the self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administer the injectable hormonal contraceptive to the patient as soon as practicable after the pharmacist issues the prescription.

4. Certificate of authorization. A pharmacist shall apply in the form prescribed by the board and submit a certificate fee as set forth in section 13724 for a certificate of authorization to prescribe, dispense and administer contraceptives pursuant to this section. The certificate of authorization expires and is subject to conditions in the same manner as in section 13734. The board shall issue a certificate of authorization to a pharmacist who holds a valid unrestricted license in this State and who submits evidence acceptable to the board that the pharmacist has completed the training described in subsection 3, paragraph A.

5. Rulemaking. The board shall adopt rules to implement the requirements 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 116
H.P. 276 - L.D. 443**

An Act to Prohibit Marriage of Any Person Under 17 Years of Age

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 2019, c. 340, §10, is further amended to read:

7. Parties ~~under 18~~ who are 17 years of age. A marriage license may not be issued to persons ~~under 18~~ who are 17 years of age without the written consent of their parents, guardians or persons to whom a court has given custody. In the absence of persons qualified to give consent, the judge of probate in the county where each minor resides may grant consent after notice and opportunity for hearing.

Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §652, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2019, c. 340, §11 and c. 535, §1, is further amended to read:

8. Parties under ~~16~~ 17 years of age. The clerk or State Registrar of Vital Statistics may not issue a marriage license to a person under ~~16~~ 17 years of age.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 117
S.P. 268 - L.D. 651**

An Act to Amend the Standards for Manufactured Housing to Comply with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Standards

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4358, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 625, Pt. A, §35, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Those units constructed after June 15, 1976, commonly called "newer mobile homes," that the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with the United

States Department of Housing and Urban Development standards, meaning structures transportable in one or more sections, that in the traveling mode are ~~14 8~~ body feet or more in width and ~~40~~ body feet or more in length or, when erected on site, are ~~750~~ 320 or more square feet, and that are built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as dwellings, with or without permanent foundations, when connected to the required utilities including the plumbing, heating, air conditioning or electrical systems contained in the unit.

(a) This term also includes any structure that meets all the requirements of this subparagraph except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, United States Code, Title 42, Section 5401, et seq.; and

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 118
H.P. 457 - L.D. 688**

An Act to Protect Access to Veterinary Care by Prohibiting Noncompete Agreements

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §599-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 513, §1, is amended to read:

3. Prohibited for certain workers. Notwithstanding subsection 2, an employer may not require or permit an employee ~~earning wages at or below 400% of the federal poverty level~~ to enter into a noncompete agreement with the employer: if:

A. The employee is earning wages at or below 400% of the federal poverty level; or

B. The employee is a veterinarian licensed under Title 32, chapter 71-A and is employed in a veterinary facility in which the employee does not have an ownership interest.

A court may not enforce a noncompete agreement entered into or renewed with an employee who is a veterinarian licensed under Title 32, chapter 71-A before the effective date of this paragraph unless

the employee is working in a veterinary facility in which the employee has an ownership interest.

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**CHAPTER 119
S.P. 280 - L.D. 722**

An Act to Expedite the Health Insurance Referral Process for Specialists by Allowing Referrals During Urgent Care Visits

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4301-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Behavioral health care service. "Behavioral health care service" means a health care service or treatment to address mental health and substance use conditions.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4301-A, sub-§21 is enacted to read:

21. Urgent care. "Urgent care" means health care or treatment provided in response to exigent circumstances.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§22-A is enacted to read:

22-A. Denial of referral during urgent care visit prohibited. A carrier may not deny payment for any behavioral health care service or physical therapy service covered under an enrollee's health plan based solely on the basis that the enrollee's referral was not made by the enrollee's primary care provider as long as the enrollee's referral is made by a provider during an urgent care visit and the provider notifies the enrollee's primary care provider of the referral. 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 the enrollee's primary care provider. A carrier may require a provider of urgent care that is making a referral to provide additional information necessary to implement this subsection.

Sec. 4. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2024. For purposes of this Act, all policies, contracts and certificates are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 120
S.P. 341 - L.D. 782**

An Act to Support Statewide Economic Opportunities Through Strategic Investments of Property and Funds, Including Emergency Relief Funds

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §5012, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 1987, c. 308, §7 and PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6, is further amended to read:

The commissioner may, subject to the approval of the Governor, apply for and accept on behalf of the State any funds, other personal or real property, including emergency relief funds, grants, bequests, gifts or contributions from any person, corporation or government, including the Government of the United States for the purpose of economic opportunity, business growth and other strategic investments. Such funds shall must be received by the Treasurer of State on behalf of the State and deposited in an appropriate new or existing account in the department. ~~All such funds may, subject to the rules promulgated by the Governor, be expended by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.~~ The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement and administer grant or other fund disbursement programs using funds in the account. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The commissioner may adjudicate appeals of grant or other disbursement decisions made under the programs. 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.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 121
S.P. 394 - L.D. 923**

An Act to Improve Disclosure of Present and Future Costs to Maine Electricity Consumers

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3110 is enacted to read:

§3110. Rate disclosures

1. Current transmission and distribution utility rates. On January 1st of each year, the commission shall publish on the commission's publicly accessible

website residential transmission and distribution utility rates and standard-offer supply rates applicable for the period of January 1st to December 31st of that year. The commission shall update the published rates within 30 days of any change in those rates.

Sec. 2. Deferred costs. The Public Utilities Commission shall determine the method necessary to convey to residential ratepayers of a transmission and distribution utility the anticipated effects of all deferred costs approved by the commission on residential transmission and distribution utility rates. The commission shall publish this information on its publicly accessible website by November 1, 2023. By January 1, 2024, the commission shall provide this information along with any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, which may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 122
S.P. 399 - L.D. 980**

**An Act Regarding Passing
Stationary Motor Vehicles on
Public Ways**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2070, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Passing stationary vehicles. The operator of a vehicle passing a stationary vehicle that a reasonable person would conclude is disabled or that is using flashing lights to warn other operators of the vehicle's presence, with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, shall:

A. Pass in a lane not adjacent to that of the stationary vehicle, if possible; or

B. If passing in a nonadjacent lane is impossible or unsafe, pass the stationary vehicle at a careful and prudent speed reasonable for passing the vehicle safely.

Violation of this subsection is a traffic infraction for which a fine of not less than \$275 must be adjudged.

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**CHAPTER 123
H.P. 767 - L.D. 1207**

**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. 24 MRSA §2302-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 168, §1, is amended to read:

3. Confidentiality. Any information provided pursuant to this section ~~shall~~ may not identify the names of patients. If patient names are identified in information provided pursuant to this section, the patient names are confidential.

Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2510, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 524, §§9 and 10, is further amended to read:

1. Confidentiality; exceptions. Any reports, information or records received and maintained by the board pursuant to this chapter, including any material received or developed by the board during an investigation ~~shall be~~ is confidential, except for information and data that is developed or maintained by the board from reports or records received and maintained pursuant to this chapter or by the board during an investigation and that does not identify or permit identification of any patient or physician; provided that the board may disclose any confidential information only:

A. In a disciplinary hearing before the board or in any subsequent trial or appeal of a board action or order relating to such disciplinary hearing;

B. To governmental licensing or disciplinary authorities of any jurisdiction or to any health care providers or health care entities located within or outside this State that are concerned with granting, limiting or denying a physician's privileges, but only if the board includes along with the transfer an indication as to whether or not the information has been substantiated by the board;

C. As required by section 2509, subsection 5;

D. Pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction;

E. To qualified personnel for bona fide research or educational purposes, if personally identifiable information relating to any patient or physician is first deleted; or

F. To other state or federal agencies when the information contains evidence of possible violations of laws enforced by those agencies.

Sec. 3. 24 MRSA §2510, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 492, §3, is amended to read:

2. Confidentiality of orders in disciplinary proceedings. Orders of the board relating to disciplinary action against a physician, including orders or other actions of the board referring or scheduling matters for hearing, ~~shall not be~~ are not confidential.

Sec. 4. 24 MRSA §2604, as corrected by RR 2015, c. 1, §25, is amended to read:

§2604. Records of superintendent

For the purpose of evaluation of policy provisions, rate structures and the arbitration process and for recommendations of further legislation, the Superintendent of Insurance shall retain the information and maintain the files in the form and for such period as the superintendent determines necessary. The superintendent shall maintain the reports filed in accordance with this section, and all data or information derived therefrom that identifies or permits identification of the insured or insureds or the incident or occurrences for which a claim was made, as ~~strictly~~ confidential records. Data and information derived from reports filed in accordance with this section that do not identify or permit identification of the insured or insureds or the incident or occurrence for which a claim was made may be released by the superintendent or otherwise made available to the public. Reports made to the superintendent and records thereof kept by the superintendent are not subject to discovery and are not admissible in any trial, civil or criminal, other than proceedings brought before or by the board.

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §6907, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 469, Pt. A, §8, is amended to read:

1. Financial information. Any personally identifiable financial information, supporting data or tax return of any person obtained by Dirigo Health under this chapter is confidential ~~and not open to public inspection.~~

Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §6907, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 469, Pt. A, §8, is amended to read:

2. Health information. Health information obtained by Dirigo Health under this chapter that is covered by the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, 110 Stat. 1936 or information covered by chapter 24 or Title 22, section 1711-C is confidential ~~and not open to public inspection.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 124

S.P. 515 - L.D. 1278

An Act to Require Timely Payment for Salaried Employees

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §621-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 219, §8, is further amended to read:

1. Minimum frequency and full payment. At regular intervals not to exceed 16 days, every employer must pay in full all wages earned by each employee, except members of the family of the employer and salaried employees. Each payment must include all wages earned to within 8 days of the payment date. Payments that fall on a day when the business is regularly closed must be paid no later than the following business day. An employee who is absent from work at a time fixed for payment must be paid as if the employee was not absent. For purposes of this subsection, "members of the family of the employer" and "salaried employees" have the same meanings as described in section 663, subsection 3, paragraphs J and K, respectively.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §621-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2005, c. 103, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Change in rate of pay. ~~Notwithstanding the provision of section 623 exempting salaried employees as defined in section 663, subsection 3, paragraph K, payment~~ Payment of wages or salary must be made at the rate previously established by the employer, except that the employer may decrease the rate of pay, effective the next working day, if the employer gives notice to all affected employees prior to the change. When an employer has temporarily increased an employee's wage rate to comply with the prevailing wage requirements of chapter 15; the federal Davis-Bacon Act, 40 United States Code, Section 276a et seq.; or other applicable federal or state law, an employer need not provide advance notice prior to returning the employee to the employee's regular wage rate, as long as the employer is in compliance with all posting and notice provisions of the applicable law. Changes of rates of pay made under a collective bargaining agreement are exempt from this requirement.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §622, as amended by PL 2017, c. 219, §10, is further amended to read:

§622. Records

Every employer shall keep a true record showing the date and amount paid to each employee pursuant to section 621-A. Every employer shall keep a daily record of the time worked by each such employee ~~unless the employee is paid a salary that is fixed without regard for the number of hours worked,~~ except salaried em-

ployees as described in section 663, subsection 3, paragraph K. Records required to be kept by this section must be accessible to any representative of the department at any reasonable hour. Sections 621-A to 623 and 622 do not excuse any employer subject to section 774 from keeping the records required by that section.

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §623, as amended by PL 2005, c. 18, §2, is further amended to read:

§623. Exemptions

~~This section and sections Sections 621-A and 622 do not apply to family members and salaried employees as defined in section 663, subsection 3, paragraphs J and K. Sections 621-A and 622 do not apply to an employee of a limited liability partnership and do not apply to an employee of an S corporation or a cooperative corporation or association if the employee is a stockholder of the corporation or association, unless the employee requests the association or corporation to pay that employee in accordance with section 621-A. Except as provided in section 621-A, subsections 3, 4 and 5, a corporation, contractor, person or partnership may not by a special contract with an employee or by any other means exempt itself from this section and sections 621-A and 622.~~

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CHAPTER 125
S.P. 709 - L.D. 1762

An Act to Require the Bureau of Labor Standards to Create and Distribute in Workplaces a Veterans' Benefits and Services Poster

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §42-D is enacted to read:

§42-D. Poster of veterans' benefits and services

1. Poster. The bureau shall consult with the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services to create and distribute a veterans' benefits and services poster.

2. Details. The poster under this section must include, at a minimum, information regarding the following:

- A. Contact and website information for the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services and services for veterans provided by that bureau;
- B. Substance use and mental health treatment services;
- C. Educational, workforce and training resources;

D. Tax benefits;

E. Obtaining driver's licenses and nondriver identification cards;

F. Eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits under state and federal law;

G. Legal services; and

H. Contact information for the United States Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Crisis Line.

3. Employer shall post. An employer with more than 50 full-time equivalent employees shall display the poster under this section in a conspicuous place accessible to employees in the workplace.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 126
H.P. 28 - L.D. 53

An Act to Ensure Accountability for Workplace Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault by Removing Certain Intentional Torts from Workers' Compensation Exemptions

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

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §104, first ¶, as amended by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §109 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is further amended to read:

An employer ~~who~~ that has secured the payment of compensation in conformity with sections 401 to 407 is exempt from civil actions, either at common law or under sections 901 to 908; Title 14, sections 8101 to 8118; and Title 18-C, section 2-807, involving personal injuries sustained by an employee arising out of and in the course of employment, or for death resulting from those injuries. An employer that uses a private employment agency for temporary help services is entitled to the same immunity from civil actions by employees of the temporary help service as is granted with respect to the employer's own employees as long as the temporary help service has secured the payment of compensation in conformity with sections 401 to 407. "Temporary help services" means a service where an agency assigns its own employees to a 3rd party to work under the direction and control of the 3rd party to support or supplement the 3rd party's ~~work force~~ workforce in work situations such as employee absences, temporary skill shortages, seasonal ~~work load~~ workload conditions and special assignments and projects. ~~These~~ Except as provided in section 104-A, these exemptions from liability apply to all employees, supervisors, officers and directors of the employer for any personal injuries arising out

of and in the course of employment, or for death resulting from those injuries. These exemptions also apply to occupational diseases sustained by an employee or for death resulting from those diseases. These exemptions do not apply to an illegally employed minor as described in section 408, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. 39-A MRSA §104-A is enacted to read:
§104-A. Liability for sexual harassment, sexual assault or certain intentional torts

1. Liability for sexual harassment, sexual assault or certain intentional torts. An employee, supervisor, officer or director of an employer is liable for sexual harassment, sexual assault or an intentional tort related to sexual harassment or sexual assault.

2. Employer not liable. This section may not be construed to impose liability on an employer for sexual harassment, sexual assault or an intentional tort related to sexual harassment or sexual assault committed by an employee, supervisor, officer or director of the employer.

3. Actions alleging employment discrimination not prohibited or limited. This section does not prohibit or limit an action alleging employment discrimination pursuant to the Maine Human Rights Act or Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 88-352.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 127
H.P. 298 - L.D. 481

An Act to Allow the Deferral of a Moose Hunting Permit If More than One Permit Is Awarded Within the Same Household

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§18 is enacted 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 grandparent, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandchild 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.

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CHAPTER 128
H.P. 552 - L.D. 886

An Act to Allow Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots After the 3rd Business Day Before Election Day to Voters with a Physical or Mental Disability and Certain Voters' Caregivers

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §753-B, sub-§2, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 273, §18, is further amended to read:

D. To any voter, immediate family member or 3rd person whose request was received in the municipal office after the 3rd business day before election day, unless the voter signs an application, designed by the Secretary of State, stating one of the following reasons for requesting an absentee ballot after the deadline:

- (1) Unexpected absence of the voter from the municipality during the entire time the polls are open on election day;
- (2) Physical Self-certification as a voter with a physical or mental disability;
- (3) Inability to travel to the polls if the voter is a resident of ~~a coastal~~ an island ward or precinct; or
- (4) An incapacity or illness that has resulted in the voter's being unable to leave home or a treatment facility or has resulted in the voter's caregiver's being unable to attend the polls during the entire time the polls are open on election day; or

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**CHAPTER 129
H.P. 603 - L.D. 956**

**An Act Concerning Sexual
Orientation and Gender
Identity Data Collection in
Health Care Facilities**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §265 is enacted to read:

**§265. Electronic health record; sexual orientation
and gender identity data**

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 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. 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 130
H.P. 804 - L.D. 1256**

**An Act to Increase Access to
Oral Health Care by
Expanding the Maine Dental
Education Loan Program**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12302, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 8, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Establishment. The Maine Dental Education Loan Program, referred to in this chapter as "the program," is established. The authority shall administer the program. Under this program, beginning in fiscal year 2000-01 and ending in fiscal year 2007-08, the chief executive officer shall award up to 3 loans or loan repayment agreements annually up to an aggregate of 12. Beginning in fiscal year 2008-09, the chief executive officer shall award up to 3 loans or loan repayment agreements annually for doctors of dental medicine and up to 6 loans or loan repayment agreements annually for dental hygienists, dental therapists, expanded function dental assistants or dental assistants and may award additional loans or loan repayment agreements annually as funds permit. As provided in subsection 3:

A. Loans are available to Maine residents enrolled in a dental school or enrolled in any accredited school in a program of study for dental hygienists, dental therapists, expanded function dental assistants or dental assistants; or

B. A loan repayment agreement is available to a person who is eligible for licensure as a doctor of dental medicine or as a dental hygienist, dental therapist, expanded function dental assistant or dental assistant in Maine and who has outstanding dental education loans.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12302, sub-§3, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. A, §17, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) That the student be enrolled in a dental school or in any accredited school with a program of study for dental hygienists, dental therapists, expanded function dental assistants or dental assistants; and

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §12302, sub-§3, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. A, §17, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) That the applicant be eligible for licensure to practice dental medicine or as a dental hygienist, dental therapist, expanded function dental assistant or dental assistant in Maine;

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 131
H.P. 821 - L.D. 1296**

**An Act to Authorize
Municipalities to Allow
Firefighters to Have Increased
Lighting on Their Personal
Vehicles**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2054, sub-§2, ¶F, as amended by PL 2021, c. 113, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) The municipal officers or a municipal official designated by the municipal officers, with the approval of the fire chief, may authorize an active member of a municipal or volunteer fire department to use one red or combination red and white flashing auxiliary light mounted in the windshield or on the dashboard at the front of the 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. In addition to the lights authorized under this subparagraph, the municipal officers or municipal official designated by the municipal officers, with the approval of the fire chief, may authorize an active member of a municipal or volunteer fire department to use one red light bar ~~no more than 8~~ no more than 12 inches in length on the roof of the vehicle so that the light is visible to approaching traffic from the front and the rear of the vehicle. The light or lights may be displayed but may be used only while the member is en route to or at the scene of a fire or other 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 use of lights may be revoked at any time by the fire chief.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 132

S.P. 563 - L.D. 1396

**An Act to Clarify the Laws
Regarding Delegating
Authority for Services
Performed by Emergency
Medical Services Personnel or
Others as a Medical Assistant**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2021, c. 587, §1, is further amended to read:

7. Delegation. This chapter may not be construed to prohibit a person licensed as an emergency medical services person from rendering medical services in a hospital or other health care facility setting if those services are:

- A. Rendered in the person's capacity as an employee of the hospital or health care facility;

- B. Authorized by the hospital or health care facility; and

- C. Delegated in accordance with section 2594-A ~~or, section 2594-E, subsection 4, section 3270-A or section 3270-E, subsection 4.~~

Unless otherwise provided by law, an emergency medical services person licensed under this chapter may not simultaneously act as a licensee under this chapter and an assistant performing medical services delegated by a physician in accordance with section 2594-A or section 3270-A or by a physician assistant in accordance with section 2594-E, subsection 4 or section 3270-E, subsection 4.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2594-A, first ¶, as amended by PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §11, is further amended to read:

This chapter may not be construed as prohibiting a physician from delegating to the physician's employees or support staff certain activities relating to medical care and treatment carried out by custom and usage when these activities are under the ~~direct~~ control of the physician; the activities being delegated do not, unless otherwise provided by law, require a license, registration or certification to perform; the physician ensures that the employees or support staff have the appropriate training, education and experience to perform these delegated activities; and the physician ensures that the employees or support staff perform these delegated activities competently and safely. The physician delegating these activities to employees or support staff, to program graduates or to participants in an approved training program is legally liable for the activities of those individuals, and any individual in this relationship is considered the physician's agent. Nothing contained in this section may be construed to apply to registered nurses acting pursuant to chapter 31 and licensed physician assistants acting pursuant to this chapter or chapter 48.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §2594-E, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §12, is further amended to read:

4. Delegation by physician assistant. A physician assistant may delegate to the physician assistant'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; the activities being delegated do not, unless otherwise provided by law, require a license, registration or certification to perform; the physician assistant 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 ensures that the employees or support staff perform these delegated activities competently and safely. The

physician assistant 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.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §3270-A, first ¶, as amended by PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §15, is further amended to read:

This chapter may not be construed as prohibiting a physician or surgeon from delegating to the physician's or surgeon's employees or support staff certain activities relating to medical care and treatment carried out by custom and usage when the activities are under the control of the physician or surgeon; the activities being delegated do not, unless otherwise provided by law, require a license, registration or certification to perform; the physician or surgeon ensures that the employees or support staff have the appropriate training, education and experience to perform these delegated activities; and the physician or surgeon ensures that the employees or support staff perform these delegated activities competently and safely. The physician delegating these activities to employees or support staff, to program graduates or to participants in an approved training program is legally liable for the activities of those individuals, and any individual in this relationship is considered the physician's agent. This section may not be construed to apply to registered nurses acting pursuant to chapter 31 and licensed physician assistants acting pursuant to this chapter and chapter 36.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §3270-E, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §16, is further amended to read:

4. Delegation by physician assistant. A physician assistant may delegate to the physician assistant'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; the activities being delegated do not, unless otherwise provided by law, require a license, registration or certification to perform; the physician assistant 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 ensures that the employees or support staff perform these delegated activities competently and safely. The physician assistant 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.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 133
H.P. 51 - L.D. 81**

An Act to Address Recovery Residence Participation in the Municipal General Assistance 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, housing security is vital for those in recovery from substance use disorder; and

Whereas, Public Law 2021, chapter 472 ensured access to general assistance benefits for rental payments by prohibiting municipalities from denying an eligible applicant housing assistance for the sole reason that the applicant resides in a recovery residence; and

Whereas, the law lacks clarity regarding who is eligible to receive payments for recovery residence housing assistance from municipal general assistance administrators; and

Whereas, this lack of clarity has resulted in delayed payments, threatening the housing security of individuals in recovery and causing confusion for recovery residence operating managers and property owners; 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 §4301, sub-§8-B is enacted to read:

8-B. Landlord. "Landlord" means a person who owns a property and allows another person to use that property in return for payment.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4301, sub-§11-A is enacted to read:

11-A. Operator. "Operator" means the lawful owner of a recovery residence or an individual or company designated by the lawful owner to have primary responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the recovery residence and for acquiring and maintaining certification pursuant to Title 5, section 20005, subsection 22 of the recovery residence in order to receive housing assistance payments through the general assistance program.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4309, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 472, §3, is amended to read:

6. Eligibility; recovery residence; exception. The overseer in a municipality may not deny general assistance to a person for the sole reason that the person is residing in a recovery residence. Beginning July 1, 2022, a municipality may not provide housing assistance to a person residing in a recovery residence that has not been certified in accordance with Title 5, section 20005, subsection 22, except that the person may receive housing assistance while residing in an uncertified recovery residence for one 30-day period only and the overseer shall inform the person of the requirements of this subsection. A person who is ineligible for housing assistance under this subsection may remain eligible to receive general assistance for other basic necessities. Upon request by a person residing in a certified recovery residence who has been determined eligible for housing assistance, a municipality shall issue a housing assistance payment to the operator of the certified recovery residence instead of to a landlord.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 8, 2023.

**CHAPTER 134
H.P. 336 - L.D. 531**

**An Act to Add Gray Squirrels
and Red Squirrels to the
Species List for the Open
Training Season for Hunting
Dogs**

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 adds gray squirrels and red squirrels to the species list for the open training season for hunting dogs; and

Whereas, the earliest date of the open season for training hunting dogs in this State is July 1, 2023; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect in time for the start of the hunting dog training 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 §12051, sub-§1, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 588, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

A. A person may train dogs on foxes, snowshoe hare, gray squirrels, red squirrels and raccoons from July 1st through the following March 31st, including Sundays.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12051, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2011, c. 253, §22, is further amended to read:

3. Possessing firearm while training dogs. A person may not possess a firearm while training a dog outside of the open training season on foxes, snowshoe hare, gray squirrels, red squirrels and raccoons as set out in subsection 1, paragraph A.

A. 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.

B. 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.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 8, 2023.

**CHAPTER 135
H.P. 8 - L.D. 4**

**An Act to Update Provisions of
the Department of Corrections
Laws Regarding Operation and
Administration of Jails,
Women's Services and Juvenile
Detention**

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

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1001, sub-§8-A, as amended by PL 2017, c. 148, §5, is further amended to read:

8-A. Detention facility. "Detention facility" means the Long Creek Youth Development Center ~~and, to the extent it houses juveniles, the Mountain View Correctional Facility.~~

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §1208, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 581, §§10 and 59, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §1208-B, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 732, Pt. C, §1, is amended to read:

4. Requirements; rulemaking by commissioner. The jails shall operate in accordance with best practices applicable to facilities of their type and size, including the mandatory standards, policies and procedures established by rules adopted by the commissioner under subsection 1 and standards adopted under section 1208, and with the following requirements as set forth in rules

adopted by the commissioner. In adopting rules ~~under this subsection~~ and standards for the jails, the commissioner shall consider the advisory input of the County Corrections Professional Standards Council established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 6-D.

A. Each jail shall participate in coordination of inmate transportation. Coordination of transportation may be provided by the jail at which the inmate resides, by another jail or correctional facility or by a person or entity working under a contract with the jail at which the inmate resides.

B. Each jail shall provide access to substance use disorder screening, assessment, medication, treatment, recovery and reentry services, including at a minimum:

- (1) Screening on intake using evidence-based tools to assess the risk of overdose or withdrawal and the person's history of substance use disorder and to determine initial treatment options;
- (2) Medically managed withdrawal treatment consistent with evidence-based medical standards;
- (3) All forms of medication for addiction treatment, including at least one of each formulation of each United States Food and Drug Administration-approved medication-assisted treatments for substance use disorder, including alcohol use disorder and opioid use disorder, to ensure that each person receives the particular formulation found to be the most effective at treating and meeting the person's individual needs. Medication under this subparagraph must be offered for the duration of the person's incarceration;
- (4) Behavioral treatment options, such as group and individual counseling, and clinical support;
- (5) Peer support services;
- (6) Reentry planning and transitional support such as coordination with community-based treatment and case management service providers and recovery organizations to ensure reentry and continuity of care after release, including appointments for services made prior to release; and
- (7) Assistance in obtaining health insurance prior to release.

Substance use disorder services required by this paragraph may be provided at the jail at which the person resides or at another jail or correctional facility or by a service provider or entity working under a contract with the jail at which the person resides.

C. Each jail shall provide mental health treatment, including at a minimum providing a licensed clinician or licensed professional organization that will be available to assist an inmate who is a person receiving mental health treatment. Mental health treatment required by this paragraph may be provided at the jail at which the person resides or at another jail or correctional facility or by a service provider or entity working under a contract with the jail at which the person resides.

D. Each jail shall provide community programs and services as required by this subchapter, including at a minimum pretrial or conditional release, alternative sentencing or housing programs and electronic monitoring.

E. Each jail shall provide initial and ongoing training and technical assistance for facility staff and health care practitioners on screening, assessment, medication and treatment protocols for substance use disorder.

Sec. 4. 34-A MRSA §1210-F, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 732, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

The County Corrections Professional Standards Council, established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 6-D and referred to in this section as "the council," is established to evaluate and advise the commissioner with regard to the composition of programs and services required pursuant to section 1208-B, subsection 4; to advise the commissioner with regard to adopting rules and standards for the jails; to develop rules for reporting to the department the information required in section 1208-B, subsection 5 and, beginning July 1, 2023, as required in section 1210-E, subsection 6; to develop budget recommendations for the department related to the County Jail Operations Fund established in section 1210-E, the recommendations for which must be submitted to the commissioner and the Governor as part of the State's biennial budget process; to make supplemental county jail funding recommendations to the department related to the fund as may be needed from time to time to address shortfalls, emergencies or other needs; and to consider the need for legislation regarding required programs, services and reporting and to submit such legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters.

Sec. 5. 34-A MRSA §1214-B is enacted to read:

§1214-B. Setoff of victim restitution against lottery winnings

The department shall provide the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, referred to in this section as "the bureau," access to an electronic database of all persons who owe victim restitution payable

through the department and imposed by a court pursuant to Title 17-A, chapter 69. Before the payment of lottery winnings by the bureau, the bureau shall determine whether the lottery winner owes victim restitution payable through the department and imposed by a court pursuant to Title 17-A, chapter 69. If the winner is determined to owe victim restitution imposed by a court, the bureau must suspend payment of the winnings, provide notice to the winner of its intention to set off the winnings against the victim restitution owed and provide the winnings to the department in the amount owed by the winner. The bureau shall release any remaining winnings in accordance with state law.

Sec. 6. 34-A MRSA §1215, as amended by PL 2003, c. 451, Pt. K, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 34-A MRSA §1215-A is enacted to read:

§1215-A. Operation and review

The department shall operate its correctional and detention facilities in accordance with best practices applicable to facilities of similar type and size. The department shall have the operations of its facilities reviewed at least once every 3 years by one or more nationally recognized best practices reviewing bodies, including a nationally recognized accrediting body, and shall consider any resulting recommendations made by the reviewing body in determining how to operate the correctional and detention facilities.

Sec. 8. 34-A MRSA §3001, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Director of women's services. In addition to the officers appointed under subsections 1 and 2, the commissioner may appoint a director of women's services to serve as the chief administrative officer of any adult correctional facility female housing units. The director of women's services has all the powers and duties of other department chief administrative officers, whether described in this Title or in any other provision of statute.

Sec. 9. 34-A MRSA §3061, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §98, is further amended to read:

1. Transfer. The commissioner may transfer any client from one correctional or detention facility or program, including pre-release centers, work release centers, halfway houses, supervised community confinement or specialized treatment facilities, to another. A juvenile may not be transferred to another facility or program for adult offenders and an adult offender may not be transferred to another facility or program for juveniles, except that an adult offender may be housed in the Long Creek Youth Development Center ~~or the Mountain View Correctional Facility pursuant to section 4117 or Title 17-A, section 1611.~~

Sec. 10. 34-A MRSA §3903, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. LLLL, §2, is amended to read:

§3903. Superintendent Warden

1. Chief administrative officer. The chief administrative officer of the Downeast Correctional Facility is the ~~superintendent warden~~ of the Mountain View Correctional Facility, referred to in this subchapter as "~~the superintendent warden~~," and is responsible to the commissioner.

2. Duties. In addition to other duties set out in this Title, the ~~superintendent warden~~ has the following duties.

A. The ~~superintendent warden~~ shall exercise proper supervision over the employees, grounds, buildings and equipment at the Downeast Correctional Facility.

B. The ~~superintendent warden~~ shall supervise and control the prisoners at the Downeast Correctional Facility in accordance with departmental rules.

Sec. 11. 34-A MRSA §3904, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. LLLL, §3, is further amended to read:

2. Education. The ~~superintendent warden~~ shall maintain suitable courses for academic and career and technical education of the prisoners of the Downeast Correctional Facility. The ~~superintendent warden~~ shall maintain necessary equipment and employ suitable qualified instructors as necessary to carry out the objectives of the facility's programs.

Sec. 12. 34-A MRSA §3905, as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. LLLL, §4, is further amended to read:

§3905. Downeast Correctional Facility employees

Employees of the Downeast Correctional Facility have the same power as sheriffs in their respective counties to search for and apprehend escapees from the facility, when authorized to do so by the ~~superintendent warden~~.

Sec. 13. 34-A MRSA §4102-A, as amended by PL 2017, c. 148, §11, is repealed.

Sec. 14. 34-A MRSA §4103, as amended by PL 2017, c. 148, §§13 and 14, is further amended to read:

§4103. Superintendent Warden

1. Chief administrative officer. The chief administrative officer of the Mountain View Correctional Facility is called the ~~superintendent warden~~ and is responsible to the commissioner.

2. Duties. In addition to other duties set out in this Title, the ~~superintendent warden~~ has the following duties.

A. The ~~superintendent~~ warden shall exercise supervision over the employees, grounds, buildings and equipment at the Mountain View Correctional Facility.

~~B. The superintendent shall supervise and control the juvenile detainees and juvenile clients at the Mountain View Correctional Facility in accordance with department rules.~~

C. The ~~superintendent~~ warden shall supervise and control the prisoners at the Mountain View Correctional Facility in accordance with department rules.

3. Powers. In addition to the powers granted in this Title, the ~~superintendent~~ warden may appoint ~~one assistant superintendent~~ deputy wardens, subject to the Civil Service Law. ~~The assistant superintendent~~ A deputy warden has the powers, duties, obligations and liabilities of the ~~superintendent~~ warden when the ~~superintendent~~ warden is absent or unable to perform the ~~superintendent's~~ warden's duties.

Sec. 15. 34-A MRSA §4104, as amended by PL 2017, c. 148, §15, is repealed.

Sec. 16. 34-A MRSA §4105, as amended by PL 2017, c. 148, §16, is repealed.

Sec. 17. 34-A MRSA §4106, as amended by PL 2017, c. 148, §17, is further amended to read:

§4106. Powers of employees

Employees of the Mountain View Correctional Facility have the same power as sheriffs in their respective counties to search for and apprehend escapees from the facility, when authorized to do so by the ~~superintendent~~ warden.

Sec. 18. 34-A MRSA §4107, as amended by PL 2017, c. 148, §18, is repealed.

Sec. 19. 34-A MRSA §4108, as amended by PL 2017, c. 148, §19, is repealed.

Sec. 20. 34-A MRSA §4111, as amended by PL 2019, c. 155, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 21. 34-A MRSA §4117, as amended by PL 2017, c. 148, §26, is repealed.

Sec. 22. 34-A MRSA §4118, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 148, §27, is amended to read:

3. Education. The ~~superintendent~~ warden shall maintain suitable courses for academic and career and technical education of the prisoners.

A. The ~~superintendent~~ warden shall maintain necessary equipment and employ suitable qualified instructors as necessary to carry out the objectives of the Mountain View Correctional Facility's programs.

B. Before employing instructors in career and technical education, the ~~superintendent~~ warden shall

obtain the approval of the Department of Education.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 136

S.P. 31 - L.D. 39

An Act to Amend the Maine Juvenile Code

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3003, sub-§14, as amended by PL 2021, c. 326, §1, is further amended to read:

14. Juvenile. "Juvenile" means a person who ~~has had~~ not attained 18 years of age ~~and a person 18 years of age or older during the period of a disposition that includes probation or commitment to a Department of Corrections juvenile facility who was adjudicated before 18 years of age. This definition does not apply to a person whose disposition includes probation or commitment to a Department of Corrections juvenile correctional facility when that person engages in new criminal conduct and is 18 years of age or older at the time of the new criminal conduct at the time the person allegedly committed a juvenile crime.~~

Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §3203-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2021, c. 326, §3, is further amended to read:

5. Detention hearing. The Department of Corrections shall notify the Juvenile Court when a juvenile is detained and shall provide the court with the name and date of birth of the juvenile, the name of the arresting law enforcement agency, the time of arrest, a description of the juvenile crimes for which the juvenile was arrested and, if available, the current telephone number and e-mail address for the juvenile's parent or parents, guardian or legal custodian. Upon petition by a juvenile community corrections officer who ordered the detention or an attorney for the State who ordered the detention, the Juvenile Court shall review the decision to detain a juvenile within 48 hours following the detention, excluding Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays, except that if a juvenile is detained pursuant to subsection 7, paragraph B-5, the Juvenile Court shall review the decision to detain the juvenile within 24 hours following the detention, excluding Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays. If the juvenile is not emancipated and the court has been provided a telephone number or e-mail address for the juvenile's parent or parents, guardian or legal custodian, the Juvenile Court shall provide notice of the detention hearing to the juvenile's parent or parents, guardian or legal custodian. The court may conduct the detention hearing in the absence of the parent or parents, guardian or legal custodian if the court is unable to provide notice to the parent or parents, guardian

or legal custodian or the parent or parents, guardian or legal custodian fails to appear after receiving notice. When a petition to review detention is filed, the Juvenile Court shall assign counsel to represent the juvenile. The assignment must be reviewed at the juvenile's first appearance before the Juvenile Court. If a juvenile petition with charges based on the conduct at issue in the detention hearing is filed, the assignment continues with respect to the petition to review detention but must be reviewed at the juvenile's first appearance on the juvenile petition.

A. A detention hearing must precede and must be separate from a bind-over or adjudicatory hearing. Evidence presented at a detention hearing may include testimony, affidavits and other reliable hearsay evidence as permitted by the Juvenile Court and may be considered in making any determination in that hearing.

B. Following a detention hearing, the Juvenile Court shall order a juvenile's release, in accordance with subsection 4, unless it finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that continued detention is necessary to meet one of the purposes of detention provided in that subsection. The Juvenile Court shall ensure, by appropriate order, that any such continued detention is otherwise in accordance with the requirements of subsection 4. The Juvenile Court may order that detention be continued pending further appearances before the Juvenile Court or pending conditional release to a setting satisfactory to the juvenile community corrections officer.

C. Continued detention or conditional release may not be ordered unless a Juvenile Court Judge or justice of the peace has determined pursuant to subsection 4-A or the Juvenile Court determines at the detention hearing that there is probable cause to believe that the juvenile has committed a juvenile crime.

D. When the Juvenile Court orders detention or a conditional release that authorizes, even temporarily, the juvenile's removal from the juvenile's home, the Juvenile Court shall determine whether reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the juvenile from the juvenile's home or that no reasonable efforts are necessary because of the existence of an aggravating factor as defined in Title 22, section 4002, subsection 1-B, and whether continuation in the juvenile's home would be contrary to the welfare of the juvenile. This determination does not affect whether the Juvenile Court orders detention or a conditional release, which continues to be governed by the other provisions of this section.

Sec. 3. 15 MRSA §3311-B, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 480, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Imposition. Following the acceptance of an admission of commission of a juvenile crime for which a juvenile is eligible for a deferred disposition under section 3311-A, the court may order disposition deferred to a date certain or determinable and impose requirements upon the juvenile to be in effect during the period of deferment that are considered by the court to be reasonable and appropriate to meet the purposes of the Maine Juvenile Code. The court-imposed deferment requirements must include a requirement that the juvenile refrain from conduct that would constitute a juvenile crime, crime or civil violation. Unless the juvenile crime is one under section 3103, subsection 1, paragraph B or C, the court-imposed deferment requirements may include that the juvenile abide by specific conditional release requirements under supervision by a juvenile community corrections officer. The court may not impose a requirement that the juvenile pay a supervision fee. In exchange for the deferred disposition, the juvenile shall abide by the court-imposed deferment requirements. Unless the court orders otherwise, the deferment requirements are immediately in effect.

Sec. 4. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§1, ¶H, as amended by PL 2021, c. 330, §4, is further amended to read:

H. The court may order the juvenile to serve a period of confinement that may not exceed 30 days, with or without an underlying suspended disposition of commitment to a Department of Corrections juvenile correctional facility, which confinement must be served concurrently with any other period of confinement previously imposed and not fully discharged or imposed on the same date but may be served intermittently as the court may order and must be ordered served in a facility approved or operated by the Department of Corrections exclusively for juveniles. The court may order such a disposition to be served as a part of and with a period of probation that is subject to such provisions of Title 17-A, section 1807 as the court may order and that must be administered pursuant to Title 34-A, chapter 5, subchapter 4. Revocation of probation is governed by the procedure contained in subsection 2. Any disposition under this paragraph is subject to Title 17-A, section 2305 except that a statement is not required to be furnished and the day-for-day deduction must be determined by the facility, but is not subject to Title 17-A, section 2305, subsection 4 or 4-A; section 2307, subsections 2, 3 and 4; section 2308, subsection 2; section 2309, subsection 2; or section 2310, subsections 3, 6 and 7. ~~For purposes of calculating the commencement of the~~ The period of confinement, credit is accorded only for the portion of the first day for which the juvenile is actually confined; the commences on the date on which the juvenile is received into the facility to serve the period of confinement, and that day is counted as the first full

~~day of the period of confinement. The juvenile may not be released until the juvenile has served the full term of hours or days imposed by the court at any time on the final day of the period of confinement.~~ When a juvenile is committed for a period of confinement, the court shall determine whether reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the juvenile from the juvenile's home or that reasonable efforts are not necessary because of the existence of an aggravating factor as defined in Title 22, section 4002, subsection 1-B and whether continuation in the juvenile's home would be contrary to the welfare of the juvenile. This determination does not affect whether the court orders a period of confinement.

Sec. 5. 15 MRSA §3314, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §49, is further amended to read:

2. Suspended disposition. The court may impose any of the dispositional alternatives provided in subsection 1 and may suspend its disposition and place the juvenile on a specified period of probation that is subject to such provisions of Title 17-A, section 1807 as the court may order and that is administered pursuant to the provisions of Title 34-A, chapter 5, subchapter 4, except that the court may not impose the condition set out in Title 17-A, section 1807, subsection 5 6. The court may impose as a condition of probation that a juvenile must reside outside the juvenile's home in a setting satisfactory to the juvenile community corrections officer if the court determines that reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the juvenile from the juvenile's home or that no reasonable efforts are necessary because of the existence of an aggravating factor as defined in Title 22, section 4002, subsection 1-B, and that continuation in the juvenile's home would be contrary to the welfare of the juvenile. Imposition of such a condition does not affect the legal custody of the juvenile.

Modification of probation is governed by the procedures contained in Title 17-A, section 1804, subsections 7 and 8. Termination of probation is governed by the procedures contained in Title 17-A, section 1804, subsection 10. Revocation of probation is governed by the procedures contained in Title 17-A, sections 1809 to 1812, except that this subsection governs the court's determinations concerning probable cause and continued detention and those provisions of Title 17-A, section 1812, subsection 6 allowing a vacating of part of the suspension of execution apply only to a suspended fine under subsection 1, paragraph G or a suspended period of confinement under paragraph H. A suspended commitment under subsection 1, paragraph F may be modified to a disposition under subsection 1, paragraph H. When a revocation of probation results in the imposition of a disposition under subsection 1, paragraph F or a period of confinement under subsection 1, paragraph

H, the court shall determine whether reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the juvenile from the juvenile's home or that no reasonable efforts are necessary because of the existence of an aggravating factor as defined in Title 22, section 4002, subsection 1-B and whether continuation in the juvenile's home would be contrary to the welfare of the juvenile. This determination does not affect whether the court orders a particular disposition upon a revocation of probation. If the juvenile is being detained for an alleged violation of probation, the court shall review within 48 hours following the detention, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, the decision to detain the juvenile. Following that review, the court shall order the juvenile's release unless the court finds that there is probable cause to believe that the juvenile has violated a condition of probation and finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that continued detention is necessary to meet one of the purposes of detention under section 3203-A, subsection 4, paragraph C. When a court orders continued detention, the court shall determine whether reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the juvenile from the juvenile's home or that no reasonable efforts are necessary because of the existence of an aggravating factor as defined in Title 22, section 4002, subsection 1-B and whether continuation in the juvenile's home would be contrary to the welfare of the juvenile. This determination does not affect whether the court orders continued detention.

Sec. 6. 15 MRSA §3314-C, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Payment and collection of restitution. Payment of restitution by and collection of restitution from a juvenile must be in accordance with Title 17-A, sections 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Sec. 7. 15 MRSA §3318-B, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Provision of reports. If, following the competency determination hearing provided in section 3318-A, subsection 7, the Juvenile Court refers the juvenile to the Commissioner of Health and Human Services for evaluation and treatment, issues an order for the commissioner to evaluate the juvenile or orders the juvenile into the custody of the commissioner pursuant to this section, the Juvenile Court shall ensure that a copy of the report of the State Forensic Service examiner or any other report considered for the competency determination is provided to the commissioner or the commissioner's designee.

Sec. 8. 15 MRSA §3509 is enacted to read:

§3509. Interstate Compact for Juveniles

When a juvenile who has left the care of the juvenile's parent or parents, guardian or legal custodian in

another state without the consent of the parent or parents, guardian or legal custodian, who has absconded from probation or parole in another state, who has escaped from a detention or correctional facility in another state or who is accused of an offense in another state is found by a law enforcement officer in the State, the juvenile must be referred immediately to a juvenile community corrections officer and must be processed according to the provisions of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 137
H.P. 132 - L.D. 211**

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Governing Water Supply
Protection Funds**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §6113, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 30, §1 and amended by PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

3. Use of water supply protection fund. Except as provided in subsection 4, a water supply protection fund may be used by a consumer-owned water utility only for the acquisition of interests in real property reasonably necessary for the protection of a public water supply in accordance with this subsection. A consumer-owned water utility may use a water supply protection fund to acquire interests in real property reasonably necessary for the protection of the public water supply, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of conservation easements, access easements, other permanent interests in land or long-term leases of at least 99 years. A consumer-owned water utility may also use a water supply protection fund to assist a holder in acquiring a fee interest in real property or a conservation easement if that acquisition is reasonably likely to result in or contribute to the protection of a public water supply. If a consumer-owned water utility assists a holder in acquiring a conservation easement and the utility does not acquire through the transaction a fee interest in the property, consumer-owned water utility shall obtain a 3rd-party right of enforcement with respect to that easement. If a consumer-owned water utility assists a holder in acquiring a fee interest in real property, the utility shall acquire a conservation easement unless the holder conveys a conservation easement to another holder, in which case the utility shall obtain a 3rd-party right of enforcement with respect to that conservation easement. For purposes of this subsection, "protection of public water supply" includes watershed protection, ground-water protection or wellhead protection reasonably necessary to minimize the potential for contamination of the consumer-owned water utility's water supply. If the

consumer-owned water utility has adopted a watershed control program pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141.71 and that program has been approved by the Department of Health and Human Services, any expenditures from the water supply protection fund pursuant to this section for the purposes of watershed protection must be in conformity with that watershed control program. For purposes of this subsection, "conservation easement" has the same meaning as in Title 33, section 476, subsection 1; "holder" has the same meaning as in Title 33, section 476, subsection 2; and "3rd-party right of enforcement" has the same meaning as in Title 33, section 476, subsection 4.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 138
H.P. 138 - L.D. 217**

**An Act to Support
Manufacturers Whose
Products Contain
Perfluoroalkyl and
Polyfluoroalkyl Substances**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1614, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 477, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. A, §54, is amended to read:

A. Beginning Except as provided in subsection 3, by January 1, 2023 2025, a manufacturer of a product for sale in the State that contains intentionally added PFAS shall submit to the department a written notification that includes:

- (1) A brief description of the product, including an estimate of the total number of units of the product sold annually in the State or nationally;
- (2) The purpose for which PFAS are used in the product, including in any product components;
- (3) The amount of each of the PFAS, identified by its chemical abstracts service registry number or in the absence of this number a description approved by the department, in the product, reported as an exact quantity, or as the amount of total organic fluorine if the amount of each PFAS compound is not known, determined using commercially available analytical methods or based on information provided by a supplier as falling within a range approved for reporting purposes by the department;
- (4) The name and address of the manufacturer, and the name, address and phone number of a contact person for the manufacturer; and

(5) Any additional information established by the department by rule as necessary to implement the requirements of this section.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1614, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. The requirements of this subsection do not apply to a manufacturer that employs 25 or fewer people.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1614, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 477, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. A, §54, is amended to read:

4. Exemptions. The following are exempt from this section:

A. A product for which federal law governs the presence of PFAS in the product in a manner that preempts state authority; ~~and~~

B. A package, as defined in Title 32, section 1732, subsection 4, for a product subject to Title 32, chapter 26-A or 26-B, except when the package is the product of the manufacturer; and

C. A used product or used product component.

Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §1614, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 477, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. A, §54, is amended to read:

7. Failure to provide notice. A Beginning January 1, 2025, a person may not sell, offer for sale or distribute for sale in the State a product containing intentionally added PFAS if the manufacturer has failed to provide the information required under subsection 2, except that this prohibition does not apply to:

~~A. The department may exempt a~~ A product exempted from the prohibition under this subsection if by the department determines upon a determination by the department that the use of PFAS in the product is a currently unavoidable use;

~~B. The prohibition in this subsection does not apply to a~~ A retailer in the State unless the retailer sells, offers for sale or distributes for sale in the State a product for which the retailer has received a notification pursuant to subsection 8, paragraph B that the sale of the product is prohibited;

C. A manufacturer exempted from the notification requirement pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph D;

D. A product for which the department has waived the notification requirement pursuant to subsection 3; and

E. A manufacturer that pursuant to subsection 3 has received from the department an extension of the deadline for submission of the information required by subsection 2. The exception under this paragraph applies only for the duration of the extension provided by the department.

Sec. 5. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2023.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 139

H.P. 140 - L.D. 219

An Act Regarding Appeals of License or Permit Decisions of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §341-D, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 304, Pt. H, §7, is amended to read:

3. Modification or corrective action. At the request of the commissioner and after written notice and opportunity for a hearing pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4, the board may modify in whole or in part any license, or may issue an order prescribing necessary corrective action, whenever the board finds that any of the criteria in section 342, subsection 11-B have been met. The board may modify a license or order corrective action as authorized by this subsection at any time, including during the pendency of a judicial appeal of a final decision regarding the license.

For the purposes of this subsection, "license" includes any license, permit, order, approval or certification issued by the department.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §341-D, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 890, Pt. A, §13 and affected by §40, is amended to read:

A. Final license or permit decisions made by the commissioner when a person aggrieved by a decision of the commissioner appeals that decision to the board within 30 days of the filing of the decision with the board staff. The board staff shall give written notice to persons that have asked to be notified of the decision. Any proposed supplemental evidence offered by an appellant must be included with the filing of the appeal. The board may allow the record to be supplemented when it finds that the evidence offered is relevant and material and that:

(1) An interested party seeking to supplement the record has shown due diligence in bringing the evidence to the licensing process at the earliest possible time; or

(2) The evidence is newly discovered and could not, by the exercise of diligence, have been discovered in time to be presented earlier in the licensing process.

The board may admit into the record supplemental evidence offered by a respondent in response to proposed supplemental evidence offered by an appellant and the issues raised on appeal. The board may admit into the record additional evidence and analysis submitted by department staff in response to issues raised on appeal or supplemental evidence offered by an appellant, respondent or interested party. The board is not bound by the commissioner's findings of fact or conclusions of law but may adopt, modify or reverse findings of fact or conclusions of law established by the commissioner. Any changes made by the board under this paragraph must be based upon the board's review of the record, any supplemental evidence admitted by the board and any hearing held by the board;

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §342, sub-§11-B, as amended by PL 2017, c. 137, Pt. A, §4, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The commissioner may revoke or suspend a license as authorized by this subsection at any time, including during the pendency of a judicial appeal of a final decision regarding the license. For the purposes of this subsection, "license" includes any license, permit, order, approval or certification issued by the department and "licensee" means the holder of the license.

Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §344, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2011, c. 538, §4, is further amended to read:

9. License or permit renewals, amendments, revisions, condition compliance, surrenders and transfers. For purposes of this section, a request for a license or permit renewal, amendment, revision, condition compliance, surrender or transfer is considered an application that, unless specifically exempted by law, is subject to a decision by the department.

The commissioner may act on an application for a license or permit renewal, amendment, revision, condition compliance, surrender or transfer at any time, including during the pendency of a judicial appeal of a final decision regarding the license or permit.

Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §346, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 642, Pt. B, §3, is further amended to read:

1. Appeal to Superior Court. Except as provided in subsection 4 and section 347-A, subsection 3 or 4, any person aggrieved by any order or ~~decision~~ other final action of the board or commissioner may appeal to the Superior Court. These appeals to the Superior Court must be taken in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 7.

Sec. 6. 38 MRSA §346, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Tolling of deadlines. When a license or permit decision or other final action of the board or the commissioner is appealed to a court in accordance with this

section, the board or the commissioner may toll for the pendency of the judicial appeal the running of time for any deadline established in the license, permit or action under appeal.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 140
S.P. 122 - L.D. 256

An Act to Add Electric Bicycles to the Electric Vehicle Rebate Program

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10126, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. "Electric bicycle" has the same meaning as in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 22-B.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10126, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 402, §3, is further amended to read:

3. Rebate program established; eligibility. In accordance with the provisions of this section, the trust shall establish and administer a program that provides rebates for the purchase or lease of electric vehicles. A person may apply for and, as resources within the fund allow, receive a rebate 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; purchased, or leased from its original equipment manufacturer or an authorized licensee of the original equipment manufacturer or a licensed automobile dealer for a term of 36 months or more, in the State; and, to the extent required by Title 29-A, chapter 5, registered in the State, ~~except that a vehicle is not eligible if it has. 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 a truck or an off-road vehicle and is not eligible for the program if it has a manufacturer's suggested retail price greater than \$50,000.~~ 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 rebate must include that the recipient attests to a commitment to retain ownership, 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 a rebate under this section who does not retain ownership of the eligible electric vehicle for at least 36 months to repay the trust up to the full amount of the rebate. If the trust extends program eligibility to electric bicycles, the trust shall limit the

electric bicycle rebates 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 a rebate 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 rebate amount for each eligible electric vehicle. The trust shall establish rebate amounts that it determines most effectively increase the purchase of eligible electric vehicles 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 rebate amounts based on the size of the vehicle battery. The trust may establish different rebate 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 rebates per vehicle or per person.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 141

H.P. 169 - L.D. 264

An Act to Clarify the Process for Admission to the Bar on Motion

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§2, ¶C, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §23, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Establishes that the applicant has satisfied all of the other requirements under the Maine Bar Admission Rules for the board to issue a certificate of qualification.

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§3, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §23, is amended to read:

3. Admission within one year of passing bar examination. ~~The~~ An applicant for admission by examination must be admitted to practice within one year from the ~~time~~ date that the applicant has been notified of that applicant's passing of the bar examination. This one-year period may be ~~enlarged~~ extended by successive one-year periods by a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court on motion for good cause shown during the period.

Sec. 4. 4 MRSA §805-A, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Admission within one year of applying for admission on motion. An applicant who is an attorney admitted to practice law in a state or territory of the United States or the District of Columbia who meets the requirements for admission on motion under the Maine Bar Admission Rules must be admitted to practice within one year from the date that the board of bar examiners receives the applicant's application. This period may be extended by a 6-month period by the board of bar examiners pursuant to the regulations of the board of bar examiners and then by successive one-year periods by a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court on motion for good cause shown during the 6-month period or any succeeding one-year period.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 142

H.P. 184 - L.D. 286

An Act to Authorize the Use of Tax Increment Financing Funds for Constructing or Renovating Local Central Administrative Offices

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (10) to read:

(10) Costs associated with broadband and fiber optics expansion projects, including preparation, planning, engineering and other related costs in addition to the construction costs of those projects. If an area within a municipality or plantation is unserved with respect to broadband service, as defined by the ConnectMaine Authority as provided in Title 35-A, section 9204-A, subsection 1, broadband and fiber optics expansion projects may serve residential or other nonbusiness or non-commercial areas in addition to business or commercial areas within the municipality or plantation; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §46, is amended by amending subparagraph (11) to read:

(11) Costs associated with the operation and financial support of:

(a) Affordable housing in the municipality or plantation to serve ongoing economic development efforts, including the further development of the downtown tax increment financing districts; and

(b) Housing programs and services to assist those who are experiencing homelessness in the municipality or plantation as defined in the municipality's or plantation's development program; and

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §46, is amended by enacting a new 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, the need for which is related to general economic development within the municipality or plantation, not to exceed 15% of the captured assessed value of the development district;

Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 148, §4, is further amended to read:

2. **Unauthorized project costs.** Except as provided in subsection 1, paragraph C, ~~subparagraph~~ subparagraphs (9) and (12) and subsection 1, paragraph D, the commissioner may not approve as a project cost the cost of facilities, buildings or portions of buildings used predominantly for the general conduct of government or for public recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, city halls and other headquarters of government where the governing body meets regularly, courthouses, jails and other state and local government office buildings, recreation centers, athletic fields and swimming pools.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 143

H.P. 246 - L.D. 395

An Act to Expand Funding Sources Within the Public Utilities Commission for Intervenor and Participant Funding

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §117, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 27, §2, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) To supplement the telecommunications education access fund established pursuant to section 7104-B; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §117, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 27, §2, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) To supplement any other program or fund that the commission determines would benefit customers affected or potentially affected by the violation; ~~or~~

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §117, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 27, §2, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) To supplement available funding sources for intervenor and participant funding pursuant to section 1310-A, subsection 2.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §1310-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 736, §2, is amended to read:

§1310-A. Intervenor and participant funding

1. **Qualification for funding.** Consistent with rules adopted by the commission pursuant to subsection 3, the commission may order or provide funding in accordance with subsection 2 to an intervenor in an adjudicatory proceeding or a participant in a nonadjudicatory commission proceeding upon a finding that:

A. The position of the intervenor or participant is not adequately represented by the Office of the Public Advocate or commission staff;

B. The intervenor or participant is likely to substantially contribute to the proceeding and to assist in the resolution of the issues raised in the proceeding; and

C. Participation in the proceeding by the intervenor or participant would impose a significant financial hardship on the intervenor or participant.

2. **Funding sources.** If the commission finds pursuant to subsection 1 that an intervenor or participant in a commission proceeding qualifies for funding, the commission may, except as provided in subsection 2-A and consistent with rules adopted by the commission pursuant to subsection 3:

A. Order a utility involved in the commission proceeding to compensate the intervenor or participant. Compensation provided by a utility under this paragraph may be recovered in rates; or

B. Provide compensation to the intervenor or participant from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund established pursuant to section 116, administrative penalties and filing fees, subject to the commission's determination that funds are available for that purpose.

2-A. Water utility exception. If the commission finds, pursuant to subsection 1, that an intervenor or participant in a commission proceeding involving a water utility qualifies for funding, the commission may, consistent with rules adopted by the commission, provide compensation to the intervenor or participant only from administrative penalties within the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund in accordance with

section 117, subsection 3, paragraph B, subparagraph (6).

3. 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.

A. Rules adopted by the commission pursuant to this subsection must include, but are not limited to:

- (1) The process by which the commission will determine whether an intervenor or participant qualifies for funding;
- (2) Identification of which expenses incurred by an intervenor or participant may qualify for funding, which types of proceedings intervenor or participant funding will be available for and the point in an eligible proceeding at which an intervenor or participant qualifying for funding will be provided with the funding;
- (3) The process by which the commission will ensure that funding provided to an intervenor or participant is used properly and the process by which funding provided to an intervenor or participant that is not entirely used by the intervenor or participant may be recovered by the commission; and
- (4) The methods by which the commission will ensure that the public is notified about the availability of intervenor and participant funding under this section.

B. Rules adopted by the commission pursuant to this subsection may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Establishment of a cap on the amount of funding that a qualified intervenor or participant may be provided in a commission proceeding;
- (2) Establishment of a process by which the commission will give priority under this section to qualified intervenors or participants representing environmental justice populations. If the commission establishes such a process by rule, the commission, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall include in that rule a definition for "environmental justice populations" that is consistent with any definition for that term adopted by the department in a department rule; and
- (3) Any other provisions the commission determines necessary for the implementation of this section.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 144
H.P. 247 - L.D. 396

An Act to Preserve the 207 Area Code and Impede So-called Robocalling

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §7104, 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. "North American Numbering Plan Administrator" means a North American organization responsible for neutrally administering numbering resources in a Maine numbering plan area.

B. "Number placed in service" means an active 10-digit telephone number that is:

- (1) Compliant with the guidelines established by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator for use by a voice network service provider;
- (2) Has been assigned to an end user customer of the voice network service provider; and
- (3) Is capable of receiving voice traffic from, or originating voice traffic to, the public switched telephone network.

C. "Numbering plan area" has the same meaning as in 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 52.7(a) in effect on December 16, 2022.

D. "Numbering resources" means blocks of telephone numbers provided to authorized voice network service providers in a numbering plan area by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator.

E. "Voice network service provider" means a voice service provider that offers its subscribers the means to initiate or receive voice communications using the public switched telephone network and includes a provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service required to register with the commission pursuant to section 7110, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §7104, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2017, c. 422, §§2 to 4 and affected by §12, is further amended to read:

3. Authority. The commission shall adopt rules to implement this section and may require voice network service providers 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 a state universal service fund to support programs consistent with the goals of applicable provisions of this Title and the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104, 110 Stat. 56. A voice network service provider is not required to contribute to the state universal service fund for telephone numbers that are acquired by the provider but are not placed in service. Prior to requiring that voice network service providers contribute to a state universal service fund, the commission shall assess the telecommunications needs of the State's consumers and establish the level of support required to meet those needs. If the commission establishes a state universal service fund pursuant to this section, the commission shall contract with an appropriate independent fiscal agent that is not a state entity to serve as administrator of the state universal service fund. Funds contributed to a state universal service fund are not state funds. Rules and any state universal service fund requirements established by the commission pursuant to this section must:

- A. Be reasonably designed to maximize federal assistance available to the State for universal service purposes;
- B. Meet the State's obligations under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104, 110 Stat. 56;
- C. Be consistent with the goals of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law 104-104, 110 Stat. 56;
- D. Ensure that any requirements regarding contributions to a state universal service fund be nondiscriminatory and competitively neutral;
- G. Require, if a voice network service provider recovers its contributions under this section by means of a charge placed on a bill issued to a customer, explicit identification on that bill of any charge imposed under this section; and
- H. Ensure that any fees or surcharges established by or pursuant to this section are not imposed on revenues received from or on prepaid wireless telecommunications service transactions supported by federal universal service support funds pursuant to 47 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 54. This paragraph does not prohibit the imposition of fees or surcharges with respect to revenues received from consumers for optional services that are not supported by federal universal service support funds.

~~For purposes of this section, "voice network service provider" means a voice service provider that offers its subscribers the means to initiate or receive voice communications using the public switched telephone network.~~ Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The commission may investigate a voice

network service provider to ensure compliance with this section.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §7104-B, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 623, Pt. B, §§18 and 19, 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. "Qualified library" means a public library as defined in Title 27, section 110, subsection 10; a research center as defined in Title 27, section 110, subsection 12; or a library that provides free public access to all advanced telecommunications services available at that library and whose collection serves as a statewide resource, if the commission determines, in consultation with the Maine Library Commission, that including that library as a qualified library is in the public interest.

A-1. "North American Numbering Plan Administrator" has the same meaning as in section 7104, subsection 1-A, paragraph A.

A-2. "Number placed in service" has the same meaning as in section 7104, subsection 1-A, paragraph B.

A-3. "Numbering plan area" has the same meaning as in section 7104, subsection 1-A, paragraph C.

B. "Qualified school" means a public school as defined in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 24; a private school approved under Title 20-A, section 2901 or 2951; or a school that provides free public access to all advanced telecommunications services available at that school, if the commission determines, in consultation with the Department of Education, that including that school as a qualified school is in the public interest.

D. "Voice network service provider" means a voice service provider that offers its subscribers the means to initiate or receive voice communications using the public switched telephone network and includes a provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service required to register with the commission pursuant to section 7110, subsection 2.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §7104-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2017, c. 244, §1, 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,"~~ "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.

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §7110 is enacted to read:

§7110. Registration requirements of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "North American Numbering Plan Administrator" has the same meaning as in section 7104, subsection 1-A, paragraph A.

B. "Numbering resources" has the same meaning as in section 7104, subsection 1-A, paragraph D.

2. Registration. A provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service shall register with the commission in a manner prescribed by the commission prior to requesting numbering resources in the State. The registration must include:

A. Contact information for a representative of the provider responsible for regulatory and numbering matters; and

B. An acknowledgment that the provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service must file a notice with the commission at least 30 days before requesting numbers from the North American Numbering Plan Administrator or its successor.

When there is any change in the contact information required by paragraph A, a provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service shall update its registration information.

3. Information requests. A provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service registered under subsection 2 shall, upon the commission's request, provide the commission with detailed information relating to the distribution of numbering resources in the State, unless the interconnected voice over Internet protocol service provider is prohibited from doing so by state or federal privacy laws, rules or regulations.

4. Authority. The commission may exercise any authority provided to the states by 47 Code of Federal

Regulations, Part 52 in effect on December 16, 2022 in order to maximize numbering resources.

5. Rules. The commission may adopt rules to implement the requirements of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

6. Enforcement. Failure of a provider of interconnected voice over Internet protocol service to comply with this section or any applicable commission rule is subject to administrative penalties under section 1508-A.

Sec. 6. Public Utilities Commission; report. No later than January 12, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission shall provide a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that:

1. Includes a summary of the compliance by voice network service providers, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 7104, subsection 1-A, paragraph E, with the requirements of sections 7104 and 7104-B;

2. Contains an update of the commission's effort to preserve the 207 area code; and

3. Includes an analysis of whether additional efforts could be taken to ensure numbering resources, as defined in section 7104, subsection 1-A, paragraph D, are used efficiently.

The report may include recommendations for any legislation. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 145

S.P. 195 - L.D. 414

An Act to Clarify the Provision of Notice of Proposed Rate Increases to Public Utility Customers

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §307, as amended by PL 1999, c. 398, Pt. A, §13 and affected by §§104 and 105, is further amended by enacting after the first paragraph a new paragraph to read:

A public utility seeking a general increase in rates shall send a notice of the increase to its customers by either first-class mail or the method by which the customer receives bills from the utility. The commission shall prepare the notice in consultation with the utility. If, after the notice of the general increase in rates is sent, the utility seeks a rate increase greater than what was

stated in the notice, the utility shall promptly notify the commission. If the utility demonstrates good cause, the commission may allow the utility to seek an increase greater than what was stated in the notice subject to reasonable conditions established by the commission, including, but not limited to, requiring the utility to send a new notice to its customers describing the revised proposed increase.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 146
H.P. 291 - L.D. 474**

**An Act to Improve
Collaboration Between
Mandatory Reporters and Law
Enforcement in the
Investigation of Alleged Child
Abuse and Neglect**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4011-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Disclosure to law enforcement officer. Upon request of a law enforcement officer investigating a report of child abuse or neglect, a member of the staff of a public or private medical institution, agency or facility or person in charge of the institution, agency or facility or the designated agent who made a report pursuant to subsection 1 shall disclose to the law enforcement officer the same information the member or person reported to the department.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4014, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. A, §89, is further amended to read:

1. Reporting and proceedings. A person, including an agent of the department, participating in good faith in reporting under this subchapter or participating in a related child protection investigation or proceeding, including, but not limited to, a multidisciplinary team, out-of-home abuse investigating team or other investigating or treatment team, or a related law enforcement investigation or criminal justice proceeding is immune from any criminal or civil liability for the act of reporting or participating in the investigation or proceeding. Good faith does not include instances when a false report is made and the person knows the report is false. ~~Nothing in this~~ This section may not be construed to bar criminal or civil action regarding perjury or regarding the abuse or neglect which that led to a report, investigation or proceeding.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 147
H.P. 307 - L.D. 490**

**An Act to Designate the
Department of Health and
Human Services as the
Implementing Department of
the Lead-safe Housing Registry**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1322-E, sub-§3, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 628, Pt. A, §5, is amended to read:

G. Implementation of the lead-safe housing registry by the ~~Department of Environmental Protection~~ department pursuant to ~~Title 38, chapter 12-B~~ achieving the goal of elimination of childhood lead poisoning risks in the State ~~section 1331.~~

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1331 is enacted to read:

§1331. Registry of leased lead-safe residential dwellings

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Lead-based paint" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 1291, subsection 16.

B. "Residential dwelling" has the same meaning as in Title 38, section 1291, subsection 26-A.

2. Registry. The department shall maintain a registry of leased residential dwellings built before 1978 that are lead-safe as designated by the residential dwelling owners in accordance with subsection 3.

3. Designation as lead-safe. A leased residential dwelling may be designated as lead-safe for the purposes of this section if the residential dwelling owner has submitted to the department an application for the leased residential dwelling to be placed on the registry created pursuant to subsection 2. Submission of an application to the registry is voluntary on the part of the residential dwelling owner.

4. Application. The application under subsection 3 must be submitted together with a report by a lead inspector that indicates that the leased residential dwelling has been tested for the presence of lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust or a report by a lead dust sampling technician that indicates the leased residential dwelling has been tested for lead-contaminated dust. The report must indicate that the leased residential dwelling meets the requirements for inclusion on the registry in accordance with the standards and procedures established by the department.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1291, sub-§19-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 628, Pt. B, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §1291, sub-§23-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 628, Pt. B, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §1298, as amended by PL 2009, c. 501, §14, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 148
S.P. 385 - L.D. 893**

**An Act to Amend the
Legislative Membership of the
Hancock County Budget
Advisory 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 legislative membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee and needs to take effect prior to the budget advisory committee's annual meeting in the month of October; 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. 30-A MRSA §763, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 1999, c. 440, §1, is further amended to read:

B. ~~Budget~~ Except for the member of the Hancock County legislative delegation, budget advisory committee members serve 3-year terms and no more than one member from each municipality may serve at a time. If a budget advisory committee member who is elected as a municipal officer 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.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §763, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 749, §1, is amended to read:

2. **Legislative member.** ~~The~~ Prior to October 1, 2023, the Hancock County legislative delegation shall annually select one member of the delegation who resides in Hancock County to serve on the budget advisory committee. By October 1, 2023, and by October

1st of every odd-numbered year thereafter, the Hancock County legislative delegation shall select, by majority vote, one member of the delegation who resides in Hancock County to serve on the budget advisory committee for a 2-year term. If the selected member resigns from the Legislature or from the budget advisory committee during the member's term of office, the Hancock County legislative delegation shall select, by majority vote, another member of the delegation who resides in Hancock County to serve the remainder of the term. The Hancock 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.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 12, 2023.

**CHAPTER 149
H.P. 622 - L.D. 975**

**An Act to Align Maine's
Elevator Safety Laws with
Maine Uniform Building and
Energy Code Standards**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, today's buildings often have multiple stories and are often serviced by an elevator; and

Whereas, the ability to exit these buildings, particularly from higher floors, is important, especially in cases of evacuation by medical or emergency personnel; and

Whereas, if evacuation involves carrying a person on a stretcher, an elevator's capacity to accommodate the stretcher can be essential to the person's survival; 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 §15228, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 70, Pt. D, §35, is further amended to read:

1. Requirements. Notwithstanding section 15205-A, whenever a passenger elevator is installed in a building being newly constructed or in a new addition

that extends beyond the exterior walls of an existing building, ~~the at least one~~ passenger elevator must reach ~~all levels every story~~ within the building and be of sufficient size to allow the transport of a person on an ambulance stretcher in the fully supine position, without having to raise, lower or bend the stretcher in any way. ~~This requirement applies to all plans approved after January 1, 2002.~~ As used in this subsection, "story" has the same meaning as in the International Building Code, as adopted by the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board under Title 10, section 9722. The director shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this ~~section~~ 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 June 12, 2023.

CHAPTER 150

H.P. 833 - L.D. 1308

An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2023-24

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 2023-24 is as follows:

Fiscal Administration - Office of the State Auditor	\$280,153
Education	\$14,103,141

Forest Fire Protection	\$130,000
Human Services - General Assistance	\$60,000
Property Tax Assessment	\$1,269,048
Maine Land Use Planning Commission	\$643,573
TOTAL STATE AGENCIES	\$16,485,915
County Reimbursements for Services	
Aroostook	\$2,003,645
Franklin	\$1,375,281
Hancock	\$189,107
Kennebec	\$9,662
Lincoln	\$29,013
Oxford	\$1,710,625
Penobscot	\$1,868,069
Piscataquis	\$1,747,599
Somerset	\$2,524,640
Washington	\$1,520,948

TOTAL COUNTY SERVICES **\$12,978,589**

COUNTY TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRUBUTIONS FROM FUND

 Tax Increment Financing Payments \$3,027,917

TOTAL REQUIREMENTS **\$32,492,421**

COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT

Requirements \$32,492,421

Less Revenue Deductions:

General Revenue	
Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$300,000
Homestead Reimbursement	\$250,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$10,000
Use of Unassigned Fund Balance	\$2,697,813

TOTAL GENERAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS **\$3,257,813**

Education Revenue	
Land Reserved Trust Interest	\$100,000
Tuition and School Transportation Charges	\$130,000
Special - Teacher Retirement Funding from State	\$240,000

TOTAL EDUCATION REVENUE DEDUCTIONS **\$470,000**

TOTAL REVENUE DEDUCTIONS **\$3,727,813**

TAX ASSESSMENT BEFORE COUNTY TAXES AND OVERLAY (Title 36, §1602) **\$28,764,608**

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 12, 2023.

**CHAPTER 151
S.P. 332 - L.D. 773**

**An Act to Ensure Access by
Parties and Attorneys to
Records in Child and Adult
Protection Proceedings**

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

Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §5-701, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Access to records. In any case in which a public guardian or conservator may be or has been appointed by the court under this Article, the Department of Health and Human Services shall disclose to the respondent and the respondent's attorney relevant information from the department's records as required by Title 22, section 3474, subsection 3, paragraph F.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3474, sub-§2, ¶D, as amended by PL 2003, c. 653, §6, is further amended to read:

D. An incapacitated or dependent adult named in a record who is reported to be abused, neglected or exploited or the caretaker, guardian or conservator of the an incapacitated or dependent adult named in a record who is reported to be abused, neglected or exploited;

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §3474, sub-§3, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 686, §2, is further amended to read:

D. An advocacy agency conducting an investigation under chapter 961, United States Public Law 88-164, Title I, Part C or United States Public Law 99-319, regarding a developmentally disabled person or mentally ill person who is or who, within the last 90 days, was residing in a facility rendering care or treatment, when a complaint has been received by the agency or there is probable cause to believe that that individual has been subject to abuse or neglect, and that person does not have a legal guardian or the person is under public guardianship. The determination of which information and records are relevant to the investigation is made by agreement between the department and the agency; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §3474, sub-§3, ¶E, as amended by PL 2021, c. 686, §3, is amended to read:

E. The Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board established in Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 15. Access is limited to aggregate data regarding investigations under this chapter relating to persons receiving adult developmental services as defined in Title 34-B, section 1001, subsection 1-A. Data must be provided at least

quarterly. The determination of aggregate data to be provided is made by agreement between the department and the Maine Developmental Services Oversight and Advisory Board; ~~and~~

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §3474, sub-§3, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. The adult who is the subject of the record and the adult's attorney, with protection for identity of reporters and other persons when appropriate. Nothing in this paragraph requires the department to disclose information to a guardian or conservator of the adult who is the subject of the record.

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§2, ¶D-2, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 300, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§3, ¶L, as amended by PL 2015, c. 381, §2, is further amended to read:

L. To a licensing board of a mandated reporter, in the case of a mandated reporter under section 4011-A, subsection 1 who appears from the record or relevant circumstances to have failed to make a required report. Any information disclosed by the department personally identifying a licensee's client or patient remains confidential and may be used only in a proceeding as provided by Title 5, section 9057, subsection 6; ~~and~~

Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§3, ¶M, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 381, §3, is amended to read:

M. Law enforcement authorities for entry into the National Crime Information Center database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and to a national information clearinghouse for missing and exploited children operated pursuant to 42 United States Code, Section 5773(b). Information disclosed pursuant to this paragraph is limited to information on missing or abducted children or youth that is required to be disclosed pursuant to 42 United States Code, Section 671(a)(35)(B); ~~and~~

Sec. 9. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§3, ¶N is enacted to read:

N. A party to a child protection proceeding and the attorney representing the party in the proceeding, with protection for identity of reporters and other persons when appropriate.

Sec. 10. 22 MRSA §4032, sub-§2, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

C-1. The phone number and e-mail address, if known, of each parent and custodian, unless the petitioner has reason to believe that disclosing the phone number or e-mail address of the parent and custodian to another parent and custodian in the proceeding would create a safety risk or the petitioner has reason to believe that a parent and custodian has taken steps to avoid disclosing that

parent's and custodian's phone number or e-mail address to another parent and custodian in the proceeding.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 152
H.P. 597 - L.D. 950**

**An Act to Authorize
Kickboxing and Muay Thai
Competition Under the
Combat Sports Authority of
Maine**

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA c. 20, headnote is amended to read:

CHAPTER 20

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS, MUAY THAI, KICK-BOXING AND BOXING

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §521, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:

3-B. Kickboxing. "Kickboxing" means a combative sport that is a form of boxing in which blows are delivered with the hand and any part of the leg below the hip, including the bare foot, with the intent to disable or cause injury to an opponent in a contest, exhibition or event.

Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §521, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 352, §2, is amended to read:

4. Mixed martial arts. "Mixed martial arts" means a combative sport for compensation that features a mixture of karate, jiu-jitsu, ~~muay thai~~ Muay Thai, tae kwon do, boxing, ~~kick boxing~~ kickboxing, wrestling, judo and striking and grappling techniques.

Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §521, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Muay Thai. "Muay Thai" means a combative sport that is a form of boxing in which blows are delivered with the fist, elbow, knee and shin and in which various clinching techniques are employed, with the intent to disable or cause injury to an opponent in a contest, exhibition or event.

Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §522, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 305, §4, is further amended to read:

2. Purpose. The authority is established to regulate and promote mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing and boxing competitions, exhibitions and events in the State as set forth in this chapter. A mixed martial

arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing competition, exhibition or event may not be held in the State prior to the adoption of rules pursuant to this chapter.

Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §522, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2011, c. 305, §4, is further amended to read:

7. Revenue and expenditures. The board may receive revenue from mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing and boxing competitions, exhibitions and events, as well as from the sale of goods and merchandise, in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to sections 523 and 524. The authority may apply for, solicit and receive grants, donations and gifts and may receive appropriations from the State and funds from other governmental authorities. All funds received must be spent solely to assist with operational expenses in furtherance of the purpose of the authority. Funds may be used to compensate members of the authority for per diem and expenses in accordance with the board's bylaws. The board may enter into contracts to obtain the assistance of staff sufficient to support operations of the board.

Sec. 7. 8 MRSA §523, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 305, §5, is further amended to read:

1. Rules. Adopt rules to protect the health and safety of authorized participants and the integrity of competition, as well as to establish a certification process authorizing participation in a mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing competition, exhibition or event and set the fee schedules for all authorized participants. A certificate authorizing participation in a mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing competition, exhibition or event may be issued for one year or such other time period as may be fixed by rule under this chapter. The board may establish requirements to ensure that a mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing competition, exhibition or event is not conducted unless a promoter's fee has been paid and that each competitor has been examined by a physician who has certified the competitor's fitness to participate in the mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing competition, exhibition or event. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Notwithstanding this subsection, rules establishing fees, including promotion fees pursuant to section 524, are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The authority's rules must include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Rules of competition, weighing of participants and scoring of decisions;
- B. Length of contests and rounds;
- C. Availability of medical services, including a requirement that a physician be present during a mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing competition, exhibition or event;

- D. Age limits, which must include a minimum age of not less than 18 years;
- E. Weight limits and classification of participants;
- F. Physical condition of participants;
- G. Qualifications of referees and other authorized participants;
- H. Uniforms, attire, safety gear and equipment of authorized participants;
- I. Specifications of facilities and equipment; and
- J. Requirements for health and accident insurance providing coverage in the event of injury or death to authorized participants. This coverage must comply with standards prescribed by the Superintendent of Insurance.

Sec. 8. 8 MRSA §524, as amended by PL 2011, c. 305, §6, is further amended to read:

§524. Promotion fees

In addition to the requirements set by rule pursuant to section 523, a promoter of a mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing competition, exhibition or event authorized under this chapter must pay a fee set by the authority in advance of the mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing competition, exhibition or event. A promoter who fails to pay the fee required pursuant to this section is prohibited from promoting the competition as well as any further competitions, exhibitions or events held under this chapter until the fee and any penalties are paid in full or satisfactory arrangements are made with the authority.

Sec. 9. 8 MRSA §526, as amended by PL 2011, c. 305, §8, is further amended to read:

§526. Prohibited interests of officers, directors and employees

A director of the authority or a spouse, domestic partner or dependent child of a director of the authority may not receive any direct personal benefit from the activities or undertakings of the authority. This section does not prohibit corporations or other entities with which a director is associated by reason of ownership or employment from participating in mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing activities if ownership or employment is made known to the authority and the director abstains from voting on matters relating to that participation. A director of the authority must comply with the requirements of Title 5, section 18.

Sec. 10. 8 MRSA §529, as amended by PL 2011, c. 305, §9, is further amended to read:

§529. Powers of board

1. Inspections and investigations. The board may enter and inspect the premises where a mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing competition,

exhibition or event is to be conducted and question persons present and review documents to the extent it considers necessary to determine whether the event is in accordance with this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter.

2. Other action. The board may take all reasonable steps to ensure that a mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing competition, exhibition or event is conducted in accordance with this chapter and rules adopted under this chapter and take all other lawful action necessary and incidental to its purposes.

Sec. 11. 8 MRSA §532, as amended by PL 2011, c. 305, §10, is further amended to read:

§532. Fines; enforcement

The board may, after a hearing under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4, impose a fine of not more than \$500 for each violation against a person who violates this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter or who participates in a mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing competition, exhibition or event without the certificate described under section 523, subsection 1. The Attorney General may bring an action in Superior Court to enjoin a mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing competition, exhibition or event from occurring for which the promoter's fee has not been paid or a participant who does not meet the qualifications of this chapter from participating in the competition, exhibition or event.

Sec. 12. 17-A MRSA §515, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 305, §12, is further amended to read:

2-A. This section does not apply to any mixed martial arts, Muay Thai, kickboxing or boxing competition, exhibition or event authorized pursuant to Title 8, chapter 20 as long as rules have been adopted by the Combat Sports Authority of Maine pursuant to Title 8, chapter 20.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 153

H.P. 672 - L.D. 1036

**An Act to Require All
Uniformed Patrol Officers to
Carry Naloxone Hydrochloride
When on Duty**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 605, §2, is further amended to read:

3. Authorized administration and dispensing of naloxone hydrochloride by ~~law enforcement officers~~, corrections officers and municipal firefighters.

A law enforcement agency as defined in Title 25, section 3701, subsection 1, a regional or county jail, a prison, a correctional facility as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 6 or a municipal fire department as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 1 is authorized to obtain a supply of naloxone hydrochloride to be administered or dispensed in accordance with this subsection. A law enforcement officer as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 17, in accordance with policies adopted by the law enforcement agency, a corrections officer, in accordance with policies adopted by the jail, prison or correctional facility, and a municipal firefighter as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 2, in accordance with policies adopted by the municipality, may administer or dispense intranasal naloxone hydrochloride as clinically indicated if the law enforcement officer, corrections officer or municipal firefighter has received medical training in accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board established in Title 32, section 83, subsection 16-B. The Medical Direction and Practices Board shall establish medical training protocols for law enforcement officers, corrections officers and municipal firefighters pursuant to this subsection.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Authorized administration, dispensing and carrying of naloxone hydrochloride by law enforcement officers. A law enforcement agency as defined in Title 25, section 3701, subsection 1 is authorized to obtain a supply of naloxone hydrochloride to be administered or dispensed in accordance with this subsection. A law enforcement officer as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 17, in accordance with policies adopted by the law enforcement agency, may administer or dispense intranasal naloxone hydrochloride as clinically indicated if the law enforcement officer has received medical training in accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board established in Title 32, section 83, subsection 16-B. A law enforcement officer who performs duties as a uniformed patrol officer, in accordance with policies adopted by the law enforcement agency, shall carry naloxone hydrochloride at all times when on duty, obtain medical training in accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board and administer or dispense intranasal naloxone hydrochloride as clinically indicated. The Medical Direction and Practices Board shall establish medical training protocols for law enforcement officers pursuant to this subsection.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.

Effective January 1, 2024.

**CHAPTER 154
S.P. 421 - L.D. 1052**

An Act to Expand Good Samaritan Protections for Naloxone Hydrochloride Administration

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§5, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 508, §4, is amended to read:

B. A person described in this section as being authorized to possess, obtain, store, administer or dispense naloxone hydrochloride, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, is immune from criminal and civil liability and is not subject to professional disciplinary action for possessing or providing to another person naloxone hydrochloride in accordance with this section or for administering naloxone hydrochloride in accordance with this section 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.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2353, sub-§5, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. A person not described in this section as being authorized to possess, obtain, store, administer or dispense naloxone hydrochloride, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, is immune from criminal and civil liability and is not subject to professional disciplinary action for providing to another person naloxone hydrochloride or for administering naloxone hydrochloride 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.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 155
H.P. 768 - L.D. 1208**

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee Concerning Time Estimates for Responding to Public Records Requests

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §408-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2015, c. 317, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Acknowledgment; clarification; time estimate; cost estimate. The agency or official having custody or control of a public record shall acknowledge receipt of a request made according to this section within 5 working days of receiving the request and may request clarification concerning which public record or public records are being requested. Within a reasonable time of receiving the request, the agency or official shall provide a good faith, nonbinding estimate of the time frame within which the agency or official will comply with the request, ~~as well as~~ and a cost estimate as provided in subsection 9. The agency or official shall make a good faith effort to fully respond to the request within the estimated time frame. For purposes of this subsection, the date a request is received is the date a sufficient description of the public record is received by the agency or official at the office responsible for maintaining the public record. An agency or official that receives a request for a public record that is maintained by that agency but is not maintained by the office that received the request shall forward the request to the office of the agency or official that maintains the record, without willful delay, and shall notify the requester that the request has been forwarded and that the office to which the request has been forwarded will acknowledge receipt within 5 working days of receiving the request.

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §408-A, sub-§8, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 662, §5, is amended to read:

C. The agency or official may charge for the actual cost to convert a public record into a form susceptible of visual or aural comprehension or into a usable format and for the actual cost of a device used to store the public record if the storage device will be given to the requester by the agency or official.

Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §408-A, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 662, §5, is amended to read:

9. Estimate. The agency or official having custody or control of a public record subject to a request under this section shall provide to the requester an estimate of the time ~~necessary to complete~~ frame within which the agency or official will comply with the request and of the total cost as provided by subsection 8. If the estimate of the total cost is greater than ~~\$30~~ \$50, the agency or official shall inform the requester before proceeding. If the estimate of the total cost is greater than \$100, subsection 10 applies.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 156
H.P. 794 - L.D. 1246**

An Act to Include Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat in the Definition of "Significant Wildlife Habitat" Under the Natural Resources Protection Act

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-B, sub-§10, ¶A, as amended by PL 2009, c. 561, §37, is further amended to read:

A. The following areas to the extent that they have been mapped by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or are within any other protected natural resource: ~~habitat, as defined by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, for species appearing on the official state or federal list of endangered or threatened animal species;~~ high and moderate value deer wintering areas and travel corridors as defined by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; seabird nesting islands as defined by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; and critical spawning and nursery areas for Atlantic salmon as defined by the Department of Marine Resources; and

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §480-B, sub-§10, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 116, §2, is amended to read:

B. Except for solely forest management activities, for which "significant wildlife habitat" is as defined and mapped in accordance with section 480-I by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the following areas that are defined by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and are in conformance with criteria adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection or are within any other protected natural resource:

- (1) Significant vernal pool habitat;
- (2) High and moderate value waterfowl and wading bird habitat, including nesting and feeding areas; ~~and~~
- (3) Shorebird nesting, feeding and staging areas; and
- (4) Habitat for state endangered and state threatened species listed under Title 12, section 12803, subsection 3 that is within another protected natural resource area or that is located wholly or partly within the boundaries of a proposed project site that requires approval from;

(a) The department pursuant to this article or article 6, 7 or 8-A, except for activity or development on a residential lot that is not part of a proposed multi lot housing development; or

(b) The Maine Land Use Planning Commission pursuant to this article as provided in section 480-E-1 or, for subdivisions and nonresidential uses only, pursuant to Title 12, chapter 206-A.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §480-BB, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 116, §5, is amended to read:

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall adopt rules that define "significant vernal pool habitat," "high and moderate value waterfowl and wading bird habitat," ~~and~~ "shorebird nesting, feeding and staging areas" and "habitat for state endangered and state threatened species listed under Title 12, section 12803, subsection 3" under section 480-B, subsection 10, paragraph B. The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt rules regarding the criteria used to determine whether an area is significant vernal pool habitat, high and moderate value waterfowl and wading bird habitat ~~or~~, shorebird nesting, feeding and staging areas or habitat for state endangered and state threatened species listed under Title 12, section 12803, subsection 3 under section 480-B, subsection 10, paragraph B. The rules, as applicable, must:

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CHAPTER 157

S.P. 531 - L.D. 1313

An Act to Amend the Tax Credit for Major Business Headquarters Expansions Regarding Employees' Location and Time of Hire for Purposes of the Credit

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-QQ, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 297, §2, is amended to read:

C. "Employees based in the State" means employees that perform more than 50% of employee-related activities for the employer at ~~the headquarters~~ a location in the State.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5219-QQ, sub-§3, ¶B, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 401, Pt. D, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) A credit is not allowed for any tax year during which the taxpayer does not meet or exceed the following employment targets as measured on the last day of the tax year.

(a) For each of the first 10 tax years for which the credit is claimed, there must be a total of at least 80 additional full-time employees based in the State above the certified applicant's base level of employment whose jobs were added ~~since the first day of the first tax year for which the credit was claimed~~ on or after January 1, 2018 multiplied by the number of years for which the credit has been claimed, including the tax year for which the credit is currently being claimed.

(b) For each tax year after the 10th tax year for which the credit is claimed, the taxpayer must employ a total of at least 800 additional full-time employees based in the State above the certified applicant's base level of employment whose jobs were added ~~since the first day of the first tax year for which the credit was claimed~~ on or after January 1, 2018.

Jobs for additional full-time employees that are counted for determining eligibility for the credit under one certificate of completion may not be counted for determining eligibility for the credit under a separate certificate of completion. For purposes of this paragraph, "additional full-time employees" does not include employees who are shifted to a certified applicant's headquarters in the State from an affiliated business in the State. The commissioner shall determine whether a shifting of employees has occurred. For purposes of this paragraph, "affiliated business" has the same meaning as in section 6753, subsection 1-A.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §5219-QQ, sub-§4, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 401, Pt. D, §3, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) The average and median wages of all additional full-time employees above the certified applicant's base level of employment in the State whose jobs were added ~~since the first day of the first tax year for which the credit was claimed~~ on or after January 1, 2018; and

Sec. 4. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2021.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 158
H.P. 837 - L.D. 1322

**An Act to Implement the
Recommendations of the Right
To Know Advisory Committee
Concerning Remote
Participation**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §403-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 611, §§1 and 2 and c. 666, §§1 to 3, is further amended to read:

2. Requirements. A public body subject to this subchapter may allow members of the body and the public to participate in a public proceeding using remote methods only under the following conditions:

A. After notice and hearing the body has adopted a written policy governing the conditions upon which members of the body and the public may participate in a public proceeding of that body by remote methods.

(1) If a public body has not adopted a policy authorizing remote methods of participation under this section and if the chair of the body determines that an emergency or urgent issue exists that prevents the public body from meeting in person to adopt a policy, the chair may call a meeting of the body in which the members may participate by remote methods. Notice of the meeting must include information about how the public can participate in the meeting and the proposed policy or instructions on how to obtain a copy of the proposed policy in advance of the meeting. Once the meeting is convened, the members shall vote on whether to support the chair's determination that an emergency or urgent issue exists that prevents the public body from meeting in person.

(2) If 2/3 of the members vote in support of the chair's determination under subparagraph (1), after an opportunity for hearing, the members may vote on whether to adopt a policy authorizing remote methods of participation in public proceedings of the body under this section;

C. The policy adopted pursuant to paragraph A must provide members of the public a meaningful opportunity to attend by remote methods when members of the body participate by remote methods, and reasonable accommodations may be provided when necessary to provide access to individuals with disabilities;

D. If the body allows or is required to provide an opportunity for public input during the proceeding, an effective means of communication between the members of the body and the public must be provided;

E. Notice of the proceeding must be provided in accordance with section 406. When the public may attend by remote methods pursuant to paragraphs C and D, the notice must include the means by which members of the public may access the proceeding using remote methods. The notice must also identify a location for members of the public to attend in person. The body may limit public attendance at a proceeding solely to remote methods if there is an emergency or urgent situation that requires the body to meet only by remote methods;

F. A member of the body who participates in a public proceeding by remote methods is present for purposes of a quorum and voting;

G. All votes taken during a public proceeding using remote methods must be taken by roll call vote that can be seen and heard if using video technology, and heard if using only audio technology, by the other members of the public body and the public; and

H. The public body must make all documents and other materials considered by the public body available, electronically or otherwise, to the public who attend by remote methods to the same extent customarily available to members of the public who attend the proceedings of the public body in person, as long as additional costs are not incurred by the public body. The public body must make the proposed policy regarding remote participation available in advance of the meeting if meeting remotely under paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2).

~~The policy adopted pursuant to this subsection applies to a board or committee that is within the jurisdiction of the public body, unless the board or committee adopts its own policy under this subsection.~~

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §403-B, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Blanket remote participation policies; exceptions. The applicability of a policy adopted by a public body under subsection 2 to other public bodies within the jurisdiction of the public body is governed by this subsection.

A. Except as provided in paragraphs B and C, a remote participation policy adopted by a public body pursuant to subsection 2 applies to a board, committee or subcommittee that is within the jurisdiction of the public body, unless the board, committee or subcommittee adopts its own policy under subsection 2.

B. A remote participation policy adopted pursuant to subsection 2 by the county commissioners of the county, the municipal officers of a municipality or the officers of any regional or other political subdivision applies to all public bodies subject to this subchapter that are within the jurisdiction of the county, municipality or regional or other political subdivision, respectively, unless the county commissioners, municipal officers or other officers of the regional or other political subdivision specifically authorize a public body under their jurisdiction to adopt its own remote participation policy.

C. Nothing in this subsection limits the right of a school board to choose to adopt or to choose not to adopt a remote participation policy under subsection 2.

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CHAPTER 159

H.P. 892 - L.D. 1397

**An Act to Implement the
Recommendations of the Right
To Know Advisory Committee
Concerning Records of
Disciplinary Actions Against
Public Employees**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §7070, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 1997, c. 770, §1, is further amended to read:

E. Except as provided in section 7070-A, complaints, charges or accusations of misconduct, replies to those complaints, charges or accusations and any other information or materials that may result in disciplinary action. If disciplinary action is taken, the final written decision relating to that action is no longer confidential after the decision is completed if it imposes or upholds discipline. The decision must state the conduct or other facts on the basis of which disciplinary action is being imposed and the conclusions of the acting authority as to the reasons for that action. If an arbitrator completely overturns or removes disciplinary action from an employee personnel file, the final written decision is public except that the employee's name must be deleted from the final written decision and kept confidential. If the employee whose name was deleted from the final written decision discloses that the employee is the person who is the subject of the final written decision, the entire final written report, with regard to that employee, is public.

For purposes of this paragraph, "final written decision" means:

(1) The final written administrative decision that is not appealed pursuant to a grievance arbitration procedure; or

(2) If the final written administrative decision is appealed to arbitration, the final written decision of a neutral arbitrator.

A final written administrative decision that is appealed to arbitration is no longer confidential 120 days after a written request for the decision is made to the employer if the final written decision of the neutral arbitrator is not issued and released before the expiration of the 120 days;

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §503, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 451, §2, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) Complaints, charges or accusations of misconduct, replies to those complaints, charges or accusations and any other information or materials that may result in disciplinary action. If disciplinary action is taken, the final written decision relating to that action is no longer confidential after the decision is completed if it imposes or upholds discipline. The decision must state the conduct or other facts on the basis of which disciplinary action is being imposed and the conclusions of the acting authority as to the reasons for that action. If an arbitrator completely overturns or removes disciplinary action from an employee personnel file, the final written decision is public except that the employee's name must be deleted from the final written decision and kept confidential. If the employee whose name was deleted from the final written decision discloses that the employee is the person who is the subject of the final written decision, the entire final written report, with regard to that employee, is public.

For purposes of this subparagraph, "final written decision" means:

(a) The final written administrative decision that is not appealed pursuant to a grievance arbitration procedure; or

(b) If the final written administrative decision is appealed to arbitration, the final written decision of a neutral arbitrator.

A final written administrative decision that is appealed to arbitration is no longer confidential 120 days after a written request for the decision is made to the employer if the final written decision of the neutral arbitrator is not issued and released before the expiration of the 120 days; and

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CHAPTER 160
H.P. 1040 - L.D. 1615

An Act Regarding Limits on
Medication in Vending
Machines

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13792, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 454, §2, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 161
S.P. 692 - L.D. 1728

An Act to Ensure Access to
Federally Approved Opioid
Overdose-reversing Medication

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1111-B, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 724, §1, is amended to read:

C. "Rendering aid" means performing any action that involves looking after a person who is experiencing a suspected drug-related overdose while the person performing the action is awaiting the arrival of a medical professional or law enforcement officer to provide assistance. "Rendering aid" includes, but is not limited to, giving first aid or administering or assisting in the administration of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §6307, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 115, §1, is amended to read:

§6307. ~~Naloxone hydrochloride possession~~ Possession, prescription, administration and distribution of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication

1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Collaborative practice agreement" means a written and signed agreement between a physician licensed in this State or a school health advisor and a school nurse that provides for the possession, prescription, administration and distribution of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication by the physician or school health advisor and administration of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication by the school nurse or designated

school personnel to students, staff or visitors during school or a school-sponsored activity or otherwise on school grounds under emergency circumstances involving an opioid overdose or apparent opioid overdose.

B. "Designated school personnel" means those employees, agents or volunteers of a school administrative unit or approved private school designated by a collaborative practice agreement who have completed the training required by the guidelines developed pursuant to subsection 8 to administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to a student, staff member or visitor.

C. "Naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication" means medication that has been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration, in a noninjectable form, administered to reverse the effects of opioids in the emergency treatment of an opioid overdose.

D. "School" means a public or approved private school.

E. "School health advisor" means a physician or family or pediatric nurse practitioner appointed to act as a school health advisor pursuant to section 6402-A.

F. "School nurse" means a nurse appointed to serve as a school nurse pursuant to section 6403-A.

2. **Collaborative practice agreement; adoption authorized.** A school administrative unit or an approved private school may authorize adoption of a collaborative practice agreement for the purposes of stocking, possessing and administering naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication as provided under this section. The administration of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in accordance with this section is not the practice of medicine.

3. **Collaborative practice agreement; authority.** A collaborative practice agreement permits a physician licensed in this State or school health advisor to prescribe naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication and direct a school nurse to administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in good faith to any student, staff member or visitor experiencing an apparent opioid overdose during school or a school-sponsored activity or otherwise on school grounds. Pursuant to a collaborative practice agreement, a physician licensed in this State or school health advisor may authorize the school nurse during school or a school-sponsored activity or otherwise on school grounds to designate designated school personnel to administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication if the school nurse is not present

when a student, staff member or visitor experiences a suspected opioid overdose.

4. Collaborative practice agreement; terms and provisions. A collaborative practice agreement must include the following information:

- A. Name and address of the school;
- B. Identification and signatures of the physician or school health advisor and school nurse who are parties to the collaborative practice agreement, the dates the agreement is signed by each party and the beginning and end dates of the period of time within which the agreement is in effect; and
- C. Any other information considered appropriate by the physician or school health advisor and school nurse.

5. Use of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication without a collaborative practice agreement. If a collaborative practice agreement has not been adopted pursuant to subsection 2, the governing body of a school administrative unit or an approved private school may authorize a school nurse or other licensed health care professional whose scope of practice includes administration of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to:

- A. Stock and possess naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication prescribed by a legally authorized individual; and
- B. Administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication prescribed by a legally authorized individual to any student, staff member or visitor that the school nurse or other licensed health care professional, based on the school nurse's or other licensed health care professional's professional judgment, suspects to be experiencing an opioid overdose.

The administration of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in accordance with this subsection is not the practice of medicine.

6. Manufacturer or supplier arrangement. A school administrative unit or an approved private school may enter into an arrangement with a manufacturer of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication or a 3rd-party supplier of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to obtain naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication at fair market prices, reduced prices or no cost.

7. Purchase from licensed pharmacies. A collaborative practice agreement under this section may provide that a school administrative unit or an approved private school may purchase naloxone hydrochloride or

another opioid overdose-reversing medication from a pharmacy licensed in this State.

8. Guidelines. By January 1, 2022, and as needed after that date, the department in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services shall develop and make available to all schools guidelines for the management of opioid overdose during school or a school-sponsored activity or otherwise on school grounds. The guidelines must include, but are not limited to:

- A. Education and training for school personnel on recognition of opioid overdose, rescue breathing and the administration of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication; and
- B. Procedures for responding to opioid overdose.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2353, as amended by PL 2021, c. 605, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

§2353. Naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Health care professional" means a person licensed under Title 32 who is authorized to prescribe naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication.

A-1. "Another opioid overdose-reversing medication" means a medication approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the immediate treatment of an opioid overdose.

B. "Immediate family" has the same meaning as set forth in Title 21-A, section 1, subsection 20.

C. "Opioid-related drug overdose" means a condition including, but not limited to, extreme physical illness, decreased level of consciousness, respiratory depression, coma or death resulting from the consumption or use of an opioid, or another substance with which an opioid was combined, or a condition that a reasonable person would believe to be an opioid-related drug overdose that requires medical assistance.

D. "Pharmacist" means a pharmacist authorized to prescribe and dispense naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication pursuant to Title 32, section 13815.

E. "Recovery residence" means a shared living residence for individuals recovering from substance use disorder that is focused on peer support, provides to its residents an environment free of alcohol and illegal drugs and assists its residents by con-

necting the residents to support services or resources in the community that are available to persons recovering from substance use disorder.

F. "Corrections officer" means a person who is responsible for the custody or direct supervision of a person confined in a jail, prison or correctional facility pursuant to an order of a court or as a result of an arrest.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

2-A. Dispensing of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication by emergency medical services persons, ambulance services and nontransporting emergency medical services. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, pursuant to a standing order issued in accordance with protocols developed by the Medical Direction and Practices Board pursuant to Title 32, section 88-B, subsection 1, paragraph A, an emergency medical services person, ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service licensed under Title 32, chapter 2-B may dispense naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to an individual of any age at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose or to a member of the individual's immediate family, a friend of the individual or another person in a position to assist the individual if the individual is at risk of experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

3. Authorized administration and dispensing of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication by law enforcement officers, corrections officers and municipal firefighters. A law enforcement agency as defined in Title 25, section 3701, subsection 1, a regional or county jail, a prison, a correctional facility as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 6 or a municipal fire department as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 1 is authorized to obtain a supply of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to be administered or dispensed in accordance with this subsection. A law enforcement officer as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 17, in accordance with policies adopted by the law enforcement agency, a corrections officer, in accordance with policies adopted by the jail, prison or correctional facility, and a municipal firefighter as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 2, in accordance with policies adopted by the municipality, may administer or dispense intranasal naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication as clinically indicated if the law enforcement officer, corrections officer or municipal firefighter has received medical training in accordance with protocols adopted by the Medical Direction and Practices Board established in Title 32, section 83, subsection 16-B. The Medical Direction and Practices Board shall establish medical training protocols for law enforcement officers, corrections officers and municipal firefighters pursuant to this subsection.

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 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 ~~other~~ 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.

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.

4-A. Recovery residences; 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 recovery residence shall operate in accordance with rules adopted by the department and the provisions of this subsection.

A. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a recovery residence shall store and dispense naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication and is not subject to the provisions of Title 32, chapter 117. The recovery residence shall store on site at least 2 units of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication for each floor of the recovery residence.

B. A recovery residence shall provide training in administration of naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication that meets the protocols and criteria established by the department, and residents of the recovery residence, employees of the recovery residence and all other persons involved in the administration of a recovery residence shall successfully complete the training.

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 the 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.

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.

5. Immunity. The following provisions provide immunity for actions taken in accordance with this section.

A. A health care professional or a pharmacist, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, is immune from criminal and civil liability and is not subject to professional disciplinary action for storing, dispensing or prescribing naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in accordance with this section or for any outcome resulting from such actions.

B. A person, acting in good faith and with reasonable care, is immune from criminal and civil liability and is not subject to professional disciplinary action for possessing or providing to another person naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in accordance with this section or for administering naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in accordance with this section 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.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2159-E, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 203, §1, is amended to read:

§2159-E. Discrimination against naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication purchases prohibited in life insurance

1. Discrimination prohibited. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and except as provided in subsection 2, an insurer authorized to do business in this State may not:

A. Limit coverage or refuse to issue or renew coverage of an individual under any life insurance policy due to the fact that the individual has been issued a prescription for naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication or has purchased naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in accordance with Title 22, section 2353;

B. Consider the fact that an individual has been issued a prescription for naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication or has purchased naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in determining the premium rate for coverage of that individual under a life insurance policy; or

C. Otherwise discriminate in the offering, issuance, cancellation, amount of coverage, price or any other condition of a life insurance policy based solely and without any additional actuarial justification upon the fact that an individual has been issued a prescription for naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication or has purchased naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication.

An opioid overdose-reversing medication referenced in this subsection must be approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

2. Exception. An insurer may take an action described in subsection 1 with respect to an individual who has a demonstrated history of opioid use disorder.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 161, §4, is amended to read:

8. Naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication. An emergency medical services person licensed under this chapter may dispense naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in accordance with Title 22, section 2353, subsection 2-A and the rules adopted and protocols developed for emergency medical services persons under this chapter. An opioid overdose-reversing medication referenced in this subsection must be approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §86, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 161, §5, is amended to read:

4. Naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication. An ambulance service or a nontransporting emergency medical service licensed under this chapter may dispense naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication

in accordance with Title 22, section 2353, subsection 2-A and the rules adopted and protocols developed for ambulance services and nontransporting emergency medical services under this chapter. An opioid overdose-reversing medication referenced in this subsection must be approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

Sec. 7. 32 MRSA c. 117, sub-c. 11-A, head-note is amended to read:

SUBCHAPTER 11-A

PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF NALOXONE HYDROCHLORIDE AND OTHER OPIOID OVERDOSE-REVERSING MEDICATIONS

Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §13815, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2017, c. 364, §7, is further amended to read:

2. Rules for prescribing and dispensing naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication. The board by rule shall establish standards for authorizing pharmacists to prescribe and dispense naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in accordance with Title 22, section 2353, subsection 2, paragraphs A-1 and C-1. The rules must establish adequate training requirements and protocols for prescribing and dispensing naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication when there is no prescription drug order, standing order or collaborative practice agreement authorizing naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to be dispensed to the intended recipient. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. A pharmacist authorized by the board pursuant to this subsection to prescribe and dispense naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication may prescribe and dispense naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication in accordance with Title 22, section 2353, subsection 2, paragraphs A-1 and C-1. An opioid overdose-reversing medication referenced in this subsection must be approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

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CHAPTER 162

S.P. 51 - L.D. 84

An Act to Strengthen Third-party Liability Requirements for the MaineCare Program

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §14, sub-§2-H, as amended by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. JJJ, §§2 and 3 and c. 448, §8 and affected by §14, is further amended to read:

2-H. Honoring of assignments. The following provisions apply to claims for payment submitted by the department or a health care provider.

A. Whenever the department submits claims to a health insurer, as included in 42 United States Code, Section 1396a(a)(25)(I), including self-insured plans, group health plans as defined in the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, Section 607(1), service benefit plans, managed care organizations, pharmacy benefit managers or other parties that are, by statute, contract or agreement, legally responsible for payment of a claim for a health care item or service, on behalf of a current or former recipient under the MaineCare program for whom an assignment of rights has been received, or whose rights have been assigned by the operation of law, the health insurer doing business in the State or providing coverage to a resident of this State must respond to the department within 60 days and:

- (1) Provide information, with respect to individuals who are eligible for or are provided medical assistance under the MaineCare program, upon the request of the State, to determine during what period the individual or the individual's spouse or dependents may be or may have been covered by a health insurer and the nature of the coverage that is or was provided by the health insurer, including the name, address and identifying number of the plan, in a manner prescribed by the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services;
- (2) Accept the State's right of recovery and the assignment to the State of any right of an individual or other entity to payment from the party for an item or service for which payment has been made under the state plan and, in the case of a responsible 3rd party that requires prior authorization for an item or service furnished to an individual eligible to receive medical assistance under the MaineCare program, accept authorization provided by the State that the item or service is covered under the MaineCare program for that individual, as if the authorization were the prior authorization made by the 3rd party for the item or service;
- (3) Respond to any inquiry by the State regarding a claim for payment for any health care item or service that is submitted not later than 3 years after the date of the provision of such health care item or service; and
- (4) Agree not to deny a claim submitted by the State solely on the basis of the date of submission of the claim, the type or format of the claim form ~~or~~, a failure to present proper documentation at the point-of-sale that is the basis

of the claim or, in the case of a responsible 3rd party, a failure to obtain a prior authorization for the item or service for which the claim is being submitted, if:

- (a) The claim is submitted by the State within the 3-year period beginning on the date on which the item or service was furnished; and
- (b) Any action by the State to enforce its rights with respect to such claim is commenced within 6 years of the State's submission of such claim.

C. A payment made as part of an assignment by a 3rd party to the MaineCare program or a contractor acting on behalf of the MaineCare program is considered final 2 years after the date of the payment and when final the payment is not subject to adjustment.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 163

S.P. 290 - L.D. 732

An Act to Prohibit Off-trail Operation of a Snowmobile in an Area Closed to Off-trail Operation

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13106-A, sub-§27 is enacted to read:

27. Operating snowmobile in posted area. A person may not operate a snowmobile off a snowmobile trail identified by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands as having been funded by the Snowmobile Trail Fund pursuant to section 1893, subsection 3 if the trail is posted as being closed to off-trail snowmobile operation and the operator has not obtained the permission of the applicable landowner or landowner's representative. For purposes of this subsection, "posted" means containing signage that is reasonably likely to come to the attention of a person operating a snowmobile that indicates that off-trail snowmobiling is prohibited and that is placed by the landowner, the landowner's representative, a local snowmobile club trail master serving as the landowner's representative, a local snowmobile club representative or an employee of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

A. A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

B. 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.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 164
S.P. 334 - L.D. 775**

An Act to Require and Standardize Labeling of Water Treatment Equipment

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 601, sub-c. 9 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 9

WATER TREATMENT EQUIPMENT

§2660-AA. Requirements for water treatment equipment

1. Definitions. As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Water treatment company" means a company that installs or services water treatment equipment.

B. "Water treatment equipment" means equipment located inside a private residence and designed to alter the condition of water for human consumption, including by means of filtration, purification, softening and reverse osmosis.

2. Labeling requirements for installation. An employee of a water treatment company shall affix to water treatment equipment installed by the water treatment company on or after July 1, 2024 a label that contains the following information:

- A. The name of the water treatment company;
- B. The full name of the employee that installed the water treatment equipment;
- C. The date of installation of the water treatment equipment;
- D. A plumbing permit number associated with the installation of the water treatment equipment, if applicable;
- E. The condition the water treatment equipment is intended to treat;
- F. The manufacturer's recommended service interval for the water treatment equipment;

G. A service record on which an employee performing service on the equipment can enter the employee's initials and date of service; and

H. Any applicable safety precautions or warnings.

3. Labeling requirements for servicing. If an employee of a water treatment company services a piece of water treatment equipment on or after July 1, 2024 with an affixed service record as described by subsection 2, paragraph G, the employee shall enter the employee's initials and date of service. If the employee services a piece of water treatment equipment that does not have a label containing the information required in subsection 2 or that has a label with incomplete information, the employee shall affix a label containing the information required by subsection 2, to the extent the employee can ascertain the information.

4. Unfair trade practice. A water treatment company that fails to comply with this section commits an unfair and deceptive act that is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 165
S.P. 348 - L.D. 789**

An Act Regarding Dental Licensure for Charitable Care

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §18347-A, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. P, §26, is amended to read:

§18347-A. Temporary license; applicants authorized to work in another jurisdiction

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the board may issue a temporary license for a period of 6 months and waive all licensing requirements, except for fees unless otherwise provided in this section, to any applicant upon a showing that the applicant holds a valid license in that profession issued by another state. The board may waive the fee for a temporary license if the purpose of the temporary license is to provide free dental care in conjunction with a charitable nonprofit organization.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 166
S.P. 390 - L.D. 919

An Act Regarding Licensure in
the Field of Emergency
Medical Services

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §84, sub-§1, ¶G is enacted
to read:

G. In accordance with applicable provisions of this chapter, the board may by rule establish appropriate licensure levels and qualifications for emergency medical services persons, emergency medical dispatchers, emergency medical services educators, emergency medical dispatch centers, emergency medical services training centers, ambulance services and nontransporting emergency medical services.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 370, §15, is further amended by repealing the first blocked paragraph.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 167
S.P. 451 - L.D. 1082

An Act to Advance the Maine
Retirement Savings Program

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §172, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 356, §1, is amended to read:

The Maine Retirement Savings Board is established as a body corporate and politic and a public instrumentality of the State pursuant to section 12004-G, subsection 33-G to develop and maintain the Maine Retirement Savings Program for individuals employed or self-employed for wages or other compensation in this State.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §172, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 356, §1, is amended to read:

8. **Meetings.** The board shall meet ~~monthly~~ at such times as established by policy of the board, but at least quarterly, beginning no later than May 2022 and may also meet at other times at the call of the chair. All meetings of the board are public proceedings within the meaning of Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §173, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 356, §1, is amended to read:

A. Develop, establish, implement and maintain the program and, to that end, may conduct market, legal and feasibility analyses if the board considers them advisable and may determine a name for the program;

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §173, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 356, §1, is amended to read:

E. Develop and implement an investment policy that defines the program's investment objectives consistent with the objectives of the program and that provides for policies and procedures consistent with those investment objectives. The board shall strive to select and offer investment options available to participants and other program features that are intended to achieve maximum possible income replacement balanced with an appropriate level of risk in an IRA-based environment consistent with the investment objectives under the policy. The investment options may encompass a range of risk and return opportunities and allow for a rate of return commensurate with an appropriate level of risk in view of the investment objectives under the policy. The menu of investment options must be determined by considering the nature and objectives of the program, the desirability ~~based on behavioral research findings~~ of limiting investment options under the program to a reasonable number and the extensive investment options available to participants in the event that they roll over funds in an IRA established under the program to an IRA outside the program. In accordance with paragraphs K and O, the board, in carrying out its responsibilities and exercising its powers under this chapter, shall employ or retain appropriate entities or personnel to assist or advise it and to whom to delegate the carrying out of such responsibilities and exercise of such powers;

Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §173, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 356, §1, is amended to read:

2. **Required elements of program.** In accordance with the implementation ~~dates~~ schedule set forth in subsection 3, the program must:

A. Allow an eligible individual in this State to choose whether or not to contribute to an IRA under the program, including allowing a covered employee in the State the choice to contribute to an IRA under the program through a payroll deduction IRA arrangement;

B. Notwithstanding any provision of state law related to payroll deduction to the contrary, require each covered employer to offer its covered employees the choice whether or not to contribute to a payroll deduction IRA by automatically enrolling them in the payroll deduction IRA with the opportunity to opt out. A covered employee who is not a participant because that employee has opted out will

be automatically reenrolled with the opportunity to opt out again at regular or ad hoc intervals determined by the board in its discretion, but not more frequently than annually;

C. Provide that the IRA to which contributions are made is a Roth IRA, except that the board has the authority at any time, in its discretion, to add an option for all participants to affirmatively elect to contribute to a traditional IRA as an alternative to the Roth IRA;

D. Provide that, unless otherwise specified by the covered employee, a covered employee must automatically initially contribute 5% of the covered employee's salary or wages to the program and may elect to opt out of the program at any time or contribute at any higher or lower rate, expressed as a percentage of salary or wages, or, if the board in its discretion permits, expressed as a flat dollar amount, subject in all cases to the IRA contribution and income eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code at no additional charge. The board is authorized to change, from time to time, the 5% automatic initial default contribution rate for all covered employees in its discretion;

E. Provide on a uniform basis, if and when the board so determines in its discretion, for an annual increase of each participant's contribution rate, by not more than 1% of salary or wages per year up to a maximum of 8% 10%. Any such increases must apply to participants, as determined by the board in its discretion, either by default or only if initiated by affirmative participant election and are in either case subject to the IRA contribution and income eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code;

F. Provide for direct deposit of contributions into investments under the program, including, but not limited to, a default investment such as a series of target date funds and a limited number of investment alternatives including a principal preservation option determined by the board. In addition, the board may provide that each participant's initial contributions, up to a specified dollar amount or for a specified period of time, are required to be invested in a ~~principal capital~~ preservation investment or, in the board's discretion, must be defaulted into such an investment unless the participant affirmatively opts for a different investment for those contributions. The board shall determine how often participants will have the opportunity to change their selections of investments for future contributions or existing balances or both;

G. Provide that employer contributions by a covered employer are not required or permitted;

H. Be professionally managed;

I. When possible and practicable, use existing employer and public infrastructure to facilitate contributions, record keeping and outreach and use pooled or collective investment arrangements for amounts contributed to the program;

J. Require the maintenance of separate records and accounting for each account under the program and allow for participants to maintain their accounts regardless of place of employment and to roll over funds into other IRAs or other retirement accounts;

K. Provide for reports on the status of each participant's account to be provided to each participant at least annually and make best efforts to provide each participant frequent or continual online access to information on the status of that participant's account;

L. Provide that each participant owns the contributions to and earnings on amounts contributed to the participant's account under the program and that the State and covered employers have no proprietary interest in those contributions or earnings;

M. Be designed and implemented in a manner consistent with federal law to the extent that it applies and consistent with the program not being preempted by, and the payroll deduction IRAs and covered employers not being subject to, ERISA;

N. Promote expanded retirement saving by encouraging employers in the State that would otherwise be covered employers to instead adopt a specified tax-favored retirement plan;

O. Make provision for participation in the program by individuals who are not employees, such as self-employed individuals and independent contractors, as provided in rules adopted pursuant to section 174, subsection 2;

P. Seek to keep fees, costs and expenses of the program as low as practicable, except that any administrative fee imposed on a covered employee for participating in the program may not exceed a reasonable amount relative to fees charged by similar established programs in other states. The fee may be an asset-based or investment return fee, flat fee or hybrid of the permissible fee structures identified in this paragraph;

Q. Adopt rules and establish procedures governing the distribution of funds from the program, including such distributions as may be permitted or required by the program and any applicable provisions of tax laws, with the objectives of maximizing financial security in retirement, helping to protect spousal rights and assisting participants with the challenges of decumulation of savings. The board has the authority to provide for one or more reasonably priced distribution options to provide a

source of regular retirement income, including income for life or for the participant's life expectancy or for joint lives and life expectancies, as applicable;

R. Adopt rules and establish procedures promoting portability of benefits, including the ability to make tax-free rollovers or transfers from IRAs under the program to other IRAs or to tax-qualified plans that accept such rollovers or transfers;

S. Establish penalties in accordance with subsection 4 for a covered employer that fails without reasonable cause to enroll a covered employee in the program as required or that fails to transmit a payroll deduction IRA contribution to the program as required. A lack of reasonable cause is established by the failure to enroll after the program communicates with the employer 3 times;

T. In accordance with subsection 1, paragraph C, use private sector entities to administer the program and invest the contributions to the program under the supervision and guidance of the board; and

U. Allow the board to provide for the establishment, maintenance, administration, operation and implementation of the program to be carried out jointly with, or in partnership, collaboration, coordination or alliance with one or more other states, the Federal Government or any federal, state or local agencies or instrumentalities.

Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §173, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 356, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Implementation. The board may implement the program in stages, which may include a pilot program and phasing in the program based on the size of employers, or other factors. A covered employer shall offer the program to its covered employees no later than December 31, 2024.

A covered employer with fewer than 5 employees is not required to offer the program to its covered employees but may offer the program to its employees at the option of the employer and in accordance with rules established by the board.

Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §173, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 356, §1, is amended to read:

A. If a covered employer fails to enroll a covered employee without reasonable cause, the covered employer is subject to a penalty for each covered employee for each calendar year or portion of a calendar year during which the covered employee was not enrolled in the program or had not opted out of participation in the program and, for each calendar year beginning after the date on which a penalty has been assessed with respect to a covered employee,

is subject to a penalty for any portion of that calendar year during which the covered employee continues to be unenrolled without opting out of participation in the program. The amount of any penalty imposed on a covered employer for the failure to enroll a covered employee without reasonable cause is determined as follows:

(1) ~~Prior to April 1, 2024~~ From July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, the maximum penalty per covered employee is ~~\$10~~ \$20;

(2) ~~From April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025~~ July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, the maximum penalty per covered employee is ~~\$20~~ \$50; and

(3) ~~From April 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026~~, the maximum penalty per covered employee is ~~\$50~~; and

(4) On or after ~~October 1, 2026~~ July 1, 2027, the maximum penalty per covered employee is \$100.

Sec. 8. 5 MRSA §173, sub-§4, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 356, §1, is amended to read:

C. A penalty may not be imposed on a covered employer for any failure to enroll a covered employee if the covered employer exercised reasonable diligence to meet the requirements of this chapter and the covered employer complies with those requirements with respect to each covered employee by the end of the 90-day period beginning on the first date the covered employer knew, or exercising reasonable diligence would have known, that the failure existed. The covered employer is deemed to have known that the failure existed after receiving 3 communications from the program.

Sec. 9. 5 MRSA §174, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 356, §1, is amended to read:

C. Establish processes for ~~phasing in enrollment of eligible individuals, including phasing in enrollment of covered employees by size or type of covered employer~~ implementing the program in accordance with section 173, subsection 3;

Sec. 10. 5 MRSA §177, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 356, §1, is amended to read:

§177. Intergovernmental collaboration and cooperation

The board may enter into an intergovernmental agreement or memorandum of understanding with the State and any agency or instrumentality of the State in order to further the successful implementation and operation of the program through the provision, receipt or other sharing of data, technical assistance, enforcement, compliance, collection and other services or assistance to the program, and all such agencies and instrumentalities shall cooperate with the board in achieving those ends. The board may enter into an intergovernmental

agreement or memorandum of understanding with the State and any agency or instrumentality of the State to receive outreach, technical assistance, enforcement and compliance services, collection or dissemination of information pertinent to the program, subject to such obligations of confidentiality as may be agreed to or required by law, or other services or assistance. The State and any agencies or instrumentalities of the State that enter into such agreements or memoranda of understanding shall collaborate to provide the outreach, assistance, information and compliance or other services or assistance to the board. The agreements or memoranda of understanding may cover the sharing of costs incurred in gathering and disseminating information and the reimbursement of costs for any enforcement activities or assistance.

Sec. 11. 5 MRSA §178, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 356, §1, is amended to read:

1. Fund established. The Maine Retirement Savings Program Enterprise Fund is established as an enterprise fund. The board shall use funds deposited in the enterprise fund in accordance with this section. The enterprise fund may receive grants, gifts, donations, appropriations, loans or other funds designated for administrative expenses or otherwise transferred to the enterprise fund from or deposited in the enterprise fund by the State or a unit of federal, state or local government or any other person, firm, partnership or corporation, including appropriations to the enterprise fund by the Legislature and funds from the payment of application, account, administrative or other fees and the payment of other funds due the board. Interest or other investment earnings or returns that are attributable to funds in the enterprise fund must be deposited into or retained in the enterprise fund. The enterprise fund may not lapse but must be carried forward to carry out the purposes of this chapter. ~~The board shall amortize any amounts appropriated to the enterprise fund by the Legislature to ensure that those amounts are paid back to the funding sources based on an amortization schedule determined by the board, but no later than 5 years after the program is fully implemented.~~

Sec. 12. 5 MRSA §178, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 356, §1, is amended to read:

3. Administrative costs. Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, the State may pay administrative costs associated with the creation, maintenance, operation and management of the program and provide funding for the program until sufficient assets are available in the enterprise fund for that purpose. Thereafter, all administrative costs of the enterprise fund, ~~including any repayment of start-up funds provided by the State,~~ must be repaid only out of money on deposit in the enterprise fund. However, private funds or federal funding received in order to implement the program until the enterprise fund is self-sustaining may not be repaid unless

those funds were offered contingent upon the promise of such repayment.

Sec. 13. 5 MRSA §179, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 356, §1, is amended to read:

2. Submission of report. Beginning February 1, ~~2024~~ 2026 and annually thereafter, the board shall submit to the Governor, the Treasurer of State and the Legislature an audited financial report, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, detailing the activities, operations, receipts and expenditures of the program and board during the preceding calendar year. The report must include the number of participants, the investment options and their rates of return and other information regarding the program and must also include projected activities of the program for the current calendar year.

Sec. 14. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§1, ¶F-12 is enacted to read:

F-12. Any employee of the Maine Retirement Savings Board;

Sec. 15. 5 MRSA §17103, sub-§12, as amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §17, is further amended to read:

12. Defined contribution, deferred compensation and tax sheltered annuity plans. The board shall establish one or more defined contribution, deferred compensation or tax sheltered annuity plans consistent with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and may, with employer agreement, offer participation in such plans to employees eligible for membership in a retirement program of the retirement system and to employees of the Maine Retirement Savings Board.

Sec. 16. PL 2021, c. 356, §3, first ¶ is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Implementation of Maine Retirement Savings Program. Except as provided in this section, the Maine Retirement Savings Board shall establish the Maine Retirement Savings Program as required under this Act so that individuals may begin making contributions under the program no later than ~~April 1, 2023~~ January 1, 2025.

Sec. 17. PL 2021, c. 356, §3, sub-§1 is amended to read:

1. Phase in of program; implementation. The board shall phase in the program with regard to covered employers and accept contributions from covered employees employed by those covered employers as required under this Act and may in its discretion phase in the program for individuals who are not employees, such as self-employed individuals or independent contractors, except that any implementation schedule set by the board must be such that all individuals may begin making contributions under the program no later than

January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026. The board may not implement the program if and to the extent that the board determines that the program is preempted by the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, 29 United States Code, Section 1001 et seq. If and to the extent that the board determines that a portion or aspect of the program is preempted by the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the board may not implement that portion or aspect of the program but shall proceed to implement the remainder of the program to the extent practicable.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 168

S.P. 659 - L.D. 1654

An Act to Extend the Time for Certain Public Utilities Commission Proceedings

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §307, as amended by PL 1999, c. 398, Pt. A, §13 and affected by §§104 and 105, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§307. Changes in schedules; notice; suspension; rate increase limit

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Final determination of the public utility's revenue requirement" means a decision by the commission on the merits of a public utility's request after consideration of at least the public utility's direct case in support of its request.

B. "General increase in rates" means a change in a rate, toll or charge of a public utility, the effect of which is to increase the annual operating revenue of the public utility by more than 1%. "General increase in rates" does not include a rate change made for the sole purpose of implementing a gas cost adjustment rate pursuant to section 4703 or a rate change made for the sole purpose of implementing an energy conservation adjustment rate pursuant to section 3154.

2. Notice requirements. A public utility may not change a schedule, including a schedule of joint rates, unless the public utility provides notice to the commission 30 days prior to the time the changes are to take effect. The public utility must indicate all proposed changes on the schedule in effect at the time notice is provided. For good cause shown, the commission may allow changes after less than the notice specified in this subsection or modify the requirements of this section and section 308 with respect to publishing, posting and

filing of a schedule, either in a particular instance or by rule applicable to a special circumstance or condition.

At the commission's discretion, the commission may require the information relating to changes described in this subsection to be filed in a general increase in rates at the same time as the schedules are filed. The commission may require a public utility whose gross revenues exceed \$5,000,000 annually to notify the commission not more than 2 months in advance of filing a general increase in rates under this section that a filing is planned and to disclose the approximate amount of the increase and the approximate rate of return and include a general statement of the major issues that might be presented and the approximate rate of return the utility would be seeking.

3. Suspension pending investigation. Pending an investigation and order pursuant to section 310, subsection 1, at any time within the period preceding the effective date of the schedule the commission may suspend the operation of the schedule or any part of the schedule by filing with the schedule and delivering to the public utility affected a statement of its reasons for the suspension. The suspension may not be for a period longer than 12 months from the effective date of the order of suspension unless:

A. All parties agree to extend the suspension beyond 12 months; or

B. The commission determines that the party seeking the extension would be unreasonably disadvantaged because of circumstances beyond that party's control unless the extension were granted, as long as the party prior to the request for extension had prosecuted its case in good faith and with due diligence.

4. General rate increase case limitation. A public utility may not file a schedule for a general increase in rates pursuant to this section within one year of a prior filing for a general increase in rates pursuant to this section, unless the proceeding initiated by a prior filing was terminated without a final determination of the public utility's revenue requirement or with approval of the commission. The limitation of this subsection does not prevent a public utility, at any time, from notifying the commission in advance, either voluntarily or in accordance with a commission requirement under this section, of plans by the public utility to file a general increase in rates.

Nothing in this subsection may be construed to limit a public utility's right, at any time, to petition pursuant to section 1322 for temporary rate relief.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §310, as amended by PL 2009, c. 237, §1, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§310. Investigation of proposed changes in rates of public utilities; ~~suspension pending investigation~~

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §310, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §310, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2009, c. 237, §1, is further amended 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 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.

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §707, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

A. Unless the commission disapproves it within 60 days of filing, a contract or arrangement filed with the commission under this section is deemed approved. The commission may, however, suspend the effective date of the contract or arrangement for an additional 60 days if necessary to enable the commission to complete its review of the contract or arrangement or for a longer period by agreement of all the parties or by the commission if the commission determines that the party seeking the extension would be unreasonably disadvantaged because of circumstances beyond that party's control unless the extension were granted, as long as the party prior to the request for extension had prosecuted its case in good faith and with due diligence.

Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §708, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 353, §2, is further amended to read:

A. Unless exempted by rule or order of the commission, a reorganization may not take place without the approval of the commission. A reorganization may not be approved by the commission unless it is established by the applicant for approval that the reorganization is consistent with the interests of the utility's ratepayers and investors. If a reorganization would result in the transfer of ownership and control of a public utility or the parent company of a public utility, a reorganization may not be approved by the commission unless it is established by the applicant for approval that the reorganization provides net benefits to the utility's ratepayers. The commission shall rule upon all requests for approval of a reorganization within 60 days of the filing of the request for approval. If it determines that the necessary investigation cannot be concluded within 60 days, the commission may extend the period for a further period of no more than 120 days, unless this period is extended either by agreement of all the parties or by the commission upon its determination that the party seeking the extension would be unreasonably disadvantaged because of circumstances beyond that party's control unless the extension were granted, as long as the party prior to the request for the extension had prosecuted its case in good faith and with due diligence. In granting its approval, the commission shall impose such terms, conditions or requirements as, in its judgment, are necessary to protect the interests of ratepayers. These conditions must include provisions that ensure the following:

- (1) That the commission has reasonable access to books, records, documents and other information relating to the utility or any of its affiliates, except that the Public Utilities Commission may not have access to trade secrets unless it is essential to the protection of the interests of ratepayers or investors. The commission shall afford trade secrets and other information such protection from public disclosure as is provided in the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure;
- (2) That the commission has all reasonable powers to detect, identify, review and approve or disapprove all transactions between affiliated interests;
- (3) That the utility's ability to attract capital on reasonable terms, including the maintenance of a reasonable capital structure, is not impaired;
- (4) That the ability of the utility to provide safe, reasonable and adequate service is not impaired;
- (5) That the utility continues to be subject to applicable laws, principles and rules governing the regulation of public utilities;

(6) That the utility's credit is not impaired or adversely affected;

(7) That reasonable limitations be imposed upon the total level of investment in nonutility business, except that the commission may not approve or disapprove of the nature of the nonutility business;

(8) That the commission has reasonable remedial power including, but not limited to, the power, after notice to the utility and all affiliated entities of the issues to be determined and the opportunity for an adjudicatory proceeding, to order divestiture of or by the utility in the event that divestiture is necessary to protect the interest of the utility, ratepayers or investors. A divestiture order must provide a reasonable period within which the divestiture must be completed; and

(9) That neither ratepayers nor investors are adversely affected by the reorganization, and if the reorganization would result in the transfer of ownership and control of a public utility or the parent company of a public utility, that the reorganization provides net benefits to the utility's ratepayers.

Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2017, c. 201, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Construction of transmission line. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3-A, whenever any person proposes to erect within this State a transmission line capable of operating at 69 kilovolts or more, that person shall file a petition for the approval of the proposed line in accordance with subsection 2-C. The petition for approval must be set down for public hearing. The commission shall issue its order within ~~9~~ 12 months after the petition is filed unless this period is extended either by agreement of all the parties or by the commission upon its determination that the party seeking the extension would, because of circumstances beyond that party's control, be unreasonably disadvantaged unless the extension were granted, as long as the party to that time had prosecuted its case in good faith and with due diligence.

At the time of filing of a petition for approval of a proposed line under this section, the person filing the petition shall send a copy of the petition by certified mail to the municipal officers of the municipality or municipalities in which the line is to be located.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 169
H.P. 940 - L.D. 1444

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Governing Eligibility
Restrictions for Commercial
Menhaden Fishing Licenses**

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 changes the eligibility restrictions for commercial menhaden fishing licenses and needs to take effect as soon as possible to apply to the 2023 commercial menhaden 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 §6502-C, sub-§1-A, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 670, §1, is amended to read:

A. Possessed a license to fish commercially for menhaden in at least 2 of the following ~~3~~ 4 years, 2019, 2020 ~~or~~, 2021 or 2022 except that an individual who is eligible for a commercial menhaden fishing license in 2023 and who held a 2nd commercial menhaden fishing license in 2022 is not eligible for a 2nd license in 2023; and

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6502-C, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:

1-C. Menhaden license limited entry system. Notwithstanding subsection 1-B, the commissioner may establish by rule a limited entry system under which a person who did not hold a commercial menhaden license in the previous calendar year may become eligible to obtain that license. The rules for a limited entry system must include provisions for the method and administration of the system. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6502-C, sub-§1-D is enacted to read:

1-D. Fees. The department may assess a fee for participation in the limited entry system established in subsection 1-C.

Sec. 4. Report. By January 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Marine Resources shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources with details on the implementation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6502-C, subsections

1-A, 1-B and 1-C. The committee has the authority to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the report.

Sec. 5. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2023.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 15, 2023.

CHAPTER 170

S.P. 478 - L.D. 1151

An Act Concerning the Authority for Pharmacists to Administer Vaccines

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, federal guidance issued under the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act authorized licensed pharmacists to administer certain vaccines under certain circumstances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for the duration of the federal public health emergency declaration; and

Whereas, the federal public health emergency declaration expired on May 11, 2023; and

Whereas, codifying in state law the authority of pharmacists to administer vaccines is necessary to ensure there is no gap in the provision of vaccination services by pharmacists; 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 §13831, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2015, c. 211, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Administration of influenza vaccines. A pharmacist licensed in this State who meets the qualifications and requirements of section 13832 and rules adopted by the board may administer topically or by injection or by inhalation all forms of influenza vaccines, including intranasal influenza vaccines, to a person ~~7~~ 3 years of age or older without a prescription.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §13831, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 6, §1, is further amended 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 adults~~ to a person 18 years of age or older ~~according to a valid prescription when the person has an existing primary care physician or other existing relationship with a nurse practitioner or an authorized practitioner in this State~~ 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 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 when the person has an existing primary care physician or other existing relationship with a nurse practitioner or an authorized practitioner in this State if the prescription specifically states that the vaccine is medically necessary. When the person does not have an existing relationship with a primary care physician, nurse practitioner or other practitioner in this State, the pharmacist may proceed to administer according to a treatment protocol established by an authorized practitioner or a written standing order from a practitioner authorized under the laws of this State to issue an order, a prescription or a protocol to a person 18 years of age or older for 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 adults.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §13831, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Notification of vaccines administration. A pharmacist licensed in this State who meets the qualifications and requirements of section 13832 and rules adopted by the board shall provide a written immunization record to the person, or the person's representative, receiving a vaccine administered under this section. Within 72 hours of administering a vaccine, a pharmacist shall notify the person's primary care provider, if any, of administration of the vaccine. Beginning August 1, 2023, a pharmacist shall report the administration of

the vaccine to the appropriate state immunization information reporting system within 72 hours of administering the vaccine.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 15, 2023.

**CHAPTER 171
S.P. 370 - L.D. 873**

**An Act to Continue the
Department of Education
Diploma Program Related to
the COVID-19 Pandemic**

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 provision allowing a student to apply for a Department of Education diploma if the student experienced a significant interruption in education as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and civil emergency is set to expire on September 1, 2023; and

Whereas, this legislation is necessary to continue the effect of this provision without interruption; 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. 20-A MRSA §257-A, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 61, §1, is 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, ~~2023~~ 2026.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 15, 2023.

**CHAPTER 172
H.P. 352 - L.D. 547**

**An Act to Amend the Hunting
Laws as They Pertain to the
Training of Dogs**

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 expands the area in which dogs may be trained for hunting in this State; and

Whereas, the season for training hunting dogs begins July 1st, and this legislation needs to take effect by that date in order that residents may take advantage of the expanded training area this 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. 12 MRSA §12051, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted 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.

Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report any findings and recommendations resulting from the changes in practice under section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters by January 15, 2025. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 15, 2023.

CHAPTER 173
S.P. 80 - L.D. 150

An Act to Allow Incentive
Continuity Following a
Catastrophic Occurrence
Under the Pine Tree
Development Zone and Major
Food Processing and
Manufacturing Facility
Expansion Tax Credit
Programs

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5250-I, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2009, c. 461, §3, is further amended to read:

4. **Base level of employment.** "Base level of employment" means the greater of either the total employment in the State of a business as of March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st of the calendar year immediately preceding the year of the business's application to become a certified Pine Tree Development Zone business divided by 4 or its average employment during the base period. Pursuant to 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~~ subtract the reduction in employment at the locations affected by the catastrophic occurrence to the extent that the employment was included in the base level of employment at the time of application for certification under section 5250-O.

Pursuant to section 5250-J, subsection 4-C, "base level of employment" must be adjusted for a qualified business that has more than one location in the State and creates 250 or more jobs at one of these locations, so that the base level of employment is calculated from the location of the significant employment expansion of 250 jobs or more on the basis of that specific location.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5250-I, sub-§5-A, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 21, §2, is amended to read:

5-A. **Catastrophic occurrence.** "Catastrophic occurrence" means ~~accidental~~ a fire, flood, hurricane, windstorm, earthquake or other similar event that is not within the control of a business to prevent.

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§4-A, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 21, §5, is amended to read:

4-A. **Catastrophic occurrence; benefits.** A qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business ~~whose primary purpose is to support the State's working waterfront industry~~ may apply for an adjustment of the base

level of employment as described in this section, if it ~~meets the following criteria:~~

- A. ~~It is located on a working waterfront in a Pine Tree Development Zone;~~
- B. ~~It has~~ Has sustained at least a ~~5%~~ 15% loss of employed workers due to a catastrophic occurrence; ~~and.~~
- C. ~~It has appropriate infrastructure and zoning or other land use regulations in place.~~

For the purposes of this section and calculation of Pine Tree Development Zone benefits in section 5250-I, subsection 14, the 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~~ subtract the reduction in employment at the locations affected by the catastrophic occurrence to the extent that the employment was included in the base level of employment at the time of application for certification under section 5250-O. A qualified business must apply for an adjustment of the base level of employment within ~~16 months~~ 2 calendar years of the catastrophic occurrence. ~~Applications pursuant to this subsection must be received by August 1, 2011.~~

Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§1, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. "Catastrophic occurrence" means a fire, flood, hurricane, windstorm, earthquake or other similar event that is not within the control of a business to prevent.

Sec. 5. 36 MRSA §5219-VV, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. **Catastrophic occurrence; benefits.** A certified applicant may apply for an adjustment of the base level of employment as described in this section if it has sustained at least a 15% loss of employed workers due to a catastrophic occurrence. For the purposes of this section, the base level of employment may be adjusted to subtract the reduction in employment at the locations affected by the catastrophic occurrence to the extent that the employment was included in the base level of employment at the time of application for a certificate of approval under subsection 2. A certified applicant must apply for an adjustment of the base level of employment within 2 calendar years of the catastrophic occurrence.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 174
S.P. 161 - L.D. 354**

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Regarding the Use of Licensed
Professional Engineers on
Certain Public Works Projects**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1254, as amended by PL 2019, c. 375, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1254. Public works

1. Requirement for licensed professional engineer; exception. When any department of this State or any of this State's political subdivisions or any county, city, town, township or plantation engages in construction of a public works project that involves professional engineering, the services of a licensed professional engineer must be used in the public works project unless:

A. An authorized representative of the department of this State or any of this State's political subdivisions or any county, city, town, township or plantation engaged in the construction of a public works project issues a written determination that the life, health and property of the public will be adequately protected without the services of a licensed professional engineer; and

B. The contemplated expenditure for the completed project does not exceed \$250,000.

For purposes of this subsection, the Director of the Bureau of General Services within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services is the authorized representative of a department of this State engaged in public works projects that constitute public improvements under Title 5, chapter 153.

2. Continuing authority to require licensed professional engineer. Subsection 1 may not be construed to limit the authority of a department of this State or any of this State's political subdivisions or any county, city, town, township or plantation to require the services of a licensed professional engineer for any public works project.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 175
S.P. 196 - L.D. 415**

**An Act to Allow Nonalcoholic
Sparkling Cider to Be Sold in
Maine**

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §543-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2021, c. 111, §3, is further amended to read:

4. Exemption. Hard cider ~~is and nonalcoholic carbonated~~ cider labeled as "sparkling cider" are exempt from this section. For purposes of this subsection, "hard cider" means liquor produced by fermentation of the juice of apples or pears, including, but not limited to, flavored, sparkling or carbonated cider, that contains not less than 1/2 of 1% alcohol by volume and "liquor" has the same meaning as in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 16.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 176
H.P. 292 - L.D. 475**

**An Act to Simplify and Clarify
the Licensing of Assisted
Housing Facilities**

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §753-B, sub-§5, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 570, §4, is 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 ~~programs~~ facilities 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 subject to the provisions of Title 22, chapter 1664; and a licensed assisted living ~~program~~ facility with more than 6 beds subject to the provisions of Title 22, chapter 1664. 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. 2. 22 MRSA §1812-C, sub-§6-A, as amended by PL 2003, c. 416, §2, is further amended to read:

6-A. Shared staffing. The department shall permit staff in nursing facilities to be shared with facilities licensed to provide assisted ~~living~~ housing services as long as there is a clear, documented audit trail and the staffing in the nursing facilities remains adequate to meet the needs of residents. Staffing to be shared may be based on the average number of hours used per week or month within the assisted ~~living program~~ housing facility. In a facility licensed to provide assisted ~~living~~

housing services under section 7801 in which 2 or more staff are required to be awake and on duty during a night shift, one of the staff may be shared with a nursing facility located in the same building without prior approval from the department, subject to the following provisions.

- A. Prior notice must be given to the department.
- B. The assisted ~~living program~~ housing facility shall maintain its state minimum staffing ratio, and the nursing facility shall maintain its state minimum staffing ratio and its federal licensed nurse staffing requirement.
- C. The assisted housing ~~program~~ facility and the nursing facility shall each post a notice informing the public that, although staffing is shared on the night shift, compliance with the minimum staffing requirements is maintained.
- D. The department may suspend the facility's ability to share staffing under this subsection if the most recent survey for either level of care indicates deficiencies that are related to resident care and that arise from the sharing of staff.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2491, sub-§7-F, as amended by PL 2021, c. 125, §4, is further amended to read:

7-F. Lodging place. "Lodging place" means a fixed structure, or any part of a structure, used, maintained or advertised as a place where sleeping accommodations are furnished that offers stays that are temporary in nature and consist of fewer than 183 days in the aggregate per year. "Lodging place" includes accommodations in the entertainment, hospitality, recreation and tourism industries, including, but not limited to, hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts, inns and properties under common management at the same location where 4 or more rooms, cottages or condominium units are available. "Lodging place" does not include vacation rentals, youth camps, dormitories of charitable, educational or philanthropic institutions, fraternity or sorority houses affiliated with educational institutions, permanent residences, ~~or~~ rental properties with tenant and landlord relationships as described under Title 14, chapters 709 to 710-D, nursing facilities as defined in section 1812-A, assisted living ~~programs~~ facilities as defined in section 7852, subsection 4 ~~4-A~~ or residential care facilities as defined in section 7852, subsection 14.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §7801, sub-§1, ¶A-1, as corrected by RR 2001, c. 2, Pt. A, §36, is amended to read:

A-1. In accordance with subparagraphs (1) and (2), an assisted housing ~~program~~ facility either directly or by contract providing to its residents any of the following services: personal care assistance, the administration of medication or nursing services.

(1) An assisted housing ~~program facility~~ may directly provide to its residents meals, house-keeping and chore assistance, case management and personal care assistance delivered on the site of congregate housing without obtaining a separate license to do so.

(2) An assisted housing ~~program facility~~ licensee may hold at any one time only one license under this subsection. A qualified assisted housing ~~program facility~~ may obtain a license for a different category under this subsection, upon application and surrender of the previous license;

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §7802, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 35, §14, is further amended to read:

B. The terms of full licenses or approvals are as follows.

(1) Except as provided in subparagraphs (2) to ~~(7)~~ (8), the term of all full licenses and approvals issued pursuant to this chapter is for one year or the remaining period of a conditional or provisional license that has been issued for less than one year.

(2) The term of a children's residential care facility license is for 2 years.

(3) The term of a drug treatment center license is for 2 years.

(4) The term of a family foster home or specialized foster home license is for 2 years.

(5) The term of a child care facility license issued under section 8301-A, subsection 2 is for 2 years.

(6) The term of a family child care provider license issued under section 8301-A, subsection 3 is for 2 years.

(7) The term of an adult day care program license pursuant to chapter 1679 is for either one or 2 years at the discretion of the department.

(8) The term of an assisted housing facility license issued under section 7853 is for 2 years.

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA c. 1664, headnote is amended to read:

CHAPTER 1664

ASSISTED HOUSING ~~PROGRAMS~~ FACILITIES

Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §7851, as amended by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §25, is further amended to read:

§7851. Assisted housing ~~programs~~ facilities

Assisted housing ~~programs~~ facilities are authorized under this chapter in the following settings and subject to the following standards and licensure requirements.

1. Standards. Assisted housing ~~programs~~ facilities further the independence of the resident and respect the privacy and personal choices of the resident, including the choice to continue to reside at home for so long as the assisted housing ~~program facility~~, as it is fundamentally designed, is able to meet the needs of the resident. Assisted housing ~~programs~~ facilities provided to residents must be consumer oriented and meet professional standards of quality.

2. Settings. Assisted housing ~~programs~~ ~~may be provided in~~ facilities consist of the following settings:

A. Independent housing with services programs, as defined in section 7852, subsection 6;

B. Assisted living ~~programs~~ facilities, as defined in section 7852, subsection 4 ~~4-A~~; or

C. Residential care facilities, as defined in section 7852, subsection 14.

3. Licensure requirements. ~~Independent housing with services programs are not subject to licensure.~~ Licensure of assisted living ~~programs~~ facilities is governed by subsection 3-A and section 7801, subsection 1. Licensure of residential care facilities is governed by subsection 3-A and section 7801, subsections 1 and 3.

3-A. Multiple licenses; limitations. This subsection governs the department's issuance of multiple licenses to assisted living facilities and residential care facilities.

A. Except as provided in paragraph B, beginning October 1, 2023, the department may not 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 for services offered in the same location.

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 shall adopt rules to define license levels for assisted living facilities and residential care facilities. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

4. Prohibited employment based on disqualifying offenses. A licensed assisted housing ~~program~~ facility shall conduct a comprehensive background check for direct access personnel, as defined in section 1717, subsection 1, paragraph A-2, in accordance with state law and rules adopted by the department and is subject to the employment restrictions set out in section 1812-G and other applicable federal and state laws when hiring, employing or placing direct access personnel, including a certified nursing assistant or a direct care worker.

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. 8. 22 MRSA §7852, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is repealed.

Sec. 9. 22 MRSA §7852, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Assisting housing facility. "Assisted housing facility" means an assisted living facility, a residential care facility or an independent housing with services program.

Sec. 10. 22 MRSA §7852, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is amended to read:

3. Assisted housing services. "Assisted housing services" means the provision by an assisted housing program of housing, assistance with activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living, personal supervision, protection from environmental hazards, meals, diet care, care management and diversional or motivational activities, medication administration and nursing services.

Sec. 11. 22 MRSA §7852, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is repealed.

Sec. 12. 22 MRSA §7852, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Assisted living facility. "Assisted living facility" means a house or other place that, for consideration, is maintained wholly or in part for the purpose of providing assisted living services to residents in private apartments in buildings that include a common dining area, either directly by the provider or indirectly through contracts with persons, entities or agencies.

Sec. 13. 22 MRSA §7852, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2003, c. 688, Pt. C, §12, is further amended to read:

5. Assisted living services. "Assisted living services" means the provision of assisted housing services by an assisted housing program, either directly by the provider or indirectly through contracts with persons, entities or agencies, of assisted housing services, assisted housing services with the addition of medication administration or assisted housing services with the addition of medication administration and nursing services facility.

Sec. 14. 22 MRSA §7852, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is amended to read:

6. Independent housing with services program. "Independent housing with services program" means a

program of ~~assisted housing~~ supportive services provided to residents in private apartments in buildings that ~~include a common dining area, either directly by the provider or indirectly through contracts with persons, entities or agencies who receive funds through a written agreement with the department's office of aging and disability services.~~

Sec. 15. 22 MRSA §7852, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is repealed.

Sec. 16. 22 MRSA §7852, sub-§10-A is enacted to read:

10-A. Multi-level health care facility. "Multi-level health care facility" means a residential care facility and a nursing facility that are colocated on the same premises.

Sec. 17. 22 MRSA §7852, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is amended to read:

11. Nursing services. "Nursing services" means services provided by professional nurses defined in Title 32, section 2102, subsection 2. "Nursing services" includes coordination and oversight of resident care services provided by unlicensed health care assistive personnel in assisted living programs housing facilities.

Sec. 18. 22 MRSA §7852, sub-§14, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25 and amended by PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

14. Residential care facility. "Residential care facility" means a house or other place that, for consideration, is maintained wholly or partly for the purpose of providing residents with assisted living services. Residential care facilities provide housing and services to residents in private or semi-private bedrooms in buildings with common living areas and dining areas. "Residential care facility" does not include a licensed nursing home, a mental health residential program licensed under Title 34-B, section 1203-A, a substance use treatment facility licensed under chapter 1667, a residential program for individuals with intellectual disabilities licensed under Title 34-B, section 1203-A or a supported shared living arrangement certified by the department.

Sec. 19. 22 MRSA §7853, first ¶, as amended by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. V, §2 and affected by §29, is further amended to read:

The commissioner shall adopt rules for licensed assisted housing ~~programs~~ facilities. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, except that rules to establish categories of licensed assisted housing ~~programs~~ facilities, including private nonmedical institutions, are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 20. 22 MRSA §7853, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is amended to read:

1. Consultation. The rules must be developed in consultation with the long-term care ombudsman program established pursuant to section 5106, subsection 11-C, consumer representatives and providers of in the type of assisted housing ~~program~~ facility to which the rules will apply.

Sec. 21. 22 MRSA §7853, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is amended to read:

3. Administration of medication rules. In adopting the rules for administration of medication, the commissioner shall consider, among other factors, the general health of the persons likely to receive medication and the numbers of persons served and employed by the assisted housing ~~program~~ facility. The department may require unlicensed personnel to have successfully completed a program of training and instruction, approved by the department for the administration of medication, that is not limited to in-service training.

Sec. 22. 22 MRSA §7853, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2003, c. 449, §3, is further amended to read:

5. Assisted living ~~program~~ housing facility rules. The commissioner shall adopt rules for assisted ~~living programs~~ housing facilities. In addition to the subject matter of rules listed in subsection 2, the rules must recognize and promote the efficiencies inherent in providing services in the applicable setting with respect to staffing and other responsibilities, while ensuring quality of care and safety. The rules must set requirements and standards for services rendered in the applicable settings that recognize the differences between those settings and private homes served pursuant to chapter 419. The rules must permit staff in assisted ~~living programs~~ housing facilities to be shared in accordance with section 1812-C, subsection 6-A and section ~~7914~~ 7860.

Sec. 23. 22 MRSA §7853, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2003, c. 449, §3, is further amended to read:

6. Applicability of residents' rights rules. Any rules adopted pursuant to this section pertaining to residents' rights are applicable to licensed assisted housing ~~programs~~ facilities.

Sec. 24. 22 MRSA §7853, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 449, §4, is amended to read:

7. Relationship to tax credit financing. In adopting rules under this section, the department shall give due consideration to and shall avoid conflicts with the requirements of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and regulations promulgated under the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any other requirements imposed by the federal Internal Revenue Service

when financing based on low-income housing tax credits is utilized for the housing component of assisted ~~living programs~~ housing facilities.

Sec. 25. 22 MRSA §7854, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is amended to read:

§7854. Fees for licensure

The department shall charge annual fees for licensure of residential care facilities and assisted living ~~programs~~ facilities as follows:

1. Fees for residential care facility. Ten dollars per licensed bed for a residential care facility; and

2. Fees for assisted living ~~programs~~ facilities. Two hundred dollars for an assisted living ~~program~~ facility.

Sec. 26. 22 MRSA §7856, as amended by PL 2019, c. 338, §1, is further amended to read:

§7856. Fire safety inspection for assisted living ~~programs~~ facilities

In accordance with this section, the department shall adopt rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375 for the inspection of assisted living ~~programs~~ facilities as defined in section 7852, subsection 4, ~~4-A~~ by the Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee and the fees for that inspection. Rules regarding fees adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subsection ~~H-A~~ 2-A.

1. Permits; inspection. Construction and renovation of assisted living ~~programs~~ facilities require a construction permit from the Commissioner of Public Safety. Prior to licensure all assisted living ~~programs~~ facilities must be inspected by the Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee at the request of the department. All assisted living ~~programs~~ facilities must be inspected upon performing renovations and must be reinspected every 2 years.

2. Certificate of compliance. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall issue a certificate of compliance with the provisions of this section to the department.

3. Requirements. All assisted living ~~programs~~ facilities must be inspected using the chapter pertaining to the applicable building type of the National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code adopted by the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal and must be protected throughout by a supervised, automatic sprinkler system approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Sec. 27. 22 MRSA §7857, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is amended to read:

1. Permission to manage personal funds. An operator or agent of an assisted housing ~~program~~ facility

may not manage, hold or deposit in a financial institution the personal funds of a resident of the facility unless the operator or agent has received written permission from:

- A. The resident if the resident does not have a guardian, trustee or conservator;
- B. The resident's guardian, trustee or conservator if that person exists and can be reached; or
- C. The department if a guardian, trustee or conservator exists but ~~can not~~ cannot be reached.

Sec. 28. 22 MRSA §7857, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is amended to read:

2. Itemized accounting. An operator or agent of an assisted housing ~~program facility~~ who, after receiving written permission pursuant to subsection 1, manages or holds the personal funds of a resident shall maintain an account for these funds, which must include for each resident a separate, itemized accounting for the use of that resident's personal funds with supporting documentation for every expenditure in excess of \$2.

Sec. 29. 22 MRSA §7857, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is amended to read:

3. Depositing personal funds. The department may require an operator or agent of an assisted housing ~~program facility~~ to deposit in a financial institution the personal funds of a resident if the resident has a guardian, trustee or conservator who ~~can not~~ cannot be reached.

Sec. 30. 22 MRSA §7857, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is amended to read:

4. Use of personal funds by operator prohibited. Under no circumstances may an operator or agent of an assisted housing ~~program facility~~ use the personal funds of a resident for the operating costs of the facility or for services or items that are reimbursed by a 3rd party. The personal funds of a resident may not be commingled with the business funds of the facility or with the personal funds or accounts of the owner, a member of the owner's family or an employee of the facility.

Sec. 31. 22 MRSA §7860, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. A, §1 and affected by Pt. B, §25, is amended to read:

§7860. Shared staffing

The department shall permit shared staffing ~~between residential care facilities and other levels of assisted housing on the same premises within multi-level health care facilities~~ as long as there is a clear, documented audit trail and the staffing in the residential care facilities remains adequate to meet the needs of resi-

dents. Staffing to be shared may be based on the average number of hours used per week or month within the assisted housing ~~program facility~~. For the purposes of this section, "shared staffing" means the use of licensed and unlicensed personnel who are employed, directly or under a contract, by a ~~long-term care~~ multi-level health care facility in more than one level of care provided by a single entity ~~on the same premises~~.

Sec. 32. 22 MRSA §7861, as amended by PL 2013, c. 582, §§2 and 3, is further amended to read:

§7861. Administration of assisted housing ~~programs facilities~~ funded by the State; eligible clients

The Department of Health and Human Services, with advice from the Maine State Housing Authority, the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Housing Services Service or any other housing agency financing assisted housing ~~programs facilities~~, shall administer state-funded assisted housing ~~programs facilities~~. Administration must include, but is not limited to:

1. Rules; payment for assisted housing ~~programs facilities~~. Adopting rules governing the services to be provided under assisted housing ~~programs facilities~~ paid for with state funds. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~H-A 2-A~~;

2. Compliance with standards and guidelines. Reviewing the compliance of assisted housing ~~programs facilities~~ with standards and guidelines established for the ~~programs facilities~~;

3. Awarding of grants. Awarding of grants, when available and necessary, to subsidize the cost of assisted housing ~~programs facilities~~ for eligible clients.

For the purposes of this subsection, "eligible clients" means adults who have been determined through an approved assessment by the department to be functionally or cognitively impaired and in need of financial assistance to access assisted housing ~~programs facilities~~; and

4. Residential care facility depreciation. Calculating depreciation recapture for a residential care facility, as defined in section 7852, subsection 14, that is reimbursed by the department under the rules of reimbursement for room and board costs, including depreciation, when the facility is sold on or after July 1, 2013, using a methodology that provides percentage credits for buildings, fixed equipment and moveable equipment based on the number of years of operation of the residential care facility by the owner that is consistent with the following:

- A. For the purposes of determining depreciation recapture for buildings and fixed equipment, the methodology must determine the number of years of operation by reference to the date on which the owner began operating with the original license;

B. For the purposes of determining depreciation recapture for moveable equipment, the methodology must enable percentage credits to reach 100% after the first 6 years of the assigned useful life; and

C. The methodology must treat as equivalent to the owner of the residential care facility any person or entity that owns or controls the entity that owns the residential care facility and any entity that is owned or controlled by the owner of the residential care facility.

Sec. 33. 22 MRSA §7932, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2001, c. 596, Pt. B, §15 and affected by §25, is further amended to read:

2. Facility. "Facility" means any assisted living facility, residential care facility or assisted housing ~~program~~ facility subject to licensure pursuant to chapters 1663 and 1664, any nursing facility or unit subject to licensure pursuant to chapter 405 and any private psychiatric hospital subject to licensure pursuant to chapter 405.

Sec. 34. 22 MRSA §7942, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2003, c. 634, §7, is further amended to read:

3. Long-term care facility. "Long-term care facility" means an assisted living ~~program~~ facility or residential care facility subject to licensure pursuant to chapters 1663 and 1664 and a nursing or intermediate care facility or unit subject to licensure pursuant to chapter 405.

Sec. 35. 22 MRSA §7942, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §47, is further amended to read:

7. State licensing rules. "State licensing rules" refers to the department's rules governing the licensing and functioning of nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities and assisted living ~~programs~~ facilities or residential care facilities.

Sec. 36. 22 MRSA §8702, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2011, c. 233, §1, is further amended to read:

4. Health care facility. "Health care facility" means a public or private, proprietary or not-for-profit entity or institution providing health services, including, but not limited to, a radiological facility licensed under chapter 160, a health care facility licensed under chapter 405, an independent radiological service center, a federally qualified health center certified by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, a rural health clinic or rehabilitation agency certified or otherwise approved by the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services within the Department of Health and Human Services, a home health care provider licensed under chapter 419, an assisted living ~~program~~ facility or a residential care facility licensed under chapter 1663, a hospice provider licensed under chapter

1681, a state institution as defined under Title 34-B, chapter 1 and a mental health facility licensed under Title 34-B, chapter 1. For the purposes of this chapter, "health care facility" does not include retail pharmacies.

Sec. 37. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

2. Assisted housing ~~program~~ facility. "Assisted housing ~~program~~ facility" means a ~~program~~ or facility licensed pursuant to chapter 1663.

Sec. 38. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§7, ¶L, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

L. Assisted housing ~~programs~~ facilities;

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 177
S.P. 293 - L.D. 735**

An Act to Require the State to Hold a Public Hearing in a Municipality Before the State Constructs a Solar Project in That Municipality

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1742-B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 275, §2, is further amended by enacting after the 3rd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

If a proposed public improvement is for or includes installation of a solar energy project that will involve the disturbance of more than 1,000 square feet of land area, the state agency responsible for the installation of the solar energy project shall hold a public hearing on the project in the municipality where the project is located. The public hearing under this paragraph must be provided as soon as development of the schematic design for the solar energy project is complete.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §73, sub-§3, ¶F, as corrected by RR 1991, c. 2, §88, is amended to read:

F. Be consistent with the purposes, goals and policies of ~~the Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act~~ Title 30-A, chapter 187, subchapter 2; and

Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §73, sub-§3, ¶G, as corrected by RR 1991, c. 2, §88, is amended to read:

G. Incorporate a public participation process in which local governmental bodies and the public have timely notice and opportunity to identify and comment on concerns related to transportation planning decisions, capital investment decisions and project decisions. ~~The department~~ Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority shall take the comments and concerns of local

citizens into account and must be responsive to them; and

Sec. 4. 23 MRSA §73, sub-§3, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. Ensure opportunity for public input whenever the Department of Transportation or the Maine Turnpike Authority plans to install a solar energy project that will involve the disturbance of more than 1,000 square feet of land area. The department or the authority shall hold a public hearing in the municipality where the solar energy project is to be located.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 178
S.P. 361 - L.D. 864

An Act to Clarify Provisions of
the Maine Good Samaritan
Law

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1111-B, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 724, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (11) to read:

(11) Endangering the welfare of a child as described in section 554, subsection 1, paragraph A;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 179
H.P. 559 - L.D. 903

An Act to Establish Parity in
Tipping Laws for Restaurant
Workers

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 272, §1, is amended to read:

D. That all tips received by the affected employee must be retained by the employee, except for a valid tip pooling arrangement limited to employees who customarily and regularly receive tips in accordance with subsection 2-A;

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §664, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 10, §1, is further amended to read:

2-A. Tip pooling. This section may not be construed to prohibit an employer from establishing a valid tip pooling arrangement only among service employees

that does not violate the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and regulations made pursuant to that Act as long as:

A. The tip pooling arrangement is only among service employees when the employer uses the tip credit under subsection 2; or

B. The tip pooling arrangement is among a group of employees when the employer pays all employees in the group the minimum hourly wage and does not use the tip credit under subsection 2. An employer may not receive tips from such a tip pool and may not allow supervisors and managers to receive tips from the tip pool.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 180
S.P. 391 - L.D. 920

An Act Regarding Temporary
Transfers of Elver Fishing
Quotas for Medical Reasons

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6575-L, sub-§1, as corrected by RR 2015, c. 1, §5, is amended to read:

1. Temporary medical transfer requested prior to March 1st. Notwithstanding section 6505-A, subsection 3-A, the commissioner may authorize a temporary medical transfer that permits the holder of an elver fishing license issued under section 6505-A to transfer the entire remaining annual quota allocated to that person at the time the request is made to another person holding an elver fishing license issued under section 6505-A if the following criteria are met:

A. The transferor reported elver landings in the prior fishing year; and

B. The transferor is unable to fish the quota allocated to the transferor because the transferor has experienced a substantial illness or medical condition. The transferor shall provide the commissioner with documentation from a physician describing the substantial illness or medical condition; and

C. The transferor requests a temporary medical transfer in writing before March 1st of the fishing year for which it is being requested, except that the commissioner may adopt rules that provide a method for authorizing a temporary medical transfer requested after March 1st to address emergency medical conditions.

The commissioner may adopt rules that provide that a transferor may choose to retain the income and tax burden from the sale of the transferor's transferred quota or

that the transferor may choose to allow the license holder receiving the transferor's quota to retain the income and assume the tax burden of the sale of the transferred quota.

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 181
H.P. 594 - L.D. 947**

**An Act to Support the
Distribution of Free Summer
Lunches for Children**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6602, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2011, c. 379, §6, is further amended to read:

5. Rules. The commissioner shall adopt or amend, with the state board's approval, rules under this subchapter, including rules about the qualifications of food service programs' personnel and rules to implement the federal summer food service program for children under subsection 1, paragraph C. To the extent allowed under federal law, rules adopted under this subchapter must allow for the greatest amount of flexibility in meal times and packaging of meals to send home with students.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 182
S.P. 434 - L.D. 1065**

**An Act to Improve the
Telecommunications Relay
Services Council by Reducing
Its Membership and Allowing
for the Hiring of an Executive
Director**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §8704, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 408, §6, is further amended to read:

1. Membership. The council consists of ~~42~~ 11 voting members as follows:

A. The Director of the Division for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, Department of Labor, or a designee;

B. The chair of the Commission for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late Deafened established by Title 5, section 12004-J, subsection 17, or a designee;

C. One member from the Public Utilities Commission, appointed by the commissioners;

C-1. One member from the Maine Connectivity Authority, as established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 33-H, appointed by the president of the authority;

D. One member from the office of the Public Advocate, appointed by the Public Advocate; and

E. ~~Eight~~ Six members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(1) One member from the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf;

(2) One member from a statewide association for the deaf;

(3) One member from a disability rights organization in this State;

(4) One member from the largest incumbent local exchange carrier providing telecommunications relay service in this State; and

~~(5) One member of a telephone association in this State, except that the representative under this subparagraph may not be a representative of the carrier under subparagraph (4);~~

(6) Two members from the general public who use telecommunications devices for the deaf that operate in connection with telecommunications relay services as their primary means of telecommunications; and

~~(7) One member representing a company that provides telecommunications relay services through the Internet, wireless telecommunications or cable telecommunications.~~

The executive director shall serve as a nonvoting member of the council in accordance with subsection 3-A, paragraph E.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §8704, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Executive director. The council shall, within its allowable annual budget established by subsection 6, hire a part-time executive director to assist in carrying out the powers and duties of the council. The executive director shall:

A. Assist in the preparation and submission of the budget of the council required pursuant to subsection 6;

B. Prepare and submit the report required pursuant to subsection 8;

- C. Assist the council with contract negotiations;
- D. Assist the council with processing invoices;
- E. Serve as a nonvoting member of the council; and
- F. Perform all other duties necessary to assist the council in performing its powers and duties pursuant to subsection 5.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §8704, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2017, c. 408, §6, is further amended to read:

4. Appointment Election of chair and vice-chair. Every 2 years, the members shall elect a chair and a vice-chair from among the membership. The vice-chair shall serve as acting chair in the absence of the chair. The council shall meet at the call of the chair but no fewer than 4 times during the calendar year. 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 183

H.P. 684 - L.D. 1089

An Act to Require Presentation of the Maine Charter School Commission's Annual Report

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §2405, sub-§8, ¶E is enacted to read:

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.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 184

S.P. 561 - L.D. 1394

An Act to Expand and Strengthen the Competitive Skills Scholarship Program

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1166, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2007, c. 506, §1, is further amended to read:

B. "Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund planned yield" means the percentage of wages, as defined in section 1043, subsection 19, equal to ~~02%~~ .034% of the total wages for each contributing employer subject to this chapter.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. "Certified preapprenticeship training program" means a preapprenticeship training program certified by the Maine Apprenticeship Program pursuant to section 3213.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§1, ¶D-1 is enacted to read:

D-1. "Preapprenticeship training program" has the same meaning as in section 3201, subsection 15-A.

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§4, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. A registered apprenticeship program approved pursuant to section 3202 is deemed to have met the requirements of this subsection.

Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§6, ¶A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 352, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

A. The program must provide to a participant, in accordance with rules adopted by the department, when education, training and support are not reasonably available from another recognized program and are necessary to carry out that participant's plan:

- (1) Books, supplies, tools and equipment required by the participant's plan;
- (2) Child care, transportation and other necessary support as determined by the department; ~~and~~
- (3) Assistance needed to obtain remedial or prerequisite education necessary for the participant to participate successfully in the program; ~~and~~
- (4) Related costs of licensing or certification necessary to practice in an occupation for which the individual is qualified.

Money for mandatory fees or tuition may not be provided unless the participant is not eligible for necessary funds from other public grants or scholarships reasonably available to the participant for this purpose.

Registered apprentices and individuals participating in a plan that includes a certified preapprenticeship training program approved pursuant to subsec-

tion 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.

Sec. 6. 26 MRSA §2033, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 352, Pt. A, §3, is amended to read:

7. Application; decision; appeal. 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 specifically indicating the type and amount of services approved or denied. 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. Any decision related to eligibility for, or the provision of, services under this section must provide notice that the decision may be appealed by the 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 period may be extended up to 15 additional days if the claimant can show good cause for failing to appeal within the initial 30-day period.

Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Allocates funds to reflect an increase in the employer contribution rates for the Competitive Skills Scholarship Fund.

	2023-24	2024-25
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
All Other	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
COMPETITIVE SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 185
H.P. 921 - L.D. 1425**

An Act to Strengthen Freedom of Access Protections by Allowing Remote Meetings to Be Recorded

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §403-B, sub-§2, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 290, §1, is amended to read:

G. All votes taken during a public proceeding using remote methods must be taken by roll call vote that can be seen and heard if using video technology, and heard if using only audio technology, by the other members of the public body and the public; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §403-B, sub-§2, ¶H, as amended by PL 2021, c. 611, §2, is further amended to read:

H. The public body must make all documents and other materials considered by the public body available, electronically or otherwise, to the public who attend by remote methods to the same extent customarily available to members of the public who attend the proceedings of the public body in person, as long as additional costs are not incurred by the public body. The public body must make the proposed policy regarding remote participation available in advance of the meeting if meeting remotely under paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2); ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 1 MRSA §403-B, sub-§2, ¶I is enacted to read:

I. When the public may attend a public proceeding by remote methods, the public body must allow members of the public to record the proceeding remotely using the same electronic platform that is used to conduct the proceeding remotely as long as the electronic platform allows participants other than the host to record the proceeding remotely, additional costs are not incurred by the public body and the recording of the proceeding does not interfere with the orderly conduct of the proceeding.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 186
S.P. 744 - L.D. 1828**

An Act Regarding Enhanced 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, an existing public safety answering point has indicated that as of July 1, 2023, it will no longer provide E-9-1-1 call answering to municipalities in Kennebec County; and

Whereas, it is not sufficiently clear that the Public Utilities Commission has authority to create a new public safety answering point; and

Whereas, it may be necessary to create as soon as possible a new public safety answering point in order to ensure all people in the State have efficient and reliable access to E-9-1-1 services; 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. 25 MRSA §2923-B is enacted to read:

§2923-B. Notice of service discontinuation

1. Notice. A public safety answering point shall provide notice to the bureau prior to discontinuing service to a municipality. 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.

2. Penalty. A public safety answering point that violates subsection 1 commits a civil violation for which a fine of up to \$50 may be adjudged for each day that the notice provided prior to the discontinuance of service to the municipality by the public safety answering point is less than one year. The maximum fine under this subsection is \$18,250.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2926, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

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 services.

Sec. 3. Study; oversight of public safety answering points. The Public Utilities Commission, Emergency Services Communication Bureau shall conduct a study assessing whether public safety answering points can be more efficiently managed to ensure stability of the system. The study must include but is not limited to the following:

1. The use of incentives or subsidies provided from the E-9-1-1 surcharge set out in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2927 that are tied to performance metrics for public safety answering point services in order to stabilize the relationships between public safety answering points and municipalities;

2. The current level of state oversight of public safety answering points and whether this level is sufficient to ensure the efficient management of public safety answering points;

3. The effectiveness of making the Department of Public Safety the default entity responsible for providing E-9-1-1 services when there is a change in a public safety answering point’s service area; and

4. The challenges faced by public safety answering points with hiring and retaining employees and what methods could be employed to assist public safety answering points with staffing obstacles.

No later than February 1, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission shall report the results of the study, along with any recommended legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology matters. The joint standing committee may report out related legislation to the 131st Legislature in 2024.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 15, 2023.

CHAPTER 187

S.P. 742 - L.D. 1826

An Act to Designate Deer Wintering Areas Under the Jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Lands

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1805-A is enacted to read:

§1805-A. Designation of deer wintering areas

The director may designate a deer wintering area on a parcel of land under the jurisdiction of the bureau. The designated area must contain high-quality deer wintering habitat with a documented history of significant use by deer. The bureau shall manage the designated area with deer conservation as the highest management priority and may also manage the designated area to benefit other wildlife species that rely on mature softwood forests. The director may designate a deer wintering area or remove the designation as a deer wintering area of a parcel of land under this section only pursuant to a habitat management agreement developed in collaboration with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. A designated area under this section is eligible for funds from the Maine Deer Management Fund under section 10264. The designation of a deer wintering area under this section does not preclude or

discourage the department from managing another parcel of land to promote habitat for deer. The department and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall include a summary of additions or changes to deer wintering areas under this section in an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters and to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10264, first ¶, as amended by PL 2021, c. 409, §6, is further amended to read:

The Maine Deer Management Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department as a nonlapsing fund to be used by the commissioner to fund or assist in funding predator control and to acquire or enhance deer habitat. If the funds from the fund are used to directly enhance or manage a deer wintering area on land under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands, the land must be designated as a deer wintering area pursuant to section 1805-A. The commissioner shall establish on the department's online licensing system checkoff options that allow a person to donate money for predator control or deer habitat acquisition or enhancement. The checkoff options must be prominently displayed and contain web links to information about how the checkoff revenues have been and will be used. The commissioner shall also print in a prominent place on every paper application for a hunting license checkoff options that allow a person to donate money to the fund for predator control or deer habitat acquisition or enhancement. Revenues from the checkoffs must be deposited in the fund and used for purposes indicated by the checkoffs.

Sec. 3. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands and Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to survey regions to locate unmapped deer wintering areas. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands and Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall survey public lands in the northern, eastern and western regions of the State to locate existing and unmapped deer wintering areas. The bureau may designate any unmapped deer wintering areas located pursuant to this section as a deer wintering area pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 1805-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 188
H.P. 1165 - L.D. 1833**

**An Act to Amend the
Definition of "Educational
Institution" Under the Maine
Human Rights Act to Include
Single-sex Educational
Institutions**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4553, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 393, §4, is further amended to read:

2-A. Educational institution. "Educational institution" means any public school or educational program, any public ~~post-secondary~~ postsecondary institution, any private school or educational program approved for tuition purposes ~~if both male and female students are admitted~~ and the governing body of each such school or program. ~~For purposes related to disability-related discrimination, "educational institution" also means any private school or educational program approved for tuition purposes.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 189
H.P. 164 - L.D. 259**

**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, 2023,
June 30, 2024 and 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Budget - Bureau of the 0055

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$125,710	\$126,698
All Other	\$8,893	\$8,893
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$134,603	\$135,591

Budget - Bureau of the 0055

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

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$180	\$180
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$180	\$180

BUDGET - BUREAU OF THE 0055

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$125,710	\$126,698
All Other	\$9,073	\$9,073
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$134,783	\$135,771

Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	10.000	10.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$610,740	\$630,854
All Other	\$1,302,241	\$1,302,241
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$1,912,981	\$1,933,095

Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080

Initiative: Provides funding to cover increased utility and fuel costs and to fund contracted services and repair costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$302,559	\$302,559

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$302,559	\$302,559
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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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,250	\$5,000

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$4,250	\$5,000
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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OPERATIONS 0080

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	10.000	10.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$610,740	\$630,854
All Other	\$1,609,050	\$1,609,800
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$2,219,790	\$2,240,654

Claims Board 0097

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	0.500	0.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$61,203	\$61,181
All Other	\$18,344	\$18,344

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$79,547	\$79,525
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CLAIMS BOARD 0097

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	0.500	0.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$61,203	\$61,181
All Other	\$18,344	\$18,344

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$79,547	\$79,525
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Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$578,025	\$587,868
All Other	\$32,095	\$32,095

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$610,120	\$619,963
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Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides funding to expand the current Revenue Agent to Senior Revenue Agent training program to include a 2nd career ladder from Senior Revenue Agent to Principal Revenue Agent.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$26,481	\$26,805
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$26,481	\$26,805

REVENUE SERVICES, BUREAU OF 0002

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$604,506	\$614,673
All Other	\$32,095	\$32,095
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$636,601	\$646,768

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
HIGHWAY FUND	\$3,070,721	\$3,102,718
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$3,070,721	\$3,102,718

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

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Air Quality 0250

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$33,054	\$33,054
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$33,054	\$33,054

Air Quality 0250

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide Central Fleet Management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$600	\$762
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$600	\$762

AIR QUALITY 0250

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$33,654	\$33,816
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$33,654	\$33,816

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
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HIGHWAY FUND	\$33,654	\$33,816
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$33,654	\$33,816

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

LEGISLATURE

Legislature 0081

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,720	\$3,575
All Other	\$7,280	\$4,550

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$13,000	\$8,125
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LEGISLATURE 0081

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,720	\$3,575
All Other	\$7,280	\$4,550

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$13,000	\$8,125
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Sec. A-4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Public Safety 0088

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$151,904	\$155,681
All Other	\$692,205	\$692,205

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$844,109	\$847,886
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Administration - Public Safety 0088

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.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$231	\$231

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$231	\$231
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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.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$163,507	\$163,507
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$163,507	\$163,507

ADMINISTRATION - PUBLIC SAFETY 0088

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$151,904	\$155,681
All Other	\$855,943	\$855,943

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$1,007,847	\$1,011,624
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Highway Safety DPS 0457

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$72,363	\$76,259
All Other	\$553,161	\$553,161

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$625,524	\$629,420
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Highway Safety DPS 0457

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

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$27,158	\$27,198

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$27,158	\$27,198
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Highway Safety DPS 0457

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.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$77	\$77

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$77	\$77
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HIGHWAY SAFETY DPS 0457

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$72,363	\$76,259
All Other	\$580,396	\$580,436

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$652,759	\$656,695
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Motor Vehicle Inspection 0329

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS -	11.000	11.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$996,501	\$1,017,835
All Other	\$393,770	\$393,770

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$1,390,271	\$1,411,605
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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.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$27,297	\$27,297

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$27,297	\$27,297
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Motor Vehicle Inspection 0329

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.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$902	\$902

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$902	\$902
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MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION 0329

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	11.000	11.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$996,501	\$1,017,835
All Other	\$421,969	\$421,969

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$1,418,470	\$1,439,804
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State Police 0291

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$16,382,340	\$16,728,958
All Other	\$6,575,511	\$6,575,511

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$22,957,851	\$23,304,469
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State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for a higher anticipated cost of fuel for State Police vehicles.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$238,000	\$238,000

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$238,000	\$238,000
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State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the exterior siding at one of the troop barracks.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$14,284	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$14,284	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to renovate the lobby and kitchen at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$17,855	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$17,855	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace office furniture at one of the troop barracks.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$2,800	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$2,800	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the standard-issue projectile electroshock device equipment including holsters, cartridges and spare batteries for 290 State Police positions.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$516,470	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$516,470	\$0

State Police 0291

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.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,582	\$4,582
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$4,582	\$4,582

State Police 0291

Initiative: Establishes one DNA Forensic Analyst position funded by 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund to assist with casework for the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$39,120	\$41,186
All Other	\$2,605	\$2,641
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$41,725	\$43,827

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to add 13 required redundant air supply systems for the State Police dive team.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,257	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$4,257	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 13 dive computers with transmitters for the State Police dive team.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,472	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$6,472	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace one trailer for the State Police dive team.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$3,325	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$3,325	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to add pyrolysis equipment for the gas chromatography mass spectrometry machine for the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$3,500	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$3,500	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase 2 rifle light/laser switches for the State Police.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,428	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$2,428	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to add 2 optics to the equipment inventory for the State Police tactical team.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,786	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$1,786	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for specialized training for the State Police tactical team.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,142	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$7,142	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for repairs to the current State Police crisis negotiation team mobile unit.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$14,384	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$14,384	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to add hydraulic breaching equipment for the State Police.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$5,950	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$5,950	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 6 dry suits for the State Police dive team.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,950	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$6,950	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 307 rifle upper receiver devices for the State Police.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$40,015	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$40,015	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 50 pistols for the State Police.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,928	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$8,928	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase noise suppression equipment for the State Police.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$27,348	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$27,348	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the portable X-ray equipment for the State Police bomb team.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$24,500	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$24,500	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase a replacement bomb suit for the State Police bomb team.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$12,250	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$12,250	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for a marketing campaign to advertise the benefits of joining the State Police.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,140	\$7,140
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$7,140	\$7,140

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for an anticipated 10% increase in the cost of firearms.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$357	\$357
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$357	\$357

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for an anticipated 30% increase in the cost of ammunition.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,499	\$12,499
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$12,499	\$12,499

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for an anticipated 65% increase in uniform costs due to rising production and shipping costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$44,090	\$44,090
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$44,090	\$44,090

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for increased debt service associated with the purchase of State Police vehicles on a regular vehicle replacement schedule.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$311,363	\$516,343
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$311,363	\$516,343

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 8 sniper scope units.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,140	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$7,140	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 2 sniper night-vision units for the State Police tactical team.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$7,350	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$7,350	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the thermal imaging equipment.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$22,750	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$22,750	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase a 2nd unmanned aerial vehicle for use by the State Police evidence response team.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$6,392	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$6,392	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase a thermal-equipped unmanned aerial vehicle for the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$3,500	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$3,500	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace an air conditioning unit at one of the troop barracks.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$1,925	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$1,925	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to repair siding and stairs at one of the troop barracks.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,357	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$5,357	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace an exterior door at one of the troop barracks.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,928	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$3,928	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace a generator at one of the troop barracks.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$9,800	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$9,800	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace a garage bay door at one of the troop barracks.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,928	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$3,928	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace an interior tiled floor at one of the troop barracks.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,500	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$2,500	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the roof at the State Police garage.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,713	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$10,713	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to resurface the parking lot at one of the troop barracks.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$35,711	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$35,711	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the concrete entry at one of the troop barracks.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,142	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$7,142	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to repair the entrance area and provide office space for new State Police personnel at one of the troop barracks.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,928	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$8,928	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one DNA Forensic Analyst position to a Senior DNA Forensic Analyst position, retroactive to January 1, 2023 and funded 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$4,164	\$2,468
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$4,164	\$2,468

**STATE POLICE 0291
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$16,425,624	\$16,772,612
All Other	\$7,949,813	\$7,401,163
Capital Expenditures	\$104,042	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$24,479,479	\$24,173,775

State Police - Support 0981

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$743,148	\$766,201
All Other	\$11,145	\$11,145
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$754,293	\$777,346

State Police - Support 0981

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.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$770	\$770
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$770	\$770

**STATE POLICE - SUPPORT 0981
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$743,148	\$766,201
All Other	\$11,915	\$11,915
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$755,063	\$778,116

Traffic Safety 0546

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$1,106,072	\$1,121,239

All Other	\$313,991	\$313,991
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$1,420,063	\$1,435,230

Traffic Safety 0546

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

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,709	\$7,709
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$7,709	\$7,709

Traffic Safety 0546

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.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$946	\$946
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$946	\$946

**TRAFFIC SAFETY 0546
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$1,106,072	\$1,121,239
All Other	\$322,646	\$322,646
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$1,428,718	\$1,443,885

Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	43.000	43.000
Personal Services	\$5,236,127	\$5,317,777
All Other	\$972,625	\$972,625
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$6,208,752	\$6,290,402

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.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$34,671	\$34,671
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$34,671	\$34,671

Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715

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.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,445	\$5,445
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,445</u>	<u>\$5,445</u>

Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position and provides funding for related All Other costs. This reclassification has an effective date of July 15, 2022.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$8,928	\$5,060
All Other	\$110	\$111
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$9,038</u>	<u>\$5,171</u>

Traffic Safety - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement 0715

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Office Associate II position to a Public Relations Specialist position, retroactive to March 4, 2021, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$27,807	\$9,476
All Other	\$472	\$171
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$28,279</u>	<u>\$9,647</u>

TRAFFIC SAFETY - COMMERCIAL VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT 0715

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	43.000	43.000
Personal Services	\$5,272,862	\$5,332,313
All Other	\$1,013,323	\$1,013,023
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,286,185</u>	<u>\$6,345,336</u>

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	2023-24	2024-25
HIGHWAY FUND	\$36,028,521	\$35,849,235
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$36,028,521</u>	<u>\$35,849,235</u>

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Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	381.000	381.000
Personal Services	\$32,564,485	\$33,612,823
All Other	\$15,146,766	\$15,146,766
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$47,711,251</u>	<u>\$48,759,589</u>

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Establishes one Public Relations Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$81,870	\$86,097
All Other	\$14,042	\$5,504
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$95,912</u>	<u>\$91,601</u>

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding to establish a pilot program to address the shortfall in driver's license examination capacity.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$67,842	\$33,921
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$67,842</u>	<u>\$33,921</u>

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to translate written driver's license examinations into 10 additional languages.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$61,828	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$61,828</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Establishes one Senior Motor Vehicle Section Manager position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$106,870	\$112,735
All Other	\$14,804	\$6,315
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$121,674</u>	<u>\$119,050</u>

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Establishes one Motor Vehicle Section Manager position, 2 Office Specialist I Supervisor positions and one Office Specialist I position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$335,434	\$355,157
All Other	\$132,968	\$108,957
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$468,402	\$464,114

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Establishes one Office Specialist II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$89,957	\$95,165
All Other	\$12,319	\$5,162
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$102,276	\$100,327

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Establishes one Technical Support Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$117,048	\$123,256
All Other	\$15,196	\$6,523
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$132,244	\$129,779

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Establishes one Information System Security Analyst position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$113,670	\$120,068
All Other	\$15,093	\$6,426
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$128,763	\$126,494

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for repayment of Certificate of Participation loan principal and interest for customer services and information systems ongoing modernization projects.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$761,327	\$1,203,959
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$761,327	\$1,203,959

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in monthly fee and mileage rate for state vehicle leases.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$37,650	\$62,624
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$37,650	\$62,624

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Establishes 2 Programmer Analyst positions and 2 Computer Programmer positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	4.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$397,336	\$419,680
All Other	\$58,626	\$23,581
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$455,962	\$443,261

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Establishes one Information System Support Specialist position and one Technical Support Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	0.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$0	\$210,939
All Other	\$0	\$23,098
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$234,037

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Establishes 2 Customer Representative Associate II - Motor Vehicle positions to serve customers in branch offices.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$148,958	\$158,010
All Other	\$27,636	\$10,575
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$176,594	\$168,585

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Establishes one Driver License Examiner position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$79,165	\$83,904
All Other	\$10,818	\$4,879
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$89,983	\$88,783

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 13 Motor Vehicle Branch Office Manager positions from range 21 to range 24 and related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$156,713	\$158,312
All Other	\$4,773	\$4,822
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$161,486	\$163,134

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 76 Customer Representative Associate II - Motor Vehicle positions at range 14 to Customer Representative Specialist - Motor Vehicle Branch positions at range 16 and related All Other costs.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$227,405	\$232,886
All Other	\$6,927	\$7,094
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$234,332	\$239,980

ADMINISTRATION - MOTOR VEHICLES 0077

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	397.000	399.000
Personal Services	\$34,418,911	\$35,769,032
All Other	\$16,388,615	\$16,660,206
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$50,807,526	\$52,429,238

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	2023-24	2024-25
HIGHWAY FUND	\$50,807,526	\$52,429,238
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$50,807,526	\$52,429,238

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TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration 0339

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	94.000	94.000
Personal Services	\$10,019,803	\$10,260,775
All Other	\$4,304,827	\$4,304,827
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$14,324,630	\$14,565,602

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.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$207,687	\$217,369
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$207,687	\$217,369

Administration 0339

Initiative: Establishes 41 positions to address project development, planning, legal, environmental, safety and human resources needs associated with the department's capital programs. Four of the positions are

funded 100% Highway Fund, and the remainder are 50% Federal Expenditures Fund, 45% Highway Fund and 5% Other Special Revenue Funds. The initiative also eliminates 61.01 vacant full-time equivalent crew positions and 7 vacant positions to offset the cost of the new positions and generate additional savings to the Highway Fund. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$147,861	\$156,510
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$147,861	\$156,510

ADMINISTRATION 0339

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	95.000	95.000
Personal Services	\$10,167,664	\$10,417,285
All Other	\$4,512,514	\$4,522,196
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$14,680,178	\$14,939,481

Callahan Mine Site Restoration Z007

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$740,000	\$740,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$740,000	\$740,000

CALLAHAN MINE SITE RESTORATION Z007

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$740,000	\$740,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$740,000	\$740,000

Charging Infrastructure Z317

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$500	\$500

CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE Z317

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Fleet Services 0347

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	25.000	25.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	126.125	126.125
Personal Services	\$13,769,499	\$14,158,557
All Other	\$18,196,047	\$18,196,047
FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT TOTAL	\$31,965,546	\$32,354,604

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.

FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,607	\$401,875
FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT TOTAL	\$200,607	\$401,875

Fleet Services 0347

Initiative: Provides funding necessary to maintain the operations of the fleet of vehicles for the department.

FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT TOTAL	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000

FLEET SERVICES 0347 PROGRAM SUMMARY

FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	25.000	25.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	126.125	126.125
Personal Services	\$13,769,499	\$14,158,557
All Other	\$21,996,654	\$22,197,922
FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT TOTAL	\$35,766,153	\$36,356,479

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	457.000	457.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	20.154	20.154

Personal Services	\$24,322,827	\$24,830,746
All Other	\$15,192,588	\$15,192,588
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$39,515,415	\$40,023,334

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

Personal Services	\$27,164,205	\$27,727,851
All Other	\$47,655,513	\$47,655,513
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$74,819,718	\$75,383,364

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Personal Services	\$2,613,340	\$2,669,425
All Other	\$4,589,564	\$4,589,564
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,202,904	\$7,258,989

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Provides funding for Capital Expenditures in various programs within the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

Capital Expenditures	\$360,000,000	\$360,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$360,000,000	\$360,000,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

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

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.

HIGHWAY FUND

All Other	\$2,036,229	\$2,252,671
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$2,036,229	\$2,252,671

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Provides the allocation to spend GARVEE bond proceeds for highway and bridge needs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Capital Expenditures	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$25,000,000	\$25,000,000

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Provides capital funding needed to achieve the revised and prioritized capital goals set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 73, subsection 7.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$50,000,000	\$80,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$50,000,000</u>	<u>\$80,000,000</u>

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Establishes 41 positions to address project development, planning, legal, environmental, safety and human resources needs associated with the department's capital programs. Four of the positions are funded 100% Highway Fund, and the remainder are 50% Federal Expenditures Fund, 45% Highway Fund and 5% Other Special Revenue Funds. The initiative also eliminates 61.01 vacant full-time equivalent crew positions and 7 vacant positions to offset the cost of the new positions and generate additional savings to the Highway Fund. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	35.000	35.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$1,752,943	\$1,850,306
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,752,943</u>	<u>\$1,850,306</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,947,788	\$2,055,931
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,947,788</u>	<u>\$2,055,931</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$194,750	\$205,525
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$194,750</u>	<u>\$205,525</u>

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for highway and bridge capital projects.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$100,000,000</u>	<u>\$100,000,000</u>

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HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	492.000	492.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	19.154	19.154
Personal Services	\$26,075,770	\$26,681,052
All Other	\$17,228,817	\$17,445,259
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$43,304,587</u>	<u>\$44,126,311</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$29,111,993	\$29,783,782
All Other	\$47,655,513	\$47,655,513
Capital Expenditures	\$360,000,000	\$360,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$436,767,506</u>	<u>\$437,439,295</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,808,090	\$2,874,950
All Other	\$4,589,564	\$4,589,564
Capital Expenditures	\$205,000,000	\$235,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$212,397,654</u>	<u>\$242,464,514</u>

Highway Light Capital Z095

Initiative: Provides funding for the Highway Light Capital program and Local Road Assistance Program at a level to provide approximately 500 miles of light capital paving per year, among other work, depending on bid prices and the severity of winter weather.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,705,000	\$3,705,000
All Other	\$2,925,000	\$2,925,000
Capital Expenditures	\$1,350,000	\$1,000,000
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,980,000</u>	<u>\$7,630,000</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$30,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$30,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Highway Light Capital Z095

Initiative: Provides authority to spend the return of the cash available after the repayment of bonds from the funds previously transferred to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank, TransCap Trust Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$28,966,354
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$28,966,354</u>

HIGHWAY LIGHT CAPITAL Z095

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$3,705,000	\$3,705,000
All Other	\$2,925,000	\$2,925,000
Capital Expenditures	\$1,350,000	\$1,000,000
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,980,000</u>	<u>\$7,630,000</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$30,000,000	\$28,966,354
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$30,000,000</u>	<u>\$28,966,354</u>

Infrastructure Adaptation Fund Z318

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$14,200,000	\$1,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$14,200,000</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>

Infrastructure Adaptation Fund Z318

Initiative: Provides funding to support the municipal culvert program and provides project planning funding and state matching funds for federal funding opportunities related to adaptation, resiliency and culverts.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,000,000	\$0
Capital Expenditures	\$3,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

INFRASTRUCTURE ADAPTATION FUND Z318

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,000,000	\$0
Capital Expenditures	\$3,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$10,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY

All Other	\$14,200,000	\$1,500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	<u>\$14,200,000</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>

Local Road Assistance Program 0337

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$21,519,135	\$21,519,135
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$21,519,135</u>	<u>\$21,519,135</u>

Local Road Assistance Program 0337

Initiative: Provides funding for the Highway Light Capital program and Local Road Assistance Program at a level to provide approximately 500 miles of light capital paving per year, among other work, depending on bid prices and the severity of winter weather.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$718,200	\$686,700
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$718,200</u>	<u>\$686,700</u>

Local Road Assistance Program 0337

Initiative: Adjusts funding for the Local Road Assistance Program at the correct proportioned rate in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1803-B.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,756,675	\$3,137,960
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,756,675</u>	<u>\$3,137,960</u>

LOCAL ROAD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 0337

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$24,994,010	\$25,343,795
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$24,994,010</u>	<u>\$25,343,795</u>

Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	154.000	154.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1,017.057	1,017.057
Personal Services	\$110,207,769	\$113,239,921
All Other	\$79,158,485	\$79,158,485
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$189,366,254</u>	<u>\$192,398,406</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$968,703	\$979,831
All Other	\$5,106,169	\$5,106,169
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,074,872</u>	<u>\$6,086,000</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,374,886	\$1,374,886
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,374,886</u>	<u>\$1,374,886</u>

INDUSTRIAL DRIVE FACILITY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000

INDUSTRIAL DRIVE	\$500,000	\$500,000
FACILITY FUND TOTAL		

Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Provides funding to support Fleet Services in the operation of vehicles and equipment necessary to maintain the transportation system.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,398,321	\$10,748,474

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$10,398,321	\$10,748,474
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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.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$278,235	\$151,804

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$278,235	\$151,804
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Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of capital equipment to be used in the maintenance of the transportation system.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$600,000	\$600,000

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$600,000	\$600,000
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Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Provides funding necessary to maintain the operations of the fleet of vehicles for the department.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
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Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Provides funding for increased costs of critical items including paint, salt, culverts, guardrail parts, plow blades, building maintenance and vehicle parts.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$5,400,000	\$5,400,000
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Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Establishes 41 positions to address project development, planning, legal, environmental, safety and human resources needs associated with the department's capital programs. Four of the positions are funded 100% Highway Fund, and the remainder are 50% Federal Expenditures Fund, 45% Highway Fund and 5% Other Special Revenue Funds. The initiative also eliminates 61.01 vacant full-time equivalent crew positions and 7 vacant positions to offset the cost of the

new positions and generate additional savings to the Highway Fund. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(61.010)	(61.010)
Personal Services	(\$5,392,036)	(\$5,599,651)

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$5,392,036)	(\$5,599,651)
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MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS 0330

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	154.000	154.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	956.047	956.047
Personal Services	\$104,815,733	\$107,640,270
All Other	\$98,835,041	\$99,058,763
Capital Expenditures	\$600,000	\$600,000

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$204,250,774	\$207,299,033
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

Personal Services	\$968,703	\$979,831
All Other	\$5,106,169	\$5,106,169

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$6,074,872	\$6,086,000
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

All Other	\$1,374,886	\$1,374,886
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,374,886	\$1,374,886
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INDUSTRIAL DRIVE FACILITY FUND

All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
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INDUSTRIAL DRIVE FACILITY FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000
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Multimodal - Aviation 0294

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,585,782	\$1,585,782

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,585,782	\$1,585,782
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$239,786	\$245,918
All Other	\$957,000	\$957,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,196,786	\$1,202,918
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Multimodal - Aviation 0294

Initiative: Provides funding for Capital Expenditures in various programs within the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$300,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$300,000	\$300,000

MULTIMODAL - AVIATION 0294

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,585,782	\$1,585,782
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$300,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,885,782	\$1,885,782

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$239,786	\$245,918
All Other	\$957,000	\$957,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,196,786	\$1,202,918
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Multimodal - Freight Rail 0350

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$221,341	\$222,253
All Other	\$1,467,904	\$1,467,904

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,689,245	\$1,690,157
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Multimodal - Freight Rail 0350

Initiative: Provides funding for Capital Expenditures in various programs within the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$500,000	\$500,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000
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MULTIMODAL - FREIGHT RAIL 0350

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
Capital Expenditures	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$10,100,000	\$10,100,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$221,341	\$222,253
All Other	\$1,467,904	\$1,467,904
Capital Expenditures	\$500,000	\$500,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,189,245	\$2,190,157
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Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,311,349	\$6,311,349
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$6,311,349	\$6,311,349

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	85.000	85.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	8.509	8.509
Personal Services	\$8,641,475	\$8,825,213
All Other	\$4,433,087	\$4,433,087

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$13,074,562	\$13,258,300
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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.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$44,206	\$41,307
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$44,206	\$41,307

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$88,412	\$82,614

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES	\$88,412	\$82,614
FUND TOTAL		

Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016

Initiative: Provides funding necessary to maintain the operations of the fleet of vehicles for the department.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000
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ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000
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Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016

Initiative: Continues and makes permanent 5 Ferry Deckhand positions and 5 Ferry Able Seaman positions previously established by Financial Order 02351 F3 and establishes one Public Service Manager II position to serve as transportation resource manager. The positions are funded 100% Island Ferry Services Fund with Highway Fund support as provided for in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 4210-C.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$365,063	\$380,135

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$365,063	\$380,135
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ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$858,646	\$896,050

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$858,646	\$896,050
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Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016

Initiative: Establishes 41 positions to address project development, planning, legal, environmental, safety and human resources needs associated with the department's capital programs. Four of the positions are funded 100% Highway Fund, and the remainder are 50% Federal Expenditures Fund, 45% Highway Fund and 5% Other Special Revenue Funds. The initiative also eliminates 61.01 vacant full-time equivalent crew positions and 7 vacant positions to offset the cost of the new positions and generate additional savings to the Highway Fund. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$64,261	\$67,890

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$64,261	\$67,890
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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 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 4210-C.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$225,932	\$317,801

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$225,932	\$317,801
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Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016

Initiative: Provides funding for ferry service recruitment and retention stipends.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$241,582	\$241,490

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$241,582	\$241,490
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ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$483,164	\$482,980

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$483,164	\$482,980
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Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016

Initiative: Establishes one full-time Ferry Captain position, funded by eliminating 4 vacant intermittent Ferry Captain positions, to meet the operating needs of the Maine State Ferry Service.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$6,740)	(\$7,076)

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$6,740)	(\$7,076)
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ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(0.115)	(0.115)
Personal Services	(\$13,480)	(\$14,151)

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	(\$13,480)	(\$14,151)
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MULTIMODAL - ISLAND FERRY SERVICE Z016

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,495,653	\$7,602,896

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$7,495,653	\$7,602,896
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ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	95.885	95.885
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	8.509	8.509
Personal Services	\$9,969,805	\$10,190,092
All Other	\$5,021,499	\$5,015,701

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES	\$14,991,304	\$15,205,793
FUND TOTAL		

Multimodal - Passenger Rail Z139

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

Multimodal - Passenger Rail Z139

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased operating costs of the Amtrak Downeaster train service.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,200,000	\$1,800,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,200,000	\$1,800,000

MULTIMODAL - PASSENGER RAIL Z139

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,200,000	\$3,800,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,200,000	\$3,800,000

Multimodal - Ports and Marine 0323

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$270,456	\$285,249
All Other	\$59,500	\$59,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$329,956	\$344,749
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Multimodal - Ports and Marine 0323

Initiative: Provides funding for Capital Expenditures in various programs within the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$50,000	\$50,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000
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Multimodal - Ports and Marine 0323

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support the infrastructure necessary to deploy and connect floating offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$12,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$12,000,000

MULTIMODAL - PORTS AND MARINE 0323

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,650,000	\$1,650,000
Capital Expenditures	\$50,000	\$50,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,700,000	\$1,700,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$270,456	\$285,249
All Other	\$59,500	\$12,059,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$329,956	\$12,344,749
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Multimodal - Transit 0443

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4,000	4,000
Personal Services	\$389,818	\$398,902
All Other	\$13,035,265	\$13,035,265

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$13,425,083	\$13,434,167
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,714	\$10,814
All Other	\$1,395,665	\$1,395,665

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,406,379	\$1,406,479
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

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

Multimodal - Transit 0443

Initiative: Provides funding for Capital Expenditures in various programs within the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000

MULTIMODAL - TRANSIT 0443

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$389,818	\$398,902
All Other	\$13,035,265	\$13,035,265
Capital Expenditures	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$17,225,083	\$17,234,167

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,714	\$10,814
All Other	\$1,395,665	\$1,395,665
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,406,379	\$1,406,479

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,209,519	\$1,209,519
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,209,519	\$1,209,519

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$388,659	\$400,155

All Other	\$2,074,079	\$2,074,079
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,462,738	\$2,474,234

Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017

Initiative: Provides funding for Capital Expenditures in various programs within the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017

Initiative: Provides funding for engineering services performed by department staff for projects financed through General Fund general obligation bond funds and adjusts All Other to the anticipated revenue and expenditure level for the biennium.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$599,999	\$600,000
All Other	\$3,788,659	\$3,800,155
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,388,658	\$4,400,155

Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017

Initiative: Adjusts allocations for technology costs based on the rate schedules provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$115,400	\$105,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$115,400	\$105,000

Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017

Initiative: Provides authority to expend funds transferred from the General Fund to support the Multimodal Transportation Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000
Capital Expenditures	\$18,000,000	\$15,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000

Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,916,412	\$709,596
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,916,412</u>	<u>\$709,596</u>

MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND Z017

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,209,519	\$1,209,519
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,209,519</u>	<u>\$1,209,519</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$988,658	\$1,000,155
All Other	\$9,894,550	\$11,688,830
Capital Expenditures	\$19,000,000	\$16,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$29,883,208</u>	<u>\$28,688,985</u>

Receivables 0344

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$100,000	\$100,000
All Other	\$912,121	\$912,121
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,012,121</u>	<u>\$1,012,121</u>

RECEIVABLES 0344

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$100,000	\$100,000
All Other	\$912,121	\$912,121
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,012,121</u>	<u>\$1,012,121</u>

State Infrastructure Bank 0870

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>

STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK 0870

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>

Supplemental Transportation Fund Z281

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,500	\$100,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$100,500</u>	<u>\$100,500</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL TRANSPORTATION FUND Z281

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,500	\$100,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$100,500</u>	<u>\$100,500</u>

Transportation Facilities Z010

Initiative: BASELINE BUDGET

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,200,000</u>	<u>\$2,200,000</u>

Transportation Facilities Z010

Initiative: Provides funding for increased costs of critical items including paint, salt, culverts, guardrail parts, plow blades, building maintenance and vehicle parts.

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$800,000	\$800,000
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$800,000</u>	<u>\$800,000</u>

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES Z010

PROGRAM SUMMARY

TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,000,000</u>

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
	\$302,705,202	\$306,941,516

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$474,962,762	\$475,654,763
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$293,980,735	\$324,441,663
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP STATE FISCAL RECOVERY	\$14,201,000	\$2,500
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FUND	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
FLEET SERVICES FUND - DOT	\$35,766,153	\$36,356,479
INDUSTRIAL DRIVE FACILITY FUND	\$500,000	\$500,000
ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	\$14,991,304	\$15,205,793
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,140,107,156	\$1,162,102,714

PART B

Sec. B-1. Programmed GARVEE bonding level for 2024-2025 biennium. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, chapter 19, subchapter 3-A, the Maine Municipal Bond Bank may issue from time to time up to \$50,000,000 of GARVEE bonds for highway and bridge needs statewide to be repaid solely from annual federal transportation appropriations for funding for qualified transportation projects.

PART C

Sec. C-1. Attrition savings. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the attrition rate for the 2024-2025 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 account for all departments and agencies from savings associated with attrition in fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 and shall transfer the amounts by financial order upon the approval of the Governor. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations in fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25. 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, 2023.

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 2023-24 and 2024-25.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$5,231,242)	(\$5,320,362)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$5,231,242)	(\$5,320,362)

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 provision of law to the contrary, at the close of the fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 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 and Maintenance and Operations 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 provision of law to the contrary, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025 the Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to transfer, by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and the approval of the Governor, identified Highway Fund Personal Services savings to the Department of Transportation Highway and Bridge Capital, Highway Light Capital and Maintenance and Operations 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, 2024 and September 15, 2025 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. 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 from the effective date of this Part through fiscal year 2024-25 for the purpose of making capital improvements to the State's transportation infrastructure.

PART G

Sec. G-1. 36 MRSA §2903, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2007, c. 538, Pt. L, §1 and reallocated by RR 2007, c. 2, §21, is further amended to read:

6. Deposit to trust fund. Beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2023, the Treasurer of State shall deposit monthly into the TransCap Trust Fund established in Title 30-A, section 6006-G 7.5% of the excise tax after the distribution of taxes pursuant to section 2903-D imposed under subsection 1. Beginning July 1, 2023, the Treasurer of State shall deposit monthly into the TransCap Trust Fund established in Title 30-A, section 6006-G 10.25% of the excise tax after the distribution of taxes pursuant to section 2903-D imposed under subsection 1.

Sec. G-2. 36 MRSA §3203, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2009, c. 496, §19, is further amended to read:

4. Highway Fund. All taxes and fines collected under this chapter must be credited to the Highway Fund, except that beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2023, the Treasurer of State shall deposit monthly into the TransCap Trust Fund established in Title 30-A, section 6006-G 7.5% of the excise tax imposed under subsection 1-B, and beginning July 1, 2023, the Treasurer of State shall deposit monthly into the TransCap Trust Fund established in Title 30-A, section 6006-G 10.25% of the excise tax imposed under subsection 1-B.

PART H

Sec. H-1. 22-A MRSA §216, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 269, Pt. B, §1, is repealed.

Sec. H-2. 30-A MRSA §6053, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 269, Pt. B, §2, is repealed.

Sec. H-3. 30-A MRSA §6053, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 269, Pt. B, §2, is repealed.

Sec. H-4. 30-A MRSA §6054, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §35, is further amended to read:

2. Funding. Beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2023, there must be deposited directly into the fund any amounts received pursuant to Title 28-A, section 90 and Title 22-A, former section 216 and any other

money or funds transferred or made available to the bond bank only for the purposes of the fund from any other source including without limitation amounts required to be deposited in the fund by the terms of any ancillary obligation or other agreement related to liquor operation revenue bonds.

Sec. H-5. 30-A MRSA §6054, sub-§5, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §112, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

5. Use of fund after bond retirement. After all liquor operation revenue bonds and any ancillary obligations secured by the fund have been retired, the first \$7,000,000 of any amounts received pursuant to Title 28-A, section 90 must be deposited as undedicated revenue to the General Fund and any amount in excess of \$7,000,000 must be deposited as undedicated revenue to the Highway Fund.

Sec. H-6. Effective date. This Part takes effect July 1, 2023.

PART I

Sec. I-1. 36 MRSA §1821 is enacted to read:

§1821. Tax on sales by automobile dealers and sales and use taxes collected by Bureau of Motor Vehicles related to motor vehicles

Beginning July 1, 2023, and every July 1st thereafter, the assessor shall notify the State Controller of the amount of revenue attributable to the sales tax collected under this Part at the rate of 5.5% for the first 6 months of the prior fiscal year from automobile dealers licensed by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles pursuant to Title 29-A, chapter 9 and the amount of revenue attributable to the sales and use tax imposed at the rate of 5.5% and collected under this Part by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the first 6 months of the prior fiscal year.

Beginning October 1, 2023, and every October 1st thereafter, the assessor shall notify the State Controller of the amount of revenue attributable to the sales tax collected under this Part at the rate of 5.5% for the last 6 months of the prior fiscal year from automobile dealers licensed by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles pursuant to Title 29-A, chapter 9 and the amount of revenue attributable to the sales and use tax imposed at the rate of 5.5% and collected under this Part by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for the last 6 months of the prior fiscal year.

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.

Sec. I-2. 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 to update computer systems to create a new interface.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,240	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,240	\$0

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$20,240	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$20,240	\$0

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for highway and bridge capital projects.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$51,861,600	\$84,107,200
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$51,861,600	\$84,107,200

Highway Light Capital Z095

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for light capital projects.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$30,000,000	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$30,000,000	\$0

Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017

Initiative: Provides authority to expend funds to support the Multimodal Transportation Fund.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000
Capital Expenditures	\$18,000,000	\$15,000,000
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
HIGHWAY FUND	\$101,861,600	\$104,107,200
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$101,861,600	\$104,107,200

SECTION TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$20,240	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND	\$101,861,600	\$104,107,200
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$101,881,840	\$104,107,200

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved, except as otherwise indicated.

Effective June 16, 2023, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 190
H.P. 60 - L.D. 92**

An Act to Minimize the Propagation of Invasive Aquatic Plants

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 boating season begins in the State prior to the statutory adjournment date; and

Whereas, this Act is necessary to protect Maine's water bodies from invasive aquatic plants; 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 §419-C, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 627, §7, is amended to read:

D. Fail to remove any aquatic plant or parts of any aquatic plant, including roots, rhizomes, stems, leaves or seeds, from the outside of a vehicle, boat, personal watercraft, boat trailer or other equipment on a public road; or

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §419-C, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Drain or release water held on or within a watercraft, allowing that water to enter any inland water body of the State. This restriction applies solely to water transported from a different water source. For the purposes of this paragraph, "watercraft" has the same meaning as in Title 12, section 13001, subsection 28.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §419-C, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Draining of watercraft and equipment. Just prior to launching and when removing a watercraft from an inland water body and prior to transport away from the launch site, a person:

A. Shall remove or open any hull drain plugs, bailers, valves, live wells, ballast tanks and other devices designed for routine removal or opening and

closing to encourage water to drain from areas containing water. Containers holding live baitfish for personal or commercial use are exempted from requirements in this subsection; and

B. May not allow drains to be opened in a way that allows water to enter any inland water body of the State pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph E.

For the purposes of this subsection, "watercraft" has the same meaning as in Title 12, section 13001, subsection 28.

Nothing in this subsection allows a person to directly or indirectly discharge pollutants into any inland water body of the State. This subsection does not apply to emergency response watercraft and their related equipment.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 16, 2023.

**CHAPTER 191
H.P. 299 - L.D. 482**

**An Act to Extend the Time for
Youth Deer Hunting**

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 creates a 2-day youth deer hunting period in 2023; and

Whereas, the earliest date for the youth deer hunting period is expected to be October 20, 2023; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect in time to prepare for the start of the 2023 deer hunting 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. Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to establish 2-day youth deer hunting period. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11402, subsection 4, paragraph C, for the 2023 deer hunting season only, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish a 2-day youth deer hunting period beginning 8 days before the start of the 2023 regular deer hunting season.

Sec. 2. Examination. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall examine the impact of an additional dedicated youth hunting day, as required by section 1, on the deer population including the impact on the antlerless deer population and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's ability to meet its wildlife management goals.

Sec. 3. Report. By March 1, 2024, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that includes findings and recommendations of the examination pursuant to section 2, including any recommended legislation, if needed. After receiving the report, the committee may report out a bill relating to the examination to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 16, 2023.

**CHAPTER 192
H.P. 1095 - L.D. 1706**

**An Act to Clarify Statewide
Laws Regarding Affordable
Housing and Accessory
Dwelling Units**

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 law requires, beginning July 1, 2023, all municipalities to allow a certain number of dwelling units under certain circumstances and the construction of accessory dwelling units on the same lot as a single-family dwelling unit and to comply with certain other zoning requirements; and

Whereas, it is the intent of this legislation to extend the implementation date for certain municipalities; 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. 30-A MRSA §4364, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §4, is amended to read:

For an affordable housing development approved on or after ~~July 1, 2023~~ the implementation date, a municipality with density requirements shall apply density requirements in accordance with this section.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4364, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §4, is amended to read:

1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "affordable housing development" means:

A. For rental housing, a development in which 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 ~~a majority 51% or more~~ 51% or more of the units ~~that the developer designates as affordable in the development~~ without spending more than 30% of the household's monthly income on housing costs; and

B. For owned housing, a development in which 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 ~~a majority 51% or more~~ 51% or more of the units ~~that the developer designates as affordable in the development~~ without spending more than 30% of the household's monthly income on housing costs.

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4364, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Implementation date. For purposes of this section, "implementation date" means:

A. January 1, 2024 for municipalities for which ordinances may be enacted by the municipal officers without further action or approval by the voters of the municipality; and

B. July 1, 2024 for all other municipalities.

Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §4364, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §4, is amended to read:

3. Long-term affordability. Before ~~approving granting final approval of~~ an affordable housing development, including but not limited to issuing an occupancy permit, a municipality shall require that the owner of the affordable housing development have executed a restrictive covenant, recorded in the appropriate registry of deeds, for the benefit of and enforceable by a party acceptable to the municipality, to ensure that for at least 30 years after completion of construction:

A. For rental housing, occupancy of all of the units designated affordable in the development will remain limited to households at or below 80% of the

local area median income at the time of initial occupancy; and

B. For owned housing, occupancy of all of the units designated affordable in the development will remain limited to households at or below 120% of the local area median income at the time of initial occupancy.

Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §4364, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §4, is amended to read:

6. Subdivision requirements. This section may not be construed to exempt a subdivider from the requirements ~~for division of a tract or parcel of land in accordance with~~ subchapter 4.

Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §5, is 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 ~~housing is residential uses are~~ 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 section 4349-A, 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. 7. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Implementation date. For purposes of this section, "implementation date" has the same meaning as in section 4364, subsection 1-A.

Sec. 8. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §5, is amended to read:

B. A municipal zoning ordinance may establish a prohibition or an allowance for lots where a dwelling unit in existence after ~~July 1, 2023~~ the implementation date is torn down and an empty lot results.

Sec. 9. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §5, is amended to read:

3. General requirements. A municipal ordinance may not establish dimensional requirements ~~or, including but not limited to~~ setback requirements, for dwelling units allowed under this section that are greater than dimensional requirements ~~or, including but not limited to~~ setback requirements, for single-family housing units, except that a municipal ordinance may establish requirements for a lot area per dwelling unit as long as the required lot area for subsequent units on a lot is not greater than the required lot area for the first unit.

Sec. 10. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §5, is amended to read:

7. Subdivision requirements. This section may not be construed to exempt a subdivider from the requirements ~~for division of a tract or parcel of land in accordance with~~ subchapter 4.

Sec. 11. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §5, is amended to read:

10. Implementation. A municipality is not required to implement the requirements of this section until ~~July 1, 2023~~ the implementation date.

Sec. 12. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §6, is 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 in any area in which ~~housing is residential uses are permitted, including as a conditional use.~~

Sec. 13. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Implementation date. For purposes of this section, "implementation date" has the same meaning as in section 4364, subsection 1-A.

Sec. 14. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §6, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection does not restrict the construction or permitting of accessory dwelling units constructed and certified for occupancy prior to ~~July 1, 2023~~ the implementation date.

Sec. 15. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §6, is 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 ~~or section 4364-A,~~ the lot is

not eligible for any additional increases in density except as allowed by the municipality; ~~and~~

C. An accessory dwelling unit is 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, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §110, is amended to read:

B. For an accessory dwelling unit located within the same structure as a single-family dwelling unit or attached to or sharing a wall with a single-family dwelling unit, the setback requirements and dimensional requirements must be the same as the setback requirements and dimensional requirements of the single-family dwelling unit, except for an accessory dwelling unit permitted in an existing accessory building or secondary building or garage as of ~~July 1, 2023~~ the implementation date, in which case the requisite setback requirements for such a structure apply. A municipality may establish more permissive dimensional and setback requirements for an accessory dwelling unit.

Sec. 17. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§4, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. An accessory dwelling unit that was not built with municipal approval must be allowed if the accessory dwelling unit otherwise meets the requirements for accessory dwelling units of the municipality and under this section.

Sec. 18. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §6, is amended to read:

5. Shoreland zoning. An accessory dwelling unit must comply with shoreland zoning requirements established by the Department of Environmental Protection under Title 38, chapter 3 and municipal shoreland zoning ordinances, ~~except that a municipality may not categorically prohibit accessory dwelling units in the shoreland zone that would otherwise meet requirements established by the Department of Environmental Protection under Title 38, chapter 3 and municipal shoreland zoning ordinances.~~

Sec. 19. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§8, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §6, is amended to read:

A. Establish an application and permitting process for accessory dwelling units that does not require planning board approval;

Sec. 20. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §6, is amended to read:

10. Subdivision requirements. This section may not be construed to exempt a subdivider from the requirements ~~for division of a tract or parcel of land in accordance with~~ subchapter 4.

Sec. 21. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §6, is amended to read:

13. **Implementation.** A municipality is not required to implement the requirements of this section until July 1, 2023 the implementation date.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 16, 2023.

CHAPTER 193

S.P. 324 - L.D. 765

An Act to Establish an Exception to the Hearsay Rule for Forensic Interviews of a Protected Person

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

Sec. 1. 16 MRSA §358 is enacted to read:

§358. Recordings of protected person

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Forensic interview" means a fact-finding conversation conducted by a forensic interviewer using an evidence-based practice.

B. "Forensic interviewer" means an individual who meets the qualifications in subsection 2.

C. "Protected person" means a person who at the time of a recording of a forensic interview:

- (1) Has not attained 18 years of age; or
- (2) Is an adult who is eligible for protective services pursuant to the Adult Protective Services Act.

2. Qualifications of forensic interviewer. In order to be qualified as a forensic interviewer, an individual must:

A. Be employed by a child advocacy center or affiliated with a child advocacy center;

B. Have completed a minimum of 32 hours of specialized instruction on an evidence-supported interview protocol; and

C. Participate in ongoing education in the field of child maltreatment or forensic interviewing.

3. Exception to hearsay rule. This section establishes an exception to the hearsay rule under the Maine Rules of Evidence, Rule 802, for the recording of a forensic interview of a protected person. A party seeking

to offer all or a portion of a recording of a forensic interview of a protected person into evidence shall file a motion in limine. After providing all parties the opportunity to be heard on the motion, the court shall determine whether, in addition to satisfying all of the other requirements of this section, the following criteria have been met:

A. The interview was conducted by a forensic interviewer;

B. Statements made by the protected person during the forensic interview were not made in response to suggestive or leading questions;

C. A relative of the protected person was not present in the room during the substantive phase of the interview;

D. An attorney for any party in a proceeding with the protected person was not present in the room with the protected person during the interview;

E. The recording is both visual and audio;

F. The recording is a fair and accurate representation of the statements made by the protected person and has not been altered except for purposes of admissibility;

G. In a criminal matter, the protected person is available to testify or be cross-examined by any party and is called as a witness by the party offering the recording in evidence immediately following the presentation of the recording to the trier of fact and made available for cross-examination, unless all other parties expressly waive the requirement that the witness testify; and

H. The portion of the interview to be admitted in evidence is relevant pursuant to the Maine Rules of Evidence, Rule 401, and is not otherwise inadmissible under the Maine Rules of Evidence.

In the event that the protected person was the subject of more than one forensic interview, the exception to hearsay established under this subsection does not apply to statements from more than one forensic interview related to the same event or incident.

4. Recordings of protected persons preserved.

A recording of a protected person that is made part of the court record must be preserved under a protective order of the court in order to protect the privacy of the protected person. The court shall maintain a copy of the recording as part of the court file for 20 years.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4019, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 364, §1, is amended to read:

B. "Child advocacy center" or "center" means a community-based center that provides multidisciplinary services for children and families affected by child sexual abuse and other child abuse and neglect, including a center in another jurisdiction.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4019, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. "Forensic interview" has the same meaning as in Title 16, section 358, subsection 1, paragraph A.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §4019, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 364, §1, is amended to read:

9. Confidential records except recordings of forensic interviews. The files, reports, records, communications and working papers used or developed in providing services under this section are confidential and are not public records for purposes of Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1. ~~Information~~ Except for recordings of forensic interviews, which are governed by subsection 9-A, information may be disclosed only to the following in order for them to carry out their duties:

A. The department, department employees, law enforcement agencies, prosecuting attorneys, assistant attorneys general who are involved in adult and child protective cases, medical professionals and other state agencies that provide services to children and families;

B. The attorney for a child who is the subject of confidential records; and

C. A guardian ad litem appointed under section 4005 for a child who is the subject of confidential records.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §4019, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

9-A. Recordings of forensic interviews confidential. The following provisions govern recordings of forensic interviews used or developed in providing services under this section. Recordings of forensic interviews are confidential and are not public records for purposes of Title 1, chapter 13, subchapter 1. Information may be disclosed:

A. To the department, department employees, law enforcement agencies, assistant attorneys general who are involved in adult and child protective cases, prosecuting attorneys, medical professionals and other state agencies that provide services to children and families in order for them to carry out their duties;

B. To the attorney for a child who is the subject of confidential records;

C. To a guardian ad litem appointed under section 4005 for a child who is the subject of confidential records;

D. In a matter under Title 18-C or 19-A, upon specific request for the recording of the forensic interview by the parties or on the court's own motion. A court may order disclosure of the recording of a forensic interview in accordance with section 4008,

subsection 3, paragraph B if the court finds that access to the recording is necessary for the determination of an issue before the court and that the necessity of access to the recording outweighs the potential effect on the alleged victim. The court shall follow the following procedure.

(1) Before ordering disclosure of the recording, the court shall require that an investigating law enforcement agency, if any, has been given an opportunity to indicate its position on disclosure of the recording.

(2) If the court determines based on the pleadings that the recording is necessary for the determination of an issue before the court and that the necessity of access to the recording outweighs the potential effect on the alleged victim, the court shall order the department, pursuant to section 4008, subsection 3, paragraph B, to provide a copy to the court for in camera inspection. The court shall conduct an in camera review of the recording in order to make a determination about who should be entitled to view the recording.

(3) If the court determines that the recording should be disclosed, the court shall consider whether a guardian ad litem should be appointed in the case if one is not already appointed. If there is a guardian ad litem, the court shall consider whether to restrict access to the recording only to the guardian ad litem.

(4) The court shall issue a protective order of confidentiality ordering who is allowed to view the recording and how and where viewing will occur. In making its determination, the court shall weigh whether the parties are represented by counsel and whether restricting viewing of the recording will be unduly prejudicial to a party. The recording may not be copied, reproduced or disseminated in any way.

(5) If the recording is admitted pursuant to Title 16, section 358, subsection 3, the court shall admit the recording under seal; and

E. In a criminal matter, to a defendant pursuant to the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure, Rule 16(b)(6). Before releasing the recording, the prosecutor shall request that the court issue a protective order of confidentiality ordering who is allowed to view the recording and how and where viewing will occur. In making its determination, the court shall weigh whether the defendant is represented by counsel and whether restricting viewing of the recording will be unduly prejudicial to the defendant.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 194
H.P. 504 - L.D. 815

An Act to Provide Energy
Efficiency Program Outreach
and Assistance to
Manufactured Housing
Residents

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10104, sub-§14 is en-
acted to read:

14. Energy efficiency education and outreach program; manufactured housing. In coordination with the Maine State Housing Authority, the trust shall provide an education and outreach program to low-income and moderate-income residents of manufactured housing to increase awareness of energy efficiency programs administered by the trust and the Maine State Housing Authority for which residents may be eligible. Education and outreach program materials must include a description of each energy efficiency program for which a low-income or moderate-income manufactured housing resident may qualify, the application process for each energy efficiency program and where to find additional information. To the extent that the energy efficiency programs promote weatherization or heat pumps for space heating to low-income or moderate-income households, the trust and the Maine State Housing Authority shall ensure that eligible residents of manufactured housing are offered access to grants and loans for weatherization or heat pumps for space heating. For the purposes of this subsection, "manufactured housing" has the same meaning as in Title 10, section 9002, subsection 7.

Sec. 2. Reports. The Efficiency Maine Trust shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters reports on the activities and results during the previous fiscal year of the education and outreach program to low-income and moderate-income residents of manufactured housing as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 10104, subsection 14 at the following times:

1. For fiscal year 2023-24, no later than December 1, 2024;
2. For fiscal year 2024-25, no later than December 1, 2025; and
3. For fiscal year 2025-26, no later than December 1, 2026.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 195
H.P. 549 - L.D. 883

An Act to Exempt Emergency
Medical Services Community
Paramedicine Programs from
Home Health Care Provider
Licensing Requirements Under
Certain Circumstances

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2147, sub-§12, as amended
by PL 1989, c. 119, §3, is further amended to read:

12. Municipal entities. Municipal departments or agencies or other municipal entities in their provision of nontherapeutic preventive and promotional health educational services when persons providing those services are employed by the municipality; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2147, sub-§14, as enacted
by PL 2013, c. 336, §3, is amended to read:

14. Registered nurse educators. Registered nurse educators; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2147, sub-§15 is enacted to
read:

15. Emergency medical services community paramedicine services. Ambulance services and non-transporting emergency medical services as defined and licensed under Title 32, chapter 2-B, that are authorized by the Emergency Medical Services' Board to provide community paramedicine services pursuant to Title 32, section 84, subsection 4. This exemption applies for the express and exclusive purpose of delivering community paramedicine services, as long as:

A. The care is episodic. For the purposes of this paragraph, "episodic" means an encounter with a patient focused on presenting concerns and an identified medical condition in which neither the community paramedic nor the patient has the expectation of an ongoing general home care relationship; and

B. The Emergency Medical Services' Board adopts rules requiring authorized community paramedicine services to:

(1) Comply with the Maine Background Check Center Act requirements as described in chapter 1691;

(2) Conduct initial and ongoing training of all staff regarding their obligations as mandatory reporters;

(3) Meet licensing standards consistent with those required by Title 22, section 2145, subsections 3 and 4; and

(4) Coordinate with home health agencies.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §84, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 2017, c. 276, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Establishment of community paramedicine services. The board may establish community paramedicine services. As used in this subsection, "community paramedicine" means the practice by an emergency medical services provider primarily in an out-of-hospital setting of providing episodic patient evaluation, advice and treatment directed at preventing or improving a particular medical condition, within the scope of practice of the emergency medical services provider as specifically requested or directed by a physician.

The board shall establish by rule the requirements and application and approval process of community paramedicine services established pursuant to this subsection. At a minimum, an emergency medical services provider, including, but not limited to, an ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service, that conducts community paramedicine services shall work with an identified primary care medical director, have an emergency medical services medical director and collect and submit data and written reports to the board, in accordance with requirements established by the board. The board shall also adopt rules requiring authorized community paramedicine services to:

- A. Comply with the Maine Background Check Center Act requirements as described in Title 22, chapter 1691;
- B. Conduct initial and ongoing training of all staff regarding their obligations as mandatory reporters;
- C. Meet licensing standards consistent with those required by Title 22, section 2145, subsections 3 and 4; and
- D. Coordinate with home health agencies.

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 196
H.P. 650 - L.D. 1014**

An Act Regarding Payments to Recipients of Restitution

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §5826, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2019, c. 97, §6, is further amended to read:

6. Final order of disposition of property; public education campaign. Following the entry of a verdict

of forfeiture of property pursuant to this section or the entry of a guilty plea in open court on the record and following the court's disposition of all petitions for hearing timely filed by 3rd parties, the State has clear title to property that is the subject of the indictment, information or complaint. The final order must provide for the deposit of the property or, the proceeds from the disposition of the property and any cash seized or forfeited, less any outstanding restitution, which must be sent to the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case, then the reasonable expenses of the forfeiture proceedings, seizure, storage, maintenance of custody, advertising and notice, in the General Fund, except that, to the extent that the court finds it reasonable, the court may order forfeiture of as much of the property as is appropriate, less the reasonable expenses of the forfeiture proceedings, seizure, storage, maintenance of custody, advertising and notice, to a municipality, county or state agency that has made a substantial contribution to the investigation or prosecution of a related criminal case or, upon request of the investigating agency or the prosecuting agency, to a law enforcement agency in this State that provides case management and other social services to persons affected by crimes that are subject to forfeiture of property under this chapter.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1707, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

§1707. Multiple fines imposed on convicted person; restitution

When multiple fines are imposed on a convicted person at the same time or when a fine is imposed on a convicted person already subject to an unpaid or partly unpaid fine, the fines must be cumulative, unless the court specifies that only the highest single fine must be paid in the case of offenses based on the same conduct or arising out of the same criminal episode or for other good cause stated on the record or in the sentences. If the convicted person has also been ordered to pay restitution, the restitution must be paid in full prior to paying a fine under this section.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1708, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

1. Timing of fine payment; restitution. If a convicted person is sentenced to pay a fine, the court may grant permission for the payment to be made within a specified period of time or in specified installments. If such permission is not included in the sentence, the fine must be paid immediately to the clerk of the court. If the convicted person has also been ordered to pay restitution, the restitution must be paid in full prior to paying a fine under this section.

Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §1854, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

C. To make restitution to each victim of the crime imposed by the court as part of the sentence, which must be paid to the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case;

Sec. 5. 17-A MRSA §2004, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

1. Victim. The victim or a dependent of a deceased victim, or an heir, beneficiary or recipient of the victim's estate;

Sec. 6. 17-A MRSA §2006, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

§2006. Time and method of restitution

When restitution is authorized, and the offender is not committed to the Department of Corrections and does not receive a sentence that includes a period of probation, the time and method of payment or of the performance of the services must be specified by the court and ~~monetary compensation may~~ restitution must be ordered paid to the office of the ~~prosecuting attorney for the State who is prosecuting the case or to the clerk of the court.~~ If the offender is committed to the Department of Corrections or receives a sentence that includes a period of probation, monetary compensation must be paid to the Department of Corrections and the time and method of payment must be determined by the Department of Corrections during the term of commitment or the period of probation unless at the time of sentencing the court has specified the time and method of payment. Once any term of commitment to the Department of Corrections or period of probation is completed and if the restitution ordered has not been paid in full, the offender shall continue to pay restitution to the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case and is subject to the provisions of section 2011 and, in the event of a default, the provisions of section 2015. The state agency receiving the restitution shall deposit any money received in the account maintained by the Treasurer of State for deposit of state agency funds, from which funds are daily transferred to an investment account and invested. Interest accrued on that money is the property of and accrues to the State for deposit in the General Fund. The agency receiving the restitution shall make the disbursement to the victim or other authorized claimant as soon as possible after the agency receives the money.

Sec. 7. 17-A MRSA §2011, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

§2011. Former Department of Corrections' clients owing restitution

An offender is responsible for paying any restitution outstanding at the time the term of commitment to the Department of Corrections or period of probation is completed. An offender who has complied with the time and method of payment of ~~monetary compensation~~

restitution determined by the Department of Corrections during the period of probation shall ~~continue to~~ make payments to the ~~Department of Corrections office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case in~~ accordance with that payment schedule unless modified by the court pursuant to section 2014 or 2015. An offender who has not complied with the time and method of payment of ~~monetary compensation~~ restitution determined by the Department of Corrections during the period of probation must be returned to the court for further disposition pursuant to section 2015. An offender who is unconditionally released and discharged from institutional confinement with the Department of Corrections upon the expiration of the sentence must, upon application of the office of the attorney for the State, be returned to the court for specification by the court of the time and method of payment of ~~monetary compensation~~ restitution, which ~~may~~ must be ordered paid to the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case ~~or to the clerk of the court.~~ Prior to the offender's unconditional release and discharge from institutional confinement or completion of the period of probation, the Department of Corrections shall provide the offender with written notice that any restitution outstanding at the time the term of commitment to the department or period of probation is completed must be paid to the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case. At least 30 days prior to the offender's unconditional release and discharge from institutional confinement or completion of the period of probation, the Department of Corrections shall provide the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case written notice as to the amount of restitution outstanding. An income withholding order issued pursuant to section 2007 remains effective and enforceable until the restitution is paid in full, even after an offender is no longer in the custody or under the supervision of the Department of Corrections. If an offender who is required to make payments to the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case under this subsection instead makes a payment to the Department of Corrections or the department otherwise receives money that is owed as restitution by an offender who is no longer in the custody or under the supervision of the department, including, but not limited to, a setoff of a tax refund pursuant to Title 36, section 185-A, the department shall forward the money to the victim and shall inform the office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case of that action.

Sec. 8. 17-A MRSA §2015, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

7. Payments. Payments made pursuant to this section must be made to the same agency to which the restitution was required to be paid under section 2006 or section 2011, except that if the offender is no longer in the custody or under the supervision of the Department of Corrections the payments must be made to the

office of the attorney for the State who prosecuted the case or the clerk of the court, as ordered by the court.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 197
S.P. 442 - L.D. 1073**

An Act to Streamline Label Registrations for Malt Liquor, Wine, Hard Cider and Low-alcohol Spirits

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §6-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §42, is further amended to read:

2. Bureau registration required; exceptions. Malt liquor, wine, hard cider or a low-alcohol spirits product may not be sold in the State unless the container in which the malt liquor, wine, hard cider or low-alcohol spirits product is sold bears a label registered with the bureau. This subsection does not apply to:

A. Liquor sold by the manufacturer for on-premises consumption pursuant to section 1355-A, subsection 2, paragraph B or I; ~~or~~

B. Liquor sold by a Maine manufacturer in a keg to an on-premises retail licensee; ~~or~~

C. Malt liquor, wine, hard cider or a low-alcohol spirits product sold by the manufacturer bearing a label approved by the United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau. A manufacturer seeking an exception under this paragraph shall provide the bureau with notice of all products sold by that manufacturer in this State that meet the requirements of this paragraph.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §6-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 46, §2, is amended to read:

3. Fees. The fees for registering a label with the bureau under subsection 2 are as follows.

A. The fee for the initial label registration or notice under subsection 2, paragraph C is \$10.

B. The fee for changing a label registration or notice under subsection 2, paragraph C is \$1.

C. The annual renewal fee is \$1 for each registered label or notice under subsection 2, paragraph C. Renewal of a label registration or notice under subsection 2, paragraph C must coincide with renewal of the relevant license or certificate of approval.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 198
S.P. 526 - L.D. 1289**

An Act to Facilitate Property Redevelopment and Encourage Affordable Housing by Allowing the Conveyance of Unfinished Commercial Condominium Units

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §1602-101, as amended by PL 2009, c. 261, Pt. B, §16, is further amended to read:

§1602-101. Creation of condominium

(a) A condominium may be created pursuant to this Act only by recording a declaration executed in the same manner as a deed, by all persons whose interests in the real estate will be conveyed to unit owners and by every lessor of a lease the expiration or termination of which will terminate the condominium or reduce its size. In the creation of a condominium, the declaration ~~shall~~ must be recorded in the same manner as a deed and plats and plans ~~shall~~ must be recorded in the same manner as plats and plans generally. All such documents, ~~shall~~ must be indexed in the name of the condominium and the parties thereto and may be included in such other indices as ~~shall be~~ determined by the Register of Deeds.

(b) ~~No~~ Except as provided in subsection (c), interest in any unit may not be conveyed to a purchaser until the unit is substantially completed as evidenced by a certificate or statement of substantial completion executed by an engineer or architect, or until a certificate of occupancy is issued by the municipal building official; except that this limitation does not apply to contracts, options or reservations for sale of units later to be so completed or to mortgages or transfers of units as security for an obligation, deeds in lieu of foreclosure, foreclosures and foreclosure sales, conveyances to successor declarants or to any person in the business of selling real estate for that person's own account, or to financial institutions.

(c) A condominium unit described in this subsection may be conveyed to a purchaser or transferee, whether or not the unit is constructed and whether or not the unit is completed, in accordance with this subsection. A condominium unit:

(1) To be used for nonresidential purposes may be conveyed by a declarant in any stage of completion to a purchaser or transferee. The purchaser or transferee and the declarant shall enter into a written agreement establishing the rights and responsibilities for completion of the unit and the common elements. The agreement must indicate whether the purchaser or transferee is treated as a successor declarant of the uncompleted unit;

(2) That includes land on which improvements will be constructed and become part of the unit may be conveyed to a purchaser or transferee. The purchaser or transferee is responsible for completing the improvements, even if the improvements will include an individual dwelling unit; and

(3) That contains multiple dwelling units that are to be held and maintained as a single condominium unit containing multiple dwelling units may be conveyed by a declarant in any stage of completion to a purchaser or transferee. The purchaser or transferee and the declarant shall enter into a written agreement establishing the rights and responsibilities for completion of the unit and the common elements. The agreement must indicate whether the purchaser or transferee is treated as a successor declarant of the uncompleted unit.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 199
H.P. 876 - L.D. 1362**

**An Act to Ensure the Rights of
Survivors of Sexual Assault**

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA c. 521 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 521

RIGHTS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS

§6201. Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Law enforcement officer. "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 5.

2. Person responsible for the minor. "Person responsible for the minor" has the same meaning as "person responsible for the child" as defined in Title 22, section 4002, subsection 9.

3. Reported sexual assault. "Reported sexual assault" means, with respect to a sexual assault survivor who is an adult, a crime described in subsection 5, paragraph A or, with respect to a sexual assault survivor who is a child, a crime described in subsection 5, paragraph B.

4. Sexual assault counselor. "Sexual assault counselor" has the same meaning as in Title 16, section 53-A, subsection 1, paragraph B.

5. Sexual assault survivor. "Sexual assault survivor" or "survivor" means:

A. An adult who reports that the adult is a victim of a crime defined in:

- (1) Title 17-A, chapter 11;
- (2) Title 17-A, section 511-A; or
- (3) Title 17-A, section 852 or 853; or

B. A minor who is reported by the minor or by a person responsible for the minor to be a victim of a crime defined in:

- (1) Title 17-A, chapter 11;
- (2) Title 17-A, section 511-A;
- (3) Title 17-A, section 852 or 853; or
- (4) Title 17-A, section 282 or 283.

§6202. Right to a sexual assault counselor

A survivor has the right to consult with a sexual assault counselor during a sexual assault forensic examination and has the right to have a sexual assault counselor present during any interview by a law enforcement officer, prosecutor, defense attorney or professional investigator about the reported sexual assault. A survivor retains this right even if the survivor has waived the right in a previous examination or interview.

§6203. Prohibition on use of evidence gathered during sexual assault forensic examination

1. Use of evidence prohibited. Evidence gathered during a sexual assault forensic examination may not be used:

- A. To prosecute a survivor for any Class D or Class E crime under Title 17-A, chapter 45;
- B. To prosecute a survivor for any crime of criminal OUI under Title 29-A, section 2411;
- C. To prosecute a survivor for any crime of failure to appear, failure to report or violation of condition of release under sections 1091, 1091-A and 1092, respectively;
- D. As the basis of a motion to revoke any conditional release of the survivor under Title 17-A, chapter 67;
- E. To prosecute a survivor for any civil violation or crime under Title 28-A;
- F. To prosecute a survivor for engaging in prostitution under Title 17-A, section 853-A; or
- G. To prosecute a survivor for any juvenile crime based on a violation of the laws set forth in paragraphs A to F.

2. Use of evidence to justify search prohibited. Evidence gathered during a sexual assault forensic examination may not be used as a basis to search for evidence to be used against the survivor for any of the following:

- A. A Class D or Class E crime under Title 17-A, chapter 45;

B. Any crime of criminal OUI under Title 29-A, section 2411;

C. Any crime of failure to appear, failure to report or violation of condition of release under sections 1091, 1091-A or 1092, respectively;

D. A motion to revoke any conditional release of the survivor under Title 17-A, chapter 67;

E. Any civil violation or crime under Title 28-A;

F. Engaging in prostitution under Title 17-A, section 853-A; and

G. Any juvenile crime based on a violation of the laws set forth in paragraphs A to F.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 200

H.P. 880 - L.D. 1366

An Act to Address Educational Technician Shortages in Public Schools by Establishing an Alternative Certification Pathway

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13012-B, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 228, §2, is amended to read:

C. Holds a certification as an education technician III issued according to rules of the department pursuant to section 13019-H, except that an emergency education technician III is not eligible for an emergency teacher certificate under this paragraph.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13019-H, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Approved educational technician III training programs; certification. The commissioner may approve training programs for educational technician III certification, as defined by rule, offered by an accredited postsecondary institution in this State. Programs approved under this subsection may include, but are not limited to, learning facilitator programs offered through the Maine Community College System. An applicant who successfully completes a training program approved under this subsection may receive an educational technician III certificate if the applicant meets all other certification requirements established by rule, except that the applicant is not required to meet the minimum 90 credits of approved study in an educationally related field. An education technician III certified under this subsection is eligible for certificate renewal in accordance with subsection 3.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 201

H.P. 923 - L.D. 1427

An Act to Allow the Public Utilities Commission to Provide Financial Assistance to Low-income Households in Emergency Situations

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is amended to read:

2. Low-income assistance. In order to continue existing levels of financial assistance for low-income households and to meet future increases in need caused by economic exigencies, the commission shall:

A. Receive funds collected by all transmission and distribution utilities in the State at a rate set by the commission in periodic rate cases; and

B. Set initial funding for programs based on an assessment of aggregate customer need in periodic rate cases. The funding formula may not result in assistance being counted as income or as a resource in other means-tested assistance programs for low-income households. To the extent possible, assistance must be provided in a manner most likely to prevent the loss of other federal assistance.

The commission may use funds available under this subsection to provide financial assistance to low-income households in emergency situations as determined by the commission in a proceeding or by rule.

The commission may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2009, c. 122, §14, is further amended to read:

6. Annual report. The commission shall include in its annual report pursuant to section 120, subsection 7 a report on low-income assistance programs established or approved under subsection 2 or 3 and any equitable-treatment program established pursuant to subsection 5. The report must, at a minimum, include:

A. For each month of the program year, the number of participants enrolled in low-income assistance programs, the number receiving oxygen pump benefits and the number receiving ventilator benefits;

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~~

C. An assessment of the effectiveness of the oxygen pump benefit and the ventilator benefit with regard to covering only those electric charges directly related to use of an oxygen pump or ventilator by the program participant; and

D. An identification of the sources of funds used for low-income assistance program benefits for the program year.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 202

H.P. 978 - L.D. 1523

An Act to Establish a Qualifying Condition Review Board to Provide Benefits to Certain Service Members

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

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §503, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 37, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §504, sub-§4, ¶A-1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 37, §2, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) "Program of general amnesty" does not include the process for upgrading a discharge for state law purposes under section 503, ~~subsection 9~~ 517.

Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §517 is enacted to read:

§517. Qualifying Condition Review Board

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Board" means the Qualifying Condition Review Board established under this section.

B. "Gender identity" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 4553, subsection 5-C.

C. "Sexual orientation" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 4553, subsection 9-C.

D. "Veteran" means a person who served in the United States Armed Forces, the reserve components of the United States Armed Forces, the Maine National Guard or the Active Guard Reserve.

2. Board established. The Qualifying Condition Review Board is established to review applications submitted by veterans under this section.

3. Board composition; terms; chair; compensation; meetings. The director shall appoint 3 members to serve on the board. Board members must have clinical experience working with veterans who have been

discharged or are at risk of discharge based on a circumstance listed in subsection 4. Members of the board serve a term of 3 years. The director shall appoint a member to fill a vacancy on the board. The director shall designate one of the members as the chair of the board. The members of the board serve without compensation. The board shall meet at least monthly or as often as determined to be necessary by the chair of the board.

4. Application. A veteran who receives an other than honorable discharge may file an application for eligibility for rights, privileges and benefits granted to veterans under state law if the veteran believes the discharge characterization was based on:

A. The veteran's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression;

B. Conduct associated with a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder or acquired brain injury; or

C. Conduct or circumstances relating to being a victim of military sexual assault.

A veteran filing an application under this section may include evidence supporting the veteran's claim that the discharge characterization was based on a reason described in this subsection.

The bureau shall prescribe an application form to be used for purposes of this subsection and make that form available on the bureau's publicly accessible website along with instructions for filing the application.

5. Review of application. The board shall review each application submitted and render a recommendation to the director as to whether the reason cited in the application was more likely than not the primary reason for the other than honorable discharge. The board shall review each application not later than the 30th day after the date the board receives the application and render a written recommendation to the director not later than the 30th day after the date of the review. The director shall issue a written decision not later than the 10th day after the date the director receives the board's recommendation, approving or denying the application. If the director approves the application, the veteran is eligible for rights, privileges and benefits granted to veterans under state law. A veteran aggrieved by the director's decision may file a request for reconsideration with the director not later than the 15th day after the date of the director's decision. The veteran may include supplemental documentation in support of the request for reconsideration. The director shall provide due consideration to the request for reconsideration and render a decision not later than the 10th day after the day the director receives the request for reconsideration. The director's decision with regard to the reconsideration is a final decision by the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services and may be appealed by filing a complaint in the Superior Court.

6. Rules. The bureau may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted in accordance with this subsection are routine technical rules as described under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 203
H.P. 1054 - L.D. 1644**

**An Act to Permit the
Expenditure of Accumulated
Tax Increment Revenues**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5227, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Remaining funds. This subsection governs remaining tax increment funds.

A. Any tax increment revenues remaining in the development sinking fund account established under subsection 3, paragraph A on the date the development district ends may be retained in the development sinking fund account and used only to pay debt service on bonds and notes issued under section 5231 and the financial plan.

B. Any tax increment revenues remaining in the project cost account established under subsection 3, paragraph A on the date the development district ends may be retained in the project cost account for a period of 3 years from the date the development district ends and used only to pay approved project costs that are described in the development program.

C. Any tax increment revenues remaining in the development sinking fund account or the project cost account established under subsection 3, paragraph A after the expiration of the time periods described in paragraphs A and B must be returned to the municipal or plantation general fund and a corresponding tax shift adjustment must be implemented with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 204
H.P. 1109 - L.D. 1730**

**An Act to Implement Changes
to the Laws Relating to Judicial
Separation and Divorce
Regarding Preliminary
Injunctions as Recommended
by the Family Law Advisory
Commission**

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §852, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §44 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

§852. Preliminary injunction, effect; attachment or trustee process

1. Issue Issuance of preliminary injunction by the court; service; contents; effect. In all actions for judicial separation ~~the clerk of the court, pursuant to order of,~~ the District Court, shall issue a preliminary injunction ~~order~~ in the following manner.

A. The preliminary injunction must bear the signature or facsimile signature of the clerk, be under the seal of the court, and contain the name of the court issuing the preliminary injunction and the names of the parties ~~and state the name and address of the plaintiff's attorney.~~ If the plaintiff is represented, the preliminary injunction must also state the name and address of the plaintiff's attorney. The preliminary injunction may be obtained in blank from the clerk ~~and must be filled out by the plaintiff's attorney for a fee.~~ The plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney is responsible for serving this shall serve the preliminary injunction, along with the summons and complaint, on the defendant along with the summons and complaint.

B. The preliminary injunction must be directed to each party to the action and must ~~contain the following orders~~ order that, unless the parties otherwise agree in writing or unless the court orders otherwise:

(1) ~~That~~ Except as specifically allowed by paragraph B-1, each party is ~~enjoined~~ prohibited from damaging, destroying, transferring, encumbering, concealing, selling or otherwise disposing of the any property of owned or claimed by either or both of the parties, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life, without the written consent of the parties or the permission of the court; regardless of whose name the property is in or who holds title to the property. Violations of this subparagraph include but are not limited to the following:

(a) Withdrawing from or borrowing from or against all or any part of the cash surrender value of a life insurance policy of either party or of a child of the parties;

(b) Withdrawing from or borrowing from or against all or any part of the retirement, profit-sharing, pension, death or other employee benefit plan or from an employee savings plan, an individual retirement account or a "Keogh" retirement account; and

(c) Intentionally or knowingly damaging or destroying the personal property of the parties, including but not limited to any electronically stored materials, electronic communications, financial records and documents that represent or embody anything of value;

(2) That each party is enjoined from imposing restraint on the personal liberty of the other party or of a biological or adopted child of either or both of the parties; and

(3) That each Each party is enjoined prohibited from canceling or voluntarily removing the other party or a child of the parties from a policy of health, dental or disability insurance that provides coverage for the other party or the child of the parties; and that each party is required to comply with any annual renewal requirements or deadlines necessary for the maintenance of such policies;

(4) Each party is prohibited from canceling or changing in any way, including by changing a beneficiary of, a casualty, life or motor vehicle policy insuring a party or the party's property;

(5) Each party is prohibited from opening, tampering with, destroying, deleting or withholding mail, e-mail or text messages or any other form of communication addressed to the other party; and

(6) Each party is prohibited from signing the other party's name on any negotiable instrument, check or draft, including but not limited to a tax refund, security deposit, insurance payment or dividend.

B-1. Notwithstanding paragraph B, subparagraph (1), the preliminary injunction does not prohibit a party from accessing funds or incurring debt for the following purposes:

(1) To continue the regular operations of an ongoing business;

(2) To pay for the necessities of life, including housing, utilities, food, transportation, school, child care and medical expenses;

(3) To retain an attorney for the legal separation or divorce proceeding; and

(4) To make regular withdrawals or required minimum withdrawals in the normal course of retirement.

C. The preliminary injunction must include the following statement:

"Warning

This is an official court order. If you disobey this order the court may find you in contempt of court.

This court order ~~is effective~~ will remain in effect until the earliest of the following:

- (1) The court revokes or modifies it;
- (2) A final divorce judgment or decree of judicial separation is entered; or
- (3) The action is dismissed."

D. The preliminary injunction is effective against the plaintiff upon the commencement of the action and against the defendant upon service of a copy of both the complaint and ~~order~~ the preliminary injunction in accordance with the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. The plaintiff is deemed to have accepted service of the plaintiff's copy of the preliminary injunction and to have actual notice of its contents by filing or causing the complaint to be served. ~~The plaintiff shall cause a copy of the preliminary injunction to be served upon the defendant with a copy of the summons and complaint.~~

E. The preliminary injunction has the force and effect of and is an order of a Judge of the ~~Probate Court or District Court or Justice of Superior Court~~ and is enforceable by all remedies made available by law, including contempt of court. ~~The order remains in effect until entry of a final decree, until the case is dismissed or until otherwise ordered by the court.~~

2. Revocation or modification by the court. A preliminary injunction may be revoked or modified by the court after hearing for good cause shown. The party seeking to revoke or modify the preliminary injunction shall file a motion together with an affidavit that demonstrates the good cause necessary for revocation or modification.

A. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on 7 days' notice to the other party or on shorter notice as the court may order, either party subject to ~~an order~~ a preliminary injunction may appear and move the dissolution or modification of the ~~order~~ preliminary injunction, and in that event the court shall proceed to hear and determine the motion as expeditiously as justice requires.

B. Mediation is not required before a hearing on a motion to revoke or modify a preliminary injunction except as directed by the court.

C. ~~A The court may modify or add to the terms of the preliminary injunction does not prejudice the rights of the parties or a child that are to be adjudicated at subsequent hearings in at any time during the pendency of the proceeding and does not limit the power of the court to issue other injunctive relief that may be proper under the circumstances.~~

D. A preliminary injunction terminates and ceases to have effect when:

- (1) The court revokes or modifies it, except that, if the court modifies the preliminary injunction, the modified preliminary injunction takes effect upon the termination of the existing preliminary injunction and remains effective until later terminated as provided in this paragraph;
- (2) A final divorce judgment or decree of judicial separation is entered; or
- (3) The action is dismissed.

3. Remedies. The court may enforce a preliminary injunction issued pursuant to this section:

- A. By finding a person who disobeys or resists the injunction in contempt of court;
- B. By requiring a person who disobeys or resists the injunction to pay the costs and attorney's fees that the other party incurred to enforce the preliminary injunction; or
- C. By appropriate processes as in other actions.

The remedies provided in this subsection for enforcement of a preliminary injunction are in addition to any other civil or criminal remedies available, including civil contempt of court. The use of one remedy does not prevent the simultaneous or subsequent use of any other remedy.

4. ~~Mutual order of~~ No effect on protection or restraint orders. Orders issued pursuant to this section do not supersede orders issued pursuant to former chapter 101 or to chapter 103.

5. Attachment of property; trustee process. Attachment of real or personal property or on trustee process may be used in connection with an action for judicial separation.

Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §903, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §45 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

§903. Preliminary injunction, effect; attachment or trustee process

1. Issue Issuance of preliminary injunction by the court; service; contents; effect. In all actions for

divorce or for spousal or child support following divorce by a court that lacked personal jurisdiction over the absent spouse, ~~the clerk of the court, pursuant to order of the District Court,~~ shall issue a preliminary injunction order in the following manner.

A. The preliminary injunction must bear the signature or facsimile signature of the clerk, be under the seal of the court, and contain the name of the court issuing the preliminary injunction and the names of the parties and. If the plaintiff is represented, the preliminary injunction must also state the name and address of the plaintiff's attorney. The preliminary injunction may be obtained in blank from the clerk and must be filled out by the plaintiff's attorney for a fee. The plaintiff or the plaintiff's attorney is responsible for serving this shall serve the preliminary injunction, along with the summons and complaint, on the defendant along with the summons and complaint.

B. The preliminary injunction must be directed to each party to the action and must ~~contain the following orders~~ order that, unless the parties otherwise agree in writing or unless the court orders otherwise:

(1) ~~That~~ Except as specifically allowed by paragraph B-1, each party is enjoined prohibited from damaging, destroying, transferring, encumbering, concealing, selling or otherwise disposing of the any property of owned or claimed by either or both of the parties, except in the usual course of business or for the necessities of life, without the written consent of the parties or the permission of the court; regardless of whose name the property is in or who holds title to the property. Violations of this subparagraph include but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Withdrawing from or borrowing from or against all or any part of the cash surrender value of a life insurance policy of either party or of a child of the parties;
- (b) Withdrawing from or borrowing from or against all or any part of the retirement, profit-sharing, pension, death or other employee benefit plan or from an employee savings plan, an individual retirement account or a "Keogh" retirement account; and
- (c) Intentionally or knowingly damaging or destroying the personal property of the parties, including but not limited to any electronically stored materials, electronic communications, financial records and documents that represent or embody anything of value;

~~(2) That each party is enjoined from imposing restraint on the personal liberty of the other party or of a biological or adopted child of either or both of the parties; and~~

~~(3) That each~~ Each party is enjoined prohibited from canceling or voluntarily removing the other party or a child of the parties from a policy of health, dental or disability insurance that provides coverage for the other party or the child of the parties; and that each party is required to comply with any annual renewal requirements or deadlines necessary for the maintenance of such policies;

(4) Each party is prohibited from canceling or changing in any way, including by changing a beneficiary of, a casualty, life or motor vehicle policy insuring a party or the party's property;

(5) Each party is prohibited from opening, tampering with, destroying, deleting or withholding mail, e-mail or text messages or any other form of communication addressed to the other party; and

(6) Each party is prohibited from signing the other party's name on any negotiable instrument, check or draft, including but not limited to a tax refund, security deposit, insurance payment or dividend.

B-1. Notwithstanding paragraph B, subparagraph (1), the preliminary injunction does not prohibit a party from accessing funds or incurring debt for the following purposes:

(1) To continue the regular operations of an ongoing business;

(2) To pay for the necessities of life, including housing, utilities, food, transportation, school, child care and medical expenses;

(3) To retain an attorney for the legal separation or divorce proceeding; and

(4) To make regular withdrawals or required minimum withdrawals in the normal course of retirement.

C. The preliminary injunction must include the following statement:

"Warning

This is an official court order. If you disobey this order the court may find you in contempt of court.

This court order is effective will remain in effect until the earliest of the following:

- (1) The court revokes or modifies it;
- (2) A final divorce judgment or decree of judicial separation is entered; or

(3) The action is dismissed."

D. The preliminary injunction is effective against the plaintiff upon the commencement of the action and against the defendant upon service of a copy of both the complaint and ~~order~~ the preliminary injunction in accordance with the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. The plaintiff is deemed to have accepted service of the plaintiff's copy of the preliminary injunction and to have actual notice of its contents by filing or causing the complaint to be served. ~~The plaintiff shall cause a copy of the preliminary injunction to be served upon the defendant with a copy of the summons and complaint.~~

E. The preliminary injunction has the force and effect of and is an order of a Judge of the ~~Probate Court or District Court or Justice of Superior Court~~ and is enforceable by all remedies made available by law, including contempt of court. ~~The order remains in effect until entry of a final decree, until the case is dismissed or until otherwise ordered by the court.~~

2. Revocation or modification by the court. A preliminary injunction may be revoked or modified by the court after hearing for good cause shown. The party seeking to revoke or modify the preliminary injunction shall file a motion together with an affidavit that demonstrates the good cause necessary for revocation or modification.

A. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on 7 days' notice to the other party or on shorter notice as the court may order, either party subject to ~~an order~~ a preliminary injunction may appear and move the dissolution or modification of the ~~order~~ preliminary injunction, and in that event the court shall proceed to hear and determine the motion as expeditiously as justice requires.

B. Mediation is not required before a hearing on a motion to revoke or modify a preliminary injunction except as directed by the court.

C. ~~A~~ The court may modify or add to the terms of the preliminary injunction does not prejudice the rights of the parties or a child that are to be adjudicated at subsequent hearings in at any time during the pendency of the proceeding and does not limit the power of the court to issue other injunctive relief that may be proper under the circumstances.

D. A preliminary injunction terminates and ceases to have effect when:

- (1) The court revokes or modifies it, except that, if the court modifies the preliminary injunction, the modified preliminary injunction takes effect upon the termination of the existing preliminary injunction and remains effective until later terminated as provided in this paragraph;

- (2) A final divorce judgment or decree of judicial separation is entered; or
- (3) The action is dismissed.

3. Remedies. The court may enforce a preliminary injunction issued pursuant to this section:

- A. By finding a person who disobeys or resists the injunction in contempt of court;
- B. By requiring a person who disobeys or resists the injunction to pay the costs and attorney's fees that the other party incurred to enforce the preliminary injunction; or
- C. By appropriate processes as in other actions.

The remedies provided in this subsection for enforcement of a preliminary injunction are in addition to any other civil or criminal remedies available, including civil contempt of court. The use of one remedy does not prevent the simultaneous or subsequent use of any other remedy.

4. Mutual order of No effect on protection or restraint orders. Orders issued pursuant to this section do not supersede orders issued pursuant to former chapter 101 or to chapter 103.

5. Attachment of property; trustee process. Attachment of real or personal property or on trustee process may be used in connection with an action for divorce or spousal or child support following divorce by a court that lacked personal jurisdiction over the absent spouse.

6. Application. ~~The~~ Except as provided in subsection 1, the injunction authorized in this section does not apply to post-divorce actions.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 205

S.P. 728 - L.D. 1803

An Act to Improve the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992

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

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §105, as amended by PL 2015, c. 297, §2, is further amended to read:

§105. ~~Predetermination of independent~~ Independent contractor and construction subcontractor status

1. ~~Predetermination permitted~~ Independent contractor status. A worker, ~~an employer or a workers' compensation insurance carrier, or any together,~~ may apply to the board for a predetermination of whether the status of an individual worker, group of

~~workers or a job classification associated with the employer is that of an employee or an independent contractor~~ may file with the board, on forms approved by the board, a statement that the worker performs work as an independent contractor.

A. ~~The predetermination by the board~~ statement creates a rebuttable presumption, valid for one year from the date the statement is received by the board, that the ~~determination is correct~~ worker is an independent contractor in any later claim for benefits under this Act.

B. Nothing in this subsection requires a worker, ~~an employer or a workers' compensation insurance carrier to request predetermination~~ to file a statement with the board.

1-A. ~~Predetermination permitted for construction subcontractors~~ Construction subcontractor status. A person, as defined in section 105-A, subsection 1, paragraph E, ~~may apply to the board for a predetermination~~ file with the board, on forms approved by the board, a statement that the person performs construction work in a manner that would not make the person an employee of a hiring agent, as defined in section 105-A, subsection 1, paragraph D.

A. ~~The predetermination issued by the board pursuant to this subsection is~~ statement creates a rebuttable presumption, valid for one year ~~and creates a rebuttable presumption that the determination is correct~~ from the date the statement is received by the board, that the person is a construction subcontractor in any later claim for benefits under this Act.

B. Nothing in this subsection requires a person, as defined in section 105-A, subsection 1, paragraph E, ~~a worker, an employer or a workers' compensation insurance carrier to request predetermination~~ to file a statement with the board.

2. Premium adjustment. If it is determined that ~~a predetermination~~ a statement filed with the board pursuant to this section does not withstand board or judicial scrutiny when raised in a subsequent workers' compensation claim, then, depending on the final outcome of that subsequent proceeding, either the workers' compensation insurance carrier shall return excess premium collected or the employer shall remit premium subsequently due ~~in order to put the parties in the same position as if the final outcome under the contested claim were predetermined correctly.~~

3. ~~Predetermination submission~~ Independent contractor and construction subcontractor information. A party may submit, on forms approved by the ~~The~~ board, a request for predetermination regarding the status of a person or job description as an employee, construction subcontractor, as defined in section 105-A, subsection 1, paragraph B, or independent contractor. The request is deemed to have been approved if the board does not deny or take other appropriate action on

~~the submission within 30 days shall post, on its publicly accessible website, information pertaining to independent contractor and construction subcontractor statements filed pursuant to this section.~~

~~4. **Hearing.** A hearing, if requested by a party within 10 days of the board's decision on a petition, must be conducted under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. A ruling by the board or administrative law judge under this section is final and not subject to review by the Superior Court.~~

~~5. **Certificate.** The board shall provide the petitioning party a certified copy of the decision regarding predetermination that is to be used as evidence at a later hearing on benefits.~~

~~6. **Rulemaking.** The board is authorized to adopt reasonable rules pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to implement the intent of this section, which is to afford speedy and equitable predetermination determination of employee, construction subcontractor, as defined in section 105-A, subsection 1, paragraph B, and independent contractor status.~~

Sec. 2. 39-A MRSA §153, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 647, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 39-A MRSA §209-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 338, §4, is amended to read:

4. Reimbursement rate if medical fee schedule not established or updated. If the board fails to adopt rules that establish a medical fee schedule in accordance with subsection 2 by December 31, 2011 or the executive director fails to annually update the medical fee schedule in accordance with subsection 3, the reimbursement rate for medical services is 105% of the private 3rd party payor average payment rate for the provider or the amount agreed to in writing by the provider and the insurance company or self insured employer prior to the rendering of service by the provider. For purposes of this subsection, "reimbursement rate for medical services" means the total payment allowed for the medical and ancillary services and products, including any amount to be paid by a 3rd party payor and the amount to be paid by the patient to satisfy a copayment, deductible or coinsurance obligation the amount established by the medical fee schedule in effect on the date the update is due.

Sec. 4. 39-A MRSA §210, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, §8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

1. Rules. The board, in consultation with the appropriate professional organization representing the health care specialty involved, shall ~~may~~ adopt rules establishing specific protocols pertaining to the extent and duration of treatment for specific injuries and illnesses 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. 5. 39-A MRSA §221, sub-§2, ¶A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 647, §15, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) For benefits paid on claims for which the date of injury is on or after January 1, 2013, ~~the net weekly amount of any old age insurance benefit or benefit under an employee benefit plan, reduced by the prorated weekly amount that would have been paid, if any, under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, 26 United States Code, Sections 3101 to 3126, federal income and state income taxes, calculated on an annual basis. The after tax amount of any benefit subject to income taxes must be determined by using the maximum number of dependents' allowances to which the employee is entitled and the standard deduction or zero bracket amount applicable to the employee's filing status 2/3 of the gross weekly old age insurance benefit or benefit under an employee benefit plan multiplied by 1.25.~~

Sec. 6. 39-A MRSA §303, first ¶, as amended by PL 2015, c. 297, §9, is further amended to read:

When any employee has reported to an employer under this Act any injury arising out of and in the course of the employee's employment that has caused the employee to lose a day's work, or when the employer has knowledge of any such injury, the employer shall report the injury to the board within 7 days after the employer receives notice or has knowledge of the injury. ~~An insured employer that has notice or knowledge of any such injury and fails to give timely notice to its insurer shall reimburse the insurer for any penalty that is due as a result of the late filing of the report of injury.~~ The employer shall also report the average weekly wages or earnings of the employee, as defined in section 102, subsection 4, together with any other information required by the board, within 30 days after the employer receives notice or has knowledge of a claim for compensation under section 212, 213 or 215, unless a wage statement has previously been filed with the board. The wage statement must report the earnings or wages of the employee on a weekly basis, unless the employee is paid on other than a weekly basis, in which case the employer may report the earnings or wages in the same manner as earnings or wages are paid. A copy of the wage information must be mailed to the employee. The employer shall report when the injured employee resumes the employee's employment and the amount of the employee's wages or earnings at that time. The employer shall complete a first report of injury form for any injury that has required the services of a health care provider within 7 days after the employer receives notice or has knowledge of the injury. The employer shall provide a copy of the form to the injured employee and retain a copy for the employer's records but is not obligated to submit the form to the board unless the injury

later causes the employee to lose a day's work. The employer is also required to submit the form to the board if the board has finally adopted a major substantive rule pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to require the form to be filed electronically.

Sec. 7. 39-A MRSA §360, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, §8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended by enacting at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

An insured employer may be required to reimburse the insurer for any penalty under this subsection that is due as a result of the insured employer's failure to give timely notice or information to its insurer.

Sec. 8. 39-A MRSA §401, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2011, c. 643, §12 and affected by §14, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

A landowner is not liable for compensation if at the time the landowner enters into the contract with the contractor, the landowner applies for and receives a predetermination of the independent status of the contractor as set forth in ~~section 105~~ subsection 4-A, the landowner requests and receives a certificate of independent status, issued by the board on an annual basis to a contractor, certifying that the contractor harvests forest products in a manner that would not make the contractor an employee of the landowner or the landowner requests and receives a certificate of insurance, issued by the contractor's insurance carrier, certifying that the contractor has obtained the required coverage and indicating the effective dates of the policy, and if the landowner requests and receives at least annually similar certificates indicating continuing coverage during the performance of the work. A landowner who receives a predetermination of the contractor's status as independent contractor or a certificate of independent status is only relieved of liability under this paragraph if the contract for wood harvesting expressly states that the independent contractor will not hire any employees to assist in the wood harvesting without first providing the required certificate of insurance to the landowner.

Sec. 9. 39-A MRSA §401, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2011, c. 643, §12 and affected by §14, is further amended by amending the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

~~Notwithstanding section 105, subsection 1, paragraph A, a~~ A predetermination under ~~section 105~~ subsection 4-A related only to a person engaged in harvesting forest products is a conclusive presumption that the determination is correct and ~~section 105, subsection 2~~ does not apply to that determination. Each party involved in or affected by the predetermination must be provided information on the workers' compensation laws and the effect of independent contractor status in relation to those laws. A predetermination under ~~section 105~~ subsection 4-A related to a person engaged in harvesting

forest products is effective for one calendar year or the duration of the contract, whichever is shorter.

Sec. 10. 39-A MRSA §401, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Predetermination of independent contractor status. A landowner and a contractor may submit to the board, on forms approved by the board, a request for predetermination of the status of the contractor as an independent contractor.

A. A request under this subsection is deemed to have been approved if the board does not deny or take other appropriate action on the submission within 30 days.

B. A hearing, if requested by a party within 10 days of the board's decision on a petition, must be conducted under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. A ruling by the board or administrative law judge under this paragraph is final and not subject to review by the Superior Court.

C. The board shall provide to each party a certified copy of the decision regarding predetermination that is to be used as evidence at a later hearing on benefits.

D. The board is authorized to 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.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 206

H.P. 1152 - L.D. 1807

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's Report on Boater Safety Education

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13001, sub-§6-B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 656, §2, is amended to read:

6-B. Boater safety and education course certificate. "Boater safety and education course certificate" means a certificate or other evidence of completion of a boater safety and education course or an equivalency exam specified or approved by the commissioner pursuant to section 13052, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13001, sub-§24-A is enacted to read:

24-A. Recreational boating. "Recreational boating" means operating a motorboat primarily for the op-

erator's pleasure or leasing, renting or chartering a motorboat to another person for the other person's pleasure. "Recreational boating" does not include using a motorboat engaged in the carriage of passengers for hire.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §13052, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 656, §3, is further amended to read:

2. Promote safety; education courses. The commissioner shall promote safety for persons and property in connection with the use and operation of watercraft. The commissioner, in accordance with section 13051, shall implement the boater safety and education course or equivalency exam requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 656, §4, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection does not apply to the operation of personal watercraft or motorboats other than for recreational boating purposes.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§17, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 656, §5, is amended to read:

A. Except as provided in paragraph C, beginning January 1, 2024, a person born on or after January 1, 1999 may not operate on inland waters of this State or territorial waters, as defined in section 6001, subsection 48-B, a motorboat for recreational boating purposes propelled by machinery capable of producing more than 25 horsepower unless that person is 12 years of age or older and:

- (1) Has completed a boater safety and education course; and
- (2) Possesses and presents for inspection upon request to a law enforcement officer a boater safety and education course certificate.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§17, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 656, §5, is amended to read:

C. A person is not required to meet the boater safety and education course requirement of this subsection if the person:

- (1) Possesses a valid Maine guide license and has met the requirements for carrying passengers for hire under section 13063; ~~or~~
- (2) Possesses a valid ~~maritime license of any type that the commissioner determines, pursuant to section 13052, subsection 2, meets the boater safety education purposes of this subsection.~~ or expired 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;
- (3) Is test driving a motorboat that is registered in accordance with section 13060-A and that is offered for sale by a dealer that has been

issued a watercraft dealer's certificate of number and the person is under the direct supervision of a person 16 years of age or older who has completed a boater safety and education course;

(4) Possesses a rental or lease agreement that lists the person as an authorized operator of the motorboat and the person has completed a temporary boater safety course provided by the rental agent who has been issued a certificate of number as described in section 13064. A renter or lessor meeting the requirements of this subparagraph may operate the rented or leased motorboat for up to 14 days from the date of course completion or for the duration of the rental agreement, whichever is earlier;
or

(5) Is not a citizen of the United States, arrived to the United States by sea and is temporarily operating on territorial waters as defined in section 6001, subsection 48-B for 60 days or less.

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §13071-A, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 656, §7, is amended to read:

6. Operating personal watercraft while 16 years of age or older; boater safety and education course requirement. Beginning January 1, 2024, a person born on or after January 1, 1999 may not operate a personal watercraft on inland waters of the State or territorial waters, as defined in section 6001, subsection 48-B, unless that person is 16 years of age or older and has completed a boater safety and education course.

A. 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 and not 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.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 207
H.P. 20 - L.D. 16**

**An Act to Make Technical
Changes to Maine's Marine
Resources Laws**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§38, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is amended to read:

38. Scallop. "Scallop" means sea scallop scallops, ~~placopecten~~ Placopecten magellanicus, and bay scallops, Argopecten irradians.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§41, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is amended to read:

41. Shellfish. "Shellfish" means clams, quahogs, oysters, whole scallops and mussels and includes shellstock and shucked shellfish.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§55, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 112, §1, is amended to read:

55. Whole scallop. "Whole scallop" means a cultured scallop in any form, except when the final product form is only the adductor muscle of the scallop or only the adductor muscle on the shell of the scallop.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6024, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. D, §4, is further amended to read:

1-A. Appointment; composition; term; compensation. The Marine Resources Advisory Council, established by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 27, consists of ~~16~~ 17 members. The chair of the Lobster Advisory Council, the chair of the Sea Urchin Zone Council and the chair of the Shellfish Advisory Council are ex officio members of the council. Each other member is appointed by the Governor and is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources matters and to confirmation by the Legislature. Five members must be persons who are licensed under this Part to engage in commercial harvesting activities. Those 5 members are selected by the Governor from names recommended to the Governor by groups representing commercial harvesting interests. Each member must represent a different commercial harvesting activity, except that none of those 5 members may represent lobster harvesters. The remaining ~~8~~ 9 members must include one member who is listed on the saltwater recreational fishing registry established in section 6312 and does not hold a state marine harvesting license, one public member, one member who is a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State, 4 persons who hold a nonharvesting-related license under this Part, one person representing recreational saltwater anglers and one person representing the aquaculture industry. The Governor shall select the person to represent the aquaculture industry from among the names recommended by the aquaculture industry. The Governor shall select the member who is a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State based on the joint recommendation of the tribal governments of the ~~Aroostook Band of Micmacs~~ Mi'kmaq Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at

Sipayik and the Penobscot Nation. If the tribal governments do not make a unanimous joint recommendation, the Governor shall appoint a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State and rotate the appointment among members of each federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State. The composition of the council must reflect a geographical distribution along the coast. All appointed members are appointed for a term of 3 years, except a vacancy must be filled in the same manner as an original member for the unexpired portion of the term. An appointed member may not serve for more than 2 consecutive terms. Appointed members serve until their successors are appointed. The chair of the Lobster Advisory Council, the chair of the Sea Urchin Zone Council and the chair of the Shellfish Advisory Council shall serve until a new chair of the Lobster Advisory Council, a new chair of the Sea Urchin Zone Council or a new chair of the Shellfish Advisory Council, respectively, is chosen. Members are compensated as provided in Title 5, chapter 379.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6038, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 606, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

4. Officers. The officers of the council are the chair, and vice-chair ~~and secretary~~. 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.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §6072-A, sub-§17-A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 512, §2, is further amended to read:

17-A. Notification of granted leases. After the granting of a limited-purpose lease:

A. The department shall notify all riparian owners, intervenors and the municipality in which the lease is located that a lease has been granted. The notice must include a description of the area and how a copy of the lease may be obtained;

B. The lessee shall mark the leased area in a manner prescribed by the commissioner;

C. ~~The~~ Until October 1, 2023, the lessee shall annually submit to the commissioner a report for the past year on results of the ~~scientific research or~~ commercial research and development undertaken at the lease site and a plan for the coming year. Results of commercial research and development submitted to the commissioner ~~before October 1, 2023~~ are confidential records for the purposes of Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph A; ~~and~~

C-1. The holder of a limited-purpose lease for scientific research shall annually submit to the commissioner a report for the past year on results of the scientific research undertaken at the lease site and a plan for the coming year. Upon written request, the commissioner shall provide a copy of the report

to the municipality or municipalities in which or adjacent to which the lease is located; and

D. ~~The~~ Until October 1, 2023, the lessee shall annually submit to the department a seeding and harvesting report for the past year and a seeding and harvesting plan for the coming year. Upon written request, the commissioner shall provide a copy of the report to the municipality or municipalities in which or adjacent to which the lease is located. The seeding and harvesting reports submitted by a lessee under this paragraph ~~before October 1, 2023~~ are considered confidential statistics for the purposes of section 6173.

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §6302-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 598, §17, is further amended to read:

B. May utilize elver fishing gear tagged with elver gear tags issued by the tribe, nation or band or the agent of the band in a manner consistent with tags issued pursuant to section 6505-B. A member of the tribe, nation or band is not required to pay elver fishing gear fees under section 6505-B if the tribe, nation or band or the agent of the band issues that member elver fishing gear tags; ~~and~~

Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §6302-A, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 708, §1 and affected by §3, is amended to read:

C. Is not required to hold a state shellfish license issued under section 6601 to obtain a municipal shellfish license pursuant to section 6671-; ~~and~~

Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §6302-A, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Is not required to complete an apprentice program established under section 6422 if the tribe, nation or band provides documentation to the commissioner to show that the license applicant has completed an apprentice program that is satisfactory to the tribe, nation or band.

Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §6374, first ¶, as amended by PL 2017, c. 197, §4, is further amended to read:

The procedure for suspending a license or certificate under section 6371, ~~subsections subsection 3 and 4~~ is governed by this section.

Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §6374, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 197, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Initiation and notice. If the Chief of the Bureau of Marine Patrol delivers to the commissioner a written statement under oath that the chief has probable cause to suspect that a violation of marine resources law or conduct described in section 6371, subsection 4 3 has been committed, the commissioner shall immediately examine the affidavit and determine if a suspension is necessary. If the commissioner determines based on a

preponderance of the evidence that a suspension is necessary, the commissioner shall immediately notify in writing the person who violated the law or engaged in the conduct. The notice must state that there is an opportunity for a hearing, if the person requests the hearing in writing within 10 days of the notice. The notice is deemed received 3 days after the mailing. The commissioner may suspend the license or certificate of a person who has been notified pursuant to this subsection but who does not request a hearing within the allowed time.

Sec. 12. 12 MRSA §6374, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2017, c. 197, §4, is further amended to read:

2. Hearing. A hearing requested under subsection 1 must be held within 30 business days after receipt by the commissioner of a request for hearing except that a hearing may be held more than 30 business days after the request if the delay is requested by the person requesting the hearing. If the hearing is continued, it must be held no later than 60 days after the original notice, and any further continuance must be with the consent of both parties. The hearing must be held in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, except that:

A. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 9057, ~~the~~ issues of the hearing are limited to whether the person requesting the hearing ~~had a license or certificate and whether that person~~ committed a violation of marine resources law or conduct described in section 6371, subsection 4 3; and

B. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 9061, the decision of the presiding officer under Title 5, section 9062 must be made not more than 10 business days after completion of the hearing.

If the presiding officer of the hearing finds that a violation of marine resources law or conduct described in section 6371, subsection 4 3 has been committed, the presiding officer shall immediately notify the commissioner of the finding.

Sec. 13. 12 MRSA §6374, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2017, c. 197, §4, is further amended to read:

3. Finding of violation and suspension. The commissioner may suspend the license or certificate of the person requesting the hearing under subsection 2 if the presiding officer of the hearing finds that a violation of marine resources law or conduct described in section 6371, subsection 4 3 has been committed. Except as provided in this subsection and subsection 3-A, the length of the suspension of the license or certificate may not exceed:

A. One year from the date of a first finding of a violation or finding that conduct described in section 6371, subsection 4 3 has been committed;

B. Two years from the date of a 2nd finding of a violation or finding that conduct described in section 6371, subsection 4 3 has been committed; or

C. Three years from the date of a 3rd or subsequent finding of a violation or finding that conduct described in section 6371, subsection 4 3 has been committed.

The commissioner may suspend any license or certificate for a period of time not to exceed the maximum amount of time allowable for a criminal conviction or civil adjudication of the same violation.

Sec. 14. 12 MRSA §6506, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. License exemption. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person may fish for, take, possess or transport a halibut without a license if the person has fished for or taken the halibut by tub trawl or by hook and line and if the halibut is only for personal use.

Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §6506, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. 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. 16. 12 MRSA §6506, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Rules. The commissioner 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. 17. 12 MRSA §6852, sub-§2-A, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 598, §44, is amended to read:

C. Shellstock bought from a mahogany quahog license holder licensed under section 6731; or

Sec. 18. 12 MRSA §6852, sub-§2-A, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 598, §44, is amended to read:

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

Sec. 19. 12 MRSA §6852, sub-§2-A, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Shellstock bought from an aquaculture license holder licensed under section 6810-B.

Sec. 20. PL 2021, c. 52, §21 is amended to read:

Sec. 21. Effective dates. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6072-C, subsection 6 takes effect January 1, 2022. Those sections of this Act that amend Title 12, section 6072-C, subsection 2 and enact Title 12, section

6072-C, subsection 2-B take effect January 1, 2024 2025.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 208
H.P. 74 - L.D. 106**

An Act to Allow Members of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System With Service in Multiple Plans to Defer Retirement Service Benefits Until Normal Retirement Age to Avoid a Reduction in Benefits

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§17 is enacted 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 apply to any continuing beneficiary payments for the same deferral period that would have been applicable to the member.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 209
H.P. 142 - L.D. 221**

An Act Regarding Airboat Noise

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§10, ¶A-2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 585, §1, is further amended by amending the 3rd blocked paragraph to read:

This paragraph is repealed on September 30, 2023 2025.

Sec. 2. Stakeholder group on airboat noise issues. The Commissioner of Marine Resources and the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this section as "the commissioners," shall reconvene the stakeholder group convened pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 166 and extended by Public Law 2021, chapter 585, referred to in this section as "the stakeholder group," to continue its discussions on issues related to airboat noise.

By January 15, 2025, the commissioners shall report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over marine resources and inland fisheries and wildlife matters the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group, including any recommended legislation. After receiving the report, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters may report out a bill relating to airboats to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 210
H.P. 153 - L.D. 232**

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Governing Bonding
Restrictions for School
Administrative Units**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1311, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

C. Each issue of bonds ~~shall~~ must mature in substantially equal annual installments so that the first installment ~~shall be~~ is payable not later than 2 years and the last installment not later than ~~25~~ 30 years after the date of issue.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1490, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13, is amended to read:

C. Each issue of bonds must mature in substantially equal annual installments so that the first installment is payable not later than 2 years and the last installment not later than ~~25~~ 30 years after the date of issue.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 211
S.P. 113 - L.D. 247**

**An Act Regarding
Replacement 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 §1125, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 323, §27, is further amended to read:

1. Declaration of intent. A participating candidate shall file a declaration of intent to seek certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate and to comply with the requirements of this chapter. The declaration of intent must be filed with the commission prior to or during the qualifying period, except as provided in subsection 11 or 11-A, according to forms and procedures developed by the commission. Qualifying contributions collected more than 5 business days before the declaration of intent has been filed will not be counted toward the eligibility requirements in subsection 3 or 3-A.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2009, c. 363, §4, is further amended to read:

4. Filing with commission. A participating candidate must submit qualifying contributions, receipt and acknowledgement forms, proof of verification of voter registration and a seed money report to the commission during the qualifying period according to procedures developed by the commission, except as provided under subsection 11 or 11-A.

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§11, as enacted by IB 1995, c. 1, §17, is amended to read:

11. Other procedures. The commission shall establish by rule procedures for qualification, certification, disbursement of fund revenues and return of unspent fund revenues for races involving special elections; or recounts, vacancies, withdrawals or replacement candidates.

Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§11-A is enacted to read:

11-A. Vacancies, withdrawals or replacement candidates. If a candidate dies, withdraws or is disqualified before an election, the qualifying period for any replacement candidate begins when the Secretary of State receives a notice of withdrawal or declares a vacancy, whichever occurs earlier. The commission shall establish by rule the end of the qualifying period for a replacement candidate and procedures for certification, disbursement of fund revenues and return of unspent fund revenues for races involving vacancies.

withdrawals or replacement candidates. Qualifying contributions collected by a replacement candidate under this subsection may not be deposited into the fund until the replacement candidate has been nominated and, if the replacement candidate is not officially nominated, the commission shall return the qualifying contributions to the contributors, unless the contributor authorizes the deposit of the qualifying contribution into the fund. Rules of the commission adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §1126, as amended by PL 2001, c. 465, §7, is further amended to read:

§1126. Commission to adopt rules

The commission shall adopt rules to ensure effective administration of this chapter. These rules must include but ~~must~~ may not be limited to procedures for obtaining qualifying contributions, certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate, circumstances involving special elections, ~~vacancies~~, recounts, ~~withdrawals or replacements~~, collection of revenues for the fund, distribution of fund revenue to certified candidates, return of unspent fund disbursements, disposition of equipment purchased with clean election funds and compliance with the Maine Clean Election Act. Rules of the commission required by this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~H-A~~ 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 212
H.P. 187 - L.D. 289**

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Governing the Advisory
Committee on the Fund to
Address PFAS Contamination**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§2-I, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. XX, §1, is amended to read:

2-I.

Agriculture on the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination	Advisory Committee Expenses and Legislative Per Diem and Expenses for Legislators/Expenses Only for Other Members	7 MRSA §320-L
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Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §320-L, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. XX, §2, is amended to read:

The Advisory Committee on the Fund To Address PFAS Contamination is established pursuant to Title 5,

section 12004-I, subsection 2-I to make recommendations to the department regarding administration of the fund ~~and to report to the Legislature~~. In order to develop recommendations for the department, the advisory committee may form working groups that include and seek input from subject matter experts from the public and private sectors to deliberate issues relating to the purposes of the fund as described in section 320-K, subsection 4, including, but not limited to, health monitoring, short-term financial aid for farmers, research priorities, solar siting, long-term environmental monitoring and land acquisition.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §320-L, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. XX, §2, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The 7 members of the public appointed by the commissioner serve on the advisory committee for terms of 3 years. Members may be appointed for consecutive terms. Members who are Legislators are appointed for the duration of the legislative terms of office for which they were appointed, except that at the end of the term, members who are Legislators continue to serve until a successor is appointed.

Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §320-L, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. XX, §2, is amended to read:

3. Reports Proceedings of the advisory committee. The advisory committee shall hold at least 2 public hearings 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. ~~The advisory committee shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental matters annually, beginning March 1, 2023, on the input from subject matter experts under subsection 1 and members of the public on issues relating to the purposes and the use of the fund. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agricultural matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environmental matters may report out legislation related to each annual report to the Legislature in the session when the report is received.~~

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF
DACF Administration 0401**

Initiative: Provides allocations to reimburse expenses of advisory committee members.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,310	\$2,310
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,310	\$2,310

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 213
H.P. 194 - L.D. 296**

An Act to Ensure Municipalities Receive a Higher Percentage of All-terrain Vehicle and Snowmobile Registration Fees to Cover Increased Expenses

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §13105, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

B. Agents may charge a service fee of not more than ~~\$4~~ \$5 for each snowmobile registration or renewal registration issued and ~~\$2~~ \$5 for each registration covered by sections 13002 to 13005. This service fee is retained by the agent.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §13156, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

3. Service fees. An agent may charge a service fee of ~~\$4~~ not more than \$5 for each ATV registration or renewal registration issued and ~~\$2~~ \$5 for each registration covered by sections 13002 to 13005. This service fee is retained by the agent.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 214
H.P. 248 - L.D. 397**

An Act to Allow Signs at Outdoor Athletic Facilities

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §1908-B is enacted to read:

§1908-B. Outdoor advertising; outdoor athletic facilities

1. Signs. A municipality may build and maintain an advertising sign visible to the traveling public from a public way at an outdoor athletic facility as long as the sign:

A. Is oriented inward to the persons visiting or using the facility;

B. Is secured to a fence, scoreboard or accessory structure;

C. Does not exceed the height of the structure on which it is located; and

D. Does not exceed 4 feet by 8 feet.

2. Revenue collected. Revenue collected from advertising fees under this section by a municipality must be used for purposes related to the construction, maintenance, operation or programming of the athletic facility.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 215
H.P. 313 - L.D. 496**

An Act to Address Battery Storage System Decommissioning and Clarify Solar Energy Development Decommissioning

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3496, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 151, §1, is amended to read:

The Department of Environmental Protection shall administer and enforce this chapter with respect to the decommissioning of solar energy developments for which it is the environmental permitting entity, subject to the same powers and authorities granted to it pursuant to Title 38, chapter 2, ~~including which may include~~, but are not limited to, the adoption of rules and the establishment of reasonable fees. The Maine Land Use Planning Commission shall administer and enforce this chapter with respect to the decommissioning of solar energy developments for which it is the environmental permitting entity, subject to the same powers and authorities granted to it pursuant to Title 12, chapter 206-A, ~~including which may include~~, but are not limited to, the adoption of rules and the establishment of reasonable fees.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3497 is enacted to read:

§3497. Applicability

This chapter applies to a solar energy development with ground-mounted solar panels occupying 3 or more acres on which construction begins on or after October 1, 2021 and to any other solar energy development with ground-mounted solar panels occupying 3 or more acres that undergoes a transfer of ownership on or after October 1, 2021.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA c. 34-E is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 34-E
BATTERY STORAGE SYSTEM DECOMMISSIONING

§3498. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Decommissioning. "Decommissioning" means the physical removal of all components of a battery storage system development, including but not limited to battery storage modules and associated anchoring systems and foundations to a depth of at least 24 inches or to the depth of bedrock, whichever is less, and other structures, buildings, roads, fences, cables, electrical components or associated facilities and foundations to a depth of at least 24 inches or to the depth of bedrock, whichever is less, to the extent the components of the development are not otherwise in or proposed to be placed in productive use or otherwise authorized to remain in place by the environmental permitting entity.

For any portion of a battery storage system development located on land classified as farmland any time within 5 years preceding the start of construction of the development, "decommissioning" means the physical removal of all such components of the development to a depth of at least 48 inches or to the depth of bedrock, whichever is less, to the extent such components are not otherwise in or proposed to be placed in productive use or otherwise authorized to remain in place by the environmental permitting entity.

"Decommissioning" includes the grading to postconstruction grade and revegetation of all earth disturbed during construction and decommissioning, except for areas already restored.

2. Battery storage system. "Battery storage system" means a commercially available technology that uses chemical 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.

3. Environmental permitting entity. "Environmental permitting entity" means:

A. The Department of Environmental Protection in the case of a battery storage system development:

- (1) Located wholly or partly outside of the unorganized and deorganized areas; or
- (2) Subject to the department's jurisdiction pursuant to Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6; or

B. The Maine Land Use Planning Commission in the case of a battery storage system development located wholly in the unorganized and deorganized

areas and not subject to the jurisdiction of the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6.

4. Farmland. "Farmland" has the same meaning as in Title 36, section 1102, subsection 4.

5. Transfer of ownership. "Transfer of ownership" means a change in the legal entity that owns or operates a battery storage system development. A sale or exchange of stock or membership interests or a merger is not a transfer of ownership as long as the legal entity that owns or operates the battery storage system development remains the same.

6. Unorganized and deorganized areas. "Unorganized and deorganized areas" has the same meaning as in Title 12, section 682, subsection 1.

§3499. Decommissioning plan required

1. Prohibition. A person may not construct, cause to be constructed or operate a battery storage system development with a capacity of 2 megawatts or more without first obtaining approval of a decommissioning plan from the environmental permitting entity under this section.

2. Plan requirements. A decommissioning plan must provide for the decommissioning of a battery storage system development and include demonstration of current and future financial capacity, which must be unaffected by the owner's or operator's future financial condition, to fully fund decommissioning in accordance with an approved decommissioning plan under this section.

3. Standards. An environmental permitting entity shall approve a decommissioning plan whenever it finds the following:

A. The plan, if implemented, will result in successful decommissioning of the battery storage system development, including the restoration of farmland sufficient to support resumption of farming or agricultural activities;

B. The plan provides for the recycling of the waste components of the battery storage system that are recyclable and disposing of the components that are not recyclable at facilities authorized to accept such components;

C. The person identified in the plan as responsible for decommissioning demonstrates financial assurance, in the form of a performance bond, surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit or other form of financial assurance acceptable to the environmental permitting entity, for the total cost of decommissioning, including the cost of recycling the waste components of the battery storage system that are recyclable and disposing of the components that are not recyclable at facilities authorized to accept such components; and

D. The plan requires the financial assurance be updated 15 years after approval of the plan and no less frequently than every 5 years thereafter. Updates to financial assurance required under this paragraph must be submitted to the environmental permitting entity on or before December 31st of the year in which such updates are required.

4. Applicability. This section applies to a battery storage system development on which construction begins on or after January 1, 2024. This section does not apply to a battery storage system development on which construction begins prior to January 1, 2024 unless the battery storage system development undergoes a transfer of ownership on or after January 1, 2024 in which case a person may not operate the battery storage system after the transfer of ownership without a decommissioning plan approved by the environmental permitting entity under this section.

Upon a transfer of ownership of a battery storage system development subject to a decommissioning plan approved under this section, a person that transfers ownership of the development remains jointly and severally liable for implementation of the plan until the environmental permitting entity approves transfer of the decommissioning plan to the new owner or operator.

5. Administration and enforcement; rulemaking. The Department of Environmental Protection shall administer and enforce this chapter with respect to the decommissioning of battery storage system developments for which it is the environmental permitting entity, subject to the same powers and authorities granted to it pursuant to Title 38, chapter 2, which may include, but are not limited to, the adoption of rules and the establishment of reasonable fees. The Maine Land Use Planning Commission shall administer and enforce this chapter with respect to the decommissioning of battery storage system developments for which it is the environmental permitting entity, subject to the same powers and authorities granted to it pursuant to Title 12, chapter 206-A, which may include, but are not limited to, the adoption of rules and the establishment of reasonable fees.

Notwithstanding Title 5, section 8071, subsection 3, rules adopted by the Department of Environmental Protection or by the Maine Land Use Planning Commission pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 4. PL 2021, c. 151, §2 is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 216

H.P. 380 - L.D. 603

An Act to Make Electric Breast Pumps More Accessible by Providing for MaineCare Reimbursement

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-KKK is enacted to read:

§3174-KKK. Electric breast pump reimbursement

The department shall reimburse under the MaineCare program for electric breast pumps and supplies without prior authorization or limitation when electric breast pumps or supplies have been prescribed or recommended by a health care professional licensed under Title 32 acting within the health care professional's authorized scope of practice. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Electric breast pump and supplies reimbursement rules. By January 1, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-KKK.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 217

H.P. 386 - L.D. 609

An Act Regarding Guidelines for Free Telephone Calls by Individuals Incarcerated in Department of Corrections Facilities

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

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3015, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 615, Pt. A, §1, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

The chief administrative officer of each department facility shall draft, publish and implement guidelines governing resident access to free telephone calls as required by paragraphs A and B in that facility.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 218
S.P. 282 - L.D. 724

**An Act to Increase
Opportunities for the
Development or Preservation
of Low-income Housing**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4349-A, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2017, c. 407, Pt. A, §120, is further amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

(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; ~~or~~ 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.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4833, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4972, as amended by PL 1993, c. 175, §10, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§4972. Definitions

For the purposes of this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Low-income rental housing. "Low-income rental housing" means rental housing with 5 or more residential units in which any of the units are:

- A. Subject to federal or state income eligibility 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. The subject of financial assistance given under a federal or state program designed to provide affordable housing to low-income or moderate-income people.

2. Holder. "Holder" means either the Maine State Housing Authority or a municipal housing authority

that holds the option to purchase a low-income rental housing project.

Sec. 4. 30-A MRSA §4973, as amended by PL 2017, c. 234, §36, is further amended to read:

§4973. Notification of intent to sell

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 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, the Maine State Housing Authority and the, if the property is located in the area of operation of a municipal housing authority, if any, for the municipality in which the property is located the municipal housing authority, as provided in this section.

1. Notice. The notice must be made to the tenants, 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 ~~other any~~ action in regard to the property ~~that will result in the termination of financial assistance designed to make the rental units affordable to low income or moderate income people 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.

2. Right of first refusal Option. The Maine State Housing Authority or the municipal housing authority, if any, has the ~~right of first refusal~~ option to purchase the property at its current appraised value, as determined by appraisers for the owner and the ~~authority holder~~ that has stated the intention to exercise the option to purchase. The municipal housing authority must have opportunity to exercise the option to purchase. The authority holds the right of first refusal holder has the option throughout the 90-day period. Failure to respond to the notice of first refusal exercise the option to purchase within 90 days constitutes a waiver of that right of first refusal option by the authority holder. By stating in writing its intention to pursue its ~~right of first refusal~~ option during the 90-day period, the ~~authority holder~~ has an additional 90 days, beginning on the date the appraised value is determined by the appraisers for the owner and the ~~authority holder~~, to buy or to produce a buyer for the property. This additional 90-day period may be extended by mutual agreement between the ~~authority 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 non-profit 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 section prevents an owner of the property from deciding not to sell, transfer or take other action ~~that would result in termination of the financial assistance and revoking the notice required by subsection 1 at any time before its expiration 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 ~~right of first refusal option~~ held by the ~~Maine State Housing Authority holder~~ or an assignee.

3. Exceptions. ~~The Maine State Housing Authority holder may not possess any right of first refusal 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 restrictions or financial assistance applicable to the property. The notice provisions of this section apply to this subchapter.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 219
S.P. 298 - L.D. 740**

An Act to Clarify the Criteria for State Approval of Alcoholic Beverage Container Labels

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §6-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Criteria for label registration. Bureau review and approval of label registration is limited to whether the submitted label conforms to the regulations adopted by the United States Department of the Treasury, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau and the following criteria:

A. The label does not contain any statement, design, device or representation that:

(1) To the average individual, applying contemporary community standards, considered as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest;

(2) Depicts or describes, in an offensive manner, sexual acts, excretory functions, masturbation or lewd exhibition of the genitals; and

(3) Considered as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value; and

B. The label does not contain a subject matter or an illustration that targets minors.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 220
H.P. 360 - L.D. 555**

An Act to Increase the Number of Mature Plants Allowed for the Home Cultivation of Cannabis

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

Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §1501, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is amended to read:

E. Subject to the requirements and restrictions of section 1502, possess, cultivate or transport at any one time up to ~~3~~ **6** mature cannabis plants, 12 immature cannabis plants and an unlimited number of seedlings and possess all the cannabis produced by such plants at the person's place of residence or at the location where the cannabis was cultivated;

Sec. 2. 28-B MRSA §1502, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

1. Cultivation of up to 3 6 mature cannabis plants per person for personal adult use authorized. Subject to the applicable requirements and restrictions of subsections 2, 3 and 4, a person 21 years of age or older may cultivate up to ~~3~~ **6** mature cannabis plants, up to 12 immature cannabis plants and an unlimited number of seedlings for personal adult use:

A. On a parcel or tract of land on which the person is domiciled;

B. On a parcel or tract of land owned by the person on which the person is not domiciled; or

C. On a parcel or tract of land not owned by the person and on which the person is not domiciled so long as the owner of the parcel or tract of land by written agreement permits the cultivation and care of the cannabis plants on the parcel or tract of land by that person.

A person may cultivate the cannabis plants and seedlings authorized under this subsection at multiple locations so long as such cultivation activities otherwise meet all requirements and restrictions of this section.

Sec. 3. 28-B MRSA §1502, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

A. A municipality may adopt an ordinance or other regulation limiting the total number of mature cannabis plants that may be cultivated on any one parcel or tract of land within the municipality so long as that ordinance or regulation allows for the cultivation of 3 6 mature cannabis plants, 12 immature cannabis plants and an unlimited number of seedlings by each person 21 years of age or older who is domiciled on a parcel or tract of land.

Sec. 4. 28-B MRSA §1502, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

A. The Maine Land Use Planning Commission may limit the total number of mature cannabis plants that may be cultivated on any one parcel or tract of land within a town, plantation or township in the unorganized and deorganized areas so long as that limitation allows for the cultivation of 3 6 mature cannabis plants, 12 immature cannabis plants and an unlimited number of seedlings by each person 21 years of age or older who is domiciled on a parcel or tract of land.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 221

H.P. 439 - L.D. 670

An Act to Protect Birds in the Construction, Renovation and Maintenance of Public Buildings

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1754 is enacted to read:

§1754. Guidance regarding integration of bird collision risk management into public improvements

The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, referred to in this section as "the bureau," shall develop guidance regarding the integration of bird collision risk management into public improvements. The bureau, to the extent it determines appropriate considering all relevant factors, shall follow the guidance in the construction of public improvements and renovations of public improvements in which more than 50% of a building facade is substantially altered. The guidance is not applicable to public buildings, landscapes or districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places or determined by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, created pursuant to Title 27, section 502, to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, including the State House and the Blaine House.

1. Development of guidance. The guidance for reducing bird collisions with public buildings and improvements must:

A. Be developed in consultation with expert stakeholders, including, but not limited to, state or federal natural resource agencies with expertise in bird conservation; nongovernmental organizations with expertise in bird conservation; representatives from the building and design community; and representatives of green building or bird safe building certification programs;

B. Include an explanation of architectural design threats and landscape design threats to birds;

C. Include an explanation of the cost differentials and comparative effectiveness of materials, designs and other methods for reducing bird collisions;

D. Include an explanation of other considerations for reducing bird collisions; and

E. Be available on the bureau's publicly accessible website.

2. Reports. The bureau shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters by December 31, 2026, and biennially thereafter, detailing use of the guidance under this section during the previous 2-year period, including reasons and factors for using or not using the guidance. The committee may submit legislation relating to the subject matter of the report to the session of the Legislature following receipt of the report.

Sec. 2. Report. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, referred to in this section as "the bureau," shall develop the guidance required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1754 by December 31, 2024. The bureau shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters no later than December 31, 2024 detailing the guidance developed. The committee may submit legislation relating to the subject matter of the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 222

H.P. 467 - L.D. 698

An Act to Reduce the Cost of Energy in Maine and Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions Through the Effective Use of Renewably Sourced Gas

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §1903, as amended by PL 2015, c. 445, §§3 and 4, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §1909-A is enacted to read:

§1909-A. Regional natural gas monitoring; commission intervention

1. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings. The commission shall:

A. Monitor proceedings at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission related to interstate natural gas transportation capacity in New England and the Northeast; and

B. If the commission believes that intervention and participation in a proceeding described in paragraph A will best represent the interests of the State's electric and gas ratepayers, intervene and participate in the proceeding and seek to achieve a result that will ensure the lowest possible natural gas and electricity prices for consumers in the State.

2. Report. By December 31st of any year in which the commission has intervened and participated in a proceeding pursuant to subsection 1, paragraph B, the commission shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utility matters summarizing its participation.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §1912, as amended by PL 2017, c. 22, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §4701-A is enacted to read:

§4701-A. Renewably sourced gas; authorized with commission approval

1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following term has the following meaning.

A. "Renewably sourced gas" means gas that the commission finds has been processed to meet pipeline, equipment and appliance quality standards to blend with or substitute for geologically derived natural gas and may include gas that:

(1) Is produced by anaerobic digestion or gasification of agricultural waste, dairy or animal residual materials or landfill biomass material;

(2) Is produced by wastewater treatment or other waste processes; or

(3) Has a lower carbon content than natural gas, including but not limited to hydrogen gas.

2. Renewably sourced gas. Any gas utility may be authorized, subject to commission approval in accordance with subsection 3, to buy, sell, furnish, transport, store, distribute, dispose of or otherwise deal in renewably sourced gas with the same rights, privileges and

limitations conferred or imposed upon it with respect to geologically or conventionally sourced natural gas and within the same territorial limitations within which it is authorized to deal in manufactured gas.

3. Commission approval. A gas utility may petition the commission to utilize renewably sourced gas in accordance with subsection 2. The commission may authorize the use of renewably sourced gas upon a finding that:

A. The gas utility will utilize the renewably sourced gas in a manner that is safe and reliable;

B. The renewably sourced gas will be provided to customers at a just and reasonable rate; and

C. Granting the authorization may reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help to meet the greenhouse gas emissions reduction levels set forth in Title 38, section 576-A.

Sec. 5. Requests for information; Public Utilities Commission. The Public Utilities Commission, after consultation with the Office of the Public Advocate, the Governor's Energy Office and the Efficiency Maine Trust, shall issue a request for information to appropriate stakeholders, organizations or other entities identified by the commission for the following information:

1. Whether there are any reasonable opportunities for the commission to explore and consider engaging in the execution of an energy cost reduction contract or a physical energy storage contract in accordance with the principles of beneficial electrification and the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 19; and

2. Identification of existing and near-term replacement energy sources for natural gas in commercial and industrial uses, including when the replacement energy sources are expected to be available, the cost of those replacement energy sources and the steps needed to develop a cost-effective and reliable supply of such replacement energy sources.

By February 1, 2024, the commission shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes a summary of the responses the commission received from its request for information, any actions the commission has taken, if any, as a result of the information submitted by respondents to the commission's request for information and any recommendations. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 223
S.P. 318 - L.D. 760**

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Regarding Signature
Requirements on Issuance of
General Obligation Bonds**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §144, as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §14, is further amended to read:

§144. Form of unregistered bonds

Unregistered bonds issued under the laws of the State must ~~bear the signature, or the facsimile of the signature, of the Governor, and must~~ be signed by the Treasurer of State or the Treasurer of State's deputy and attested by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or such agent as the commissioner may designate. The seal of the State may be a facsimile.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §145, as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §15, is further amended to read:

§145. Registered bonds

The Treasurer of State may issue registered bonds, transferable by assignment, in pieces of not less than \$1,000, and of any multiple of 1,000, in exchange for, and in place of, any coupon bonds issued under the laws of this State, bearing the same rate of interest and maturing at the same time as the bonds that the Treasurer of State may receive therefor in exchange. The place of payment prescribed therein must be the State Treasury. ~~Said Those bonds must bear the facsimile of the signature of the Governor and must~~ be signed by the Treasurer of State or the Treasurer of State's deputy and attested by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or such agent as the commissioner may designate.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §145-A, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §16, is further amended to read:

The minibonds must ~~bear the facsimile of the signature of the Governor and must~~ be signed by the Treasurer of State, or the Treasurer of State's deputy, and attested by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or such agent as the commissioner may designate.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §145-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §17, is further amended to read:

2. Signatures. Registered bonds must bear the facsimile ~~signatures of the Governor and~~ signature of the Treasurer of State, or the Treasurer of State's deputy, and must be attested by the facsimile signature of the

Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services or such agents as the commissioner may designate. Whenever signatures on registered bonds of other state officials are required, their facsimile signatures may be used.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 224
H.P. 680 - L.D. 1085**

**An Act to Extend the
Comparable Health Care
Service Incentive Program
Beyond 2023**

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4318-A, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 232, §8, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4318-B, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 232, §9, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 225
H.P. 814 - L.D. 1266**

**An Act to Clarify the Producer
Licensure Required to Act as a
Pet Insurance Producer**

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §3158, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. License. Notwithstanding any provision of this Title to the contrary, a person licensed in any of the following lines of authority may sell, solicit and negotiate pet insurance:

- A. Property;
- B. Accident and health or sickness; or
- C. Personal lines.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 226
S.P. 538 - L.D. 1319

An Act to Exempt Certain Boat Operators from Having to Become Maine Guides

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 economy of the State is reliant on many seasonal businesses that are open only a limited number of months during the calendar year; and

Whereas, if the business of a seasonal business is disrupted, even for a brief period of time, it can be financially disastrous for the business due to the condensed period of time for the business to garner revenue; and

Whereas, the business season for a summer seasonal business will be over 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. 12 MRSA §12853, sub-§7, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. A person who has satisfactorily completed a boater safety education course under section 13063 and is certified in first aid under subsection 4, paragraph C may, without a guide license, operate a watercraft in the course of employment with a seasonal business engaged in recreational tow-sport activities if that seasonal business was engaged in recreational tow-sport activities during the 2022 season. This paragraph is repealed January 15, 2024.

Sec. 2. Review. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish a stakeholder group to examine the guide requirements for recreational sports.

Sec. 3. Stakeholder group. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall ensure that the stakeholder group established under section 2 is as broadly representative of interested parties and groups as possible and shall invite participation from at least the following: the Maine Professional Guides Association, the Maine Marine Trades Association and governmental and nongovernmental organizations related to recreational tow sports in this State.

Sec. 4. Report. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group established under section 2 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 15, 2024. The committee may report out a bill related to recreational guide requirements to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 20, 2023.

CHAPTER 227
S.P. 54 - L.D. 115

An Act to Protect Minors from Exploitation by Adults for Violation of Privacy

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §511, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 373, §1, is further amended to read:

C. Installs or uses outside a private place without the consent of the person or persons entitled to privacy therein any device for observing, photographing, hearing, recording, amplifying or broadcasting images or sounds originating in that place that would not ordinarily be visible, audible or comprehensible outside that place; or

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §511, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 467, §1, is amended to read:

D. Engages in visual surveillance in a public place by means of mechanical or electronic equipment with the intent to observe or photograph, or record, amplify or broadcast an image of any portion of the body of another person present in that place when that portion of the body is in fact concealed from public view under clothing and a reasonable person would expect it to be safe from surveillance;

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §511, sub-§1, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Violates paragraph A, B, C or D and the other person subject to a violation of privacy has not in fact attained 16 years of age; or

Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §511, sub-§1, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. Violates paragraph A, B, C or D for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of that person or another person, and the person subject to

a violation of privacy has not in fact attained 16 years of age.

Sec. 5. 34-A MRSA §11273, sub-§14, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

C-1. Title 17-A, section 511, subsection 1, paragraph F:

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 228
S.P. 70 - L.D. 131**

**An Act to Clarify and Correct
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Laws**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10107-A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 381, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10206, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 245, §1, is amended to read:

11. Species 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 ~~Species 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 ~~must~~ may include information about how hunting and fishing ~~helps~~ help to manage specific species. The department may continue its activities pursuant to this subsection during ballot initiative campaigns concerning fish and wildlife issues.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10260, as corrected by RR 2015, c. 1, §6, is amended to read:

§10260. Black Bear Research and Management Fund

The Black Bear Research and Management Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department as a nonlapsing fund to be used by the commissioner to fund or assist in funding ~~studies related to research on and~~ the management of black bears. Revenue from the nonresident late season bear hunting permit under section 11151-A and the bear trapping permit under section 12260-A must be deposited in the fund. The commissioner may accept and deposit into the fund monetary gifts, donations or other contributions from public or private sources for the purposes specified in this section. The fund must be held

separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §10703, sub-§7, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

D. The failure of a person to comply with the duty to submit to and complete a chemical test under section 10702, subsection 1 is admissible in evidence on the issue of whether that person was under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. If the law enforcement officer having probable cause to believe that the person hunted wild animals or wild birds or operated or attempted to operate a watercraft, snowmobile or ATV while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs fails to give either of the warnings required under subsection 2, the failure of the person to comply with the duty to submit to a chemical test is not admissible, ~~except when a test was required pursuant to subsection 11.~~ If a failure to submit to and complete a chemical test is not admitted into evidence, the court may inform the jury of the fact that a test result is not available.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §10703, sub-§11, as amended by PL 2011, c. 253, §8, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2017, c. 164, §5, 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 Aroostook Band of Micmacs 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 respective appropriate reservation chief or governor or the Aroostook Micmac 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 ~~evaluation~~ 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 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. 7. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 599, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2-A. Antlerless deer permit. The following provisions govern the ability of a super pack license holder to obtain an antlerless deer permit.

A. In a wildlife management district in which the commissioner issues at least 2,000 antlerless deer permits, the commissioner may allocate up to 2.5% of those antlerless deer permits to super pack license holders. The commissioner shall award to successful applicants an antlerless deer permit as described under section 11152, valid for use only in a designated district.

B. In order to receive a super pack antlerless deer permit, a super pack licensee must apply through the antlerless deer permit lottery. If the applicant receives a super pack antlerless deer permit in accordance with paragraph A, the applicant may claim the permit at no cost. If the applicant receives but does not claim the permit, the applicant forfeits the permit. If the applicant does not receive a super pack antlerless deer permit in accordance with paragraph A, the applicant is eligible to receive an antlerless deer permit by means of the antlerless deer permit lottery as described in section 11152 and if received may claim and pay for the antlerless deer permit. The applicant may purchase an antlerless deer permit over the counter.

Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §11109-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2023, c. 49, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

3. Harvest of 6 deer Deer harvest authorizations. Notwithstanding section 11501, a super pack license authorizes the holder to take:

A. One deer during either the regular open firearm season or the regular archery season or the special muzzle-loading season in accordance with sections 11401, 11403 and 11404, respectively; and

B. One deer in accordance with subsection 2 A, paragraph A; and

C. Three antlerless deer and one deer of either sex during the special archery season in accordance with section 11402, subsection 4.

Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §11552, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The commissioner shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over wildlife matters by February 1st of each year on proposed actions under this section.

Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §12260-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 100, §12 and affected by §13, is amended by enacting a new 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

A person who is an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs who presents certification from the appropriate reservation chief or governor or the Aroostook Micmac Council stating that the person is an enrolled member of a federally recognized Indian nation, band or tribe listed in this paragraph is exempt from this subsection.

Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§6, ¶B, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO, §11, is further amended to read:

B. A resident combination hunting and fishing license is \$42 \$43.

Sec. 12. 12 MRSA §12501, sub-§6, ¶C, as amended by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO, §11, is further amended to read:

C. A resident combination archery hunting and fishing license is \$42 \$43.

Sec. 13. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §380 and affected by §422, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) Fails to wear a Coast Guard approved ~~Type I, Type II or Type III~~ personal flotation device while canoeing or kayaking on the Saco River between Hiram Dam and the Atlantic Ocean between January 1st and June 1st; or

Sec. 14. 12 MRSA §13068-A, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §380 and affected by §422, is amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) Fails to wear a Coast Guard approved ~~Type I, Type II, Type III or Type V~~ personal flotation device while operating a watercraft on:

- (a) The Penobscot River, between the gorge and the head of Big Eddy; or
- (b) The Kennebec River, between Harris Station and Turtle Island, at the foot of Black Brook Rapids.

Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §13071-A, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §384 and affected by §422, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Operate or be a passenger on a personal watercraft unless the person is wearing a Coast Guard approved ~~Type I, Type II or Type III~~ personal flotation ~~devices~~ device; or

Sec. 16. 12 MRSA §13152, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. E, §17, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

~~A person under 16 years of age must attend the training program with that person's parent or guardian. The training program must include instruction on the safe operation of ATVs, the laws pertaining to ATVs, the effect of ATVs on the environment and ways to minimize that effect, courtesy to landowners and other recreationists and landowners and other materials as determined by the department.~~

Sec. 17. Effective date. That section of this Act that repeals and replaces the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11109-A, subsection 2-A and that section of this Act that amends Title 12, section 11109-A, subsection 3 take effect January 1, 2024.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 229
S.P. 126 - L.D. 267**

**An Act to Require Private
Insurance Coverage for Donor
Breast Milk**

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4320-V is enacted to read:

§4320-V. Coverage for donor breast milk

1. Required coverage. A carrier offering a health plan in this State shall provide coverage for pasteurized donor breast milk provided to an infant eligible for coverage under the health plan if a physician or physician assistant licensed under Title 32, chapter 36 or 48 or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under Title 32, chapter 31 signs an order stating that:

A. The infant is medically or physically unable to receive maternal breast milk or participate in breastfeeding or the infant's parent is medically or physically unable to produce maternal breast milk in quantities sufficient for the infant; and

B. The infant:

(1) Was born at a birth weight of less than 1,500 grams;

(2) Has a gastrointestinal anomaly or metabolic or digestive disorder or is recovering from intestinal surgery and the infant's digestive needs require additional support;

(3) Is not appropriately gaining weight or growing;

(4) Has formula intolerance and is experiencing weight loss or difficulty feeding;

(5) Has low blood sugar;

(6) Has congenital heart disease;

(7) Has received or will receive an organ transplant; or

(8) Has another serious medical condition for which donor breast milk is medically necessary.

Sec. 2. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2024. For purposes of this Act, all policies, contracts and certificates are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

Sec. 3. Exemption from mandate 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.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 230
S.P. 226 - L.D. 509**

**An Act to Amend the Net
Energy Billing Laws to Direct
Expiring Net Energy Billing
Credits to Provide Low-income
Assistance**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3209-A, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 370, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. A, §37 and PL 2021, c. 659, §18 and c. 705, §13, is 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, ~~no earlier than April 1, 2022~~, each transmission and distribution utility with a net energy billing arrangement ~~that has implemented or elected to implement an arrearage management program pursuant to section 3214, subsection 2-A shall account for and, on or before January 1st of each year, apply remit the value of all unused kilowatt-hour credits that were accumulated and that expired during the prior calendar year to the commission for the benefit of participants in the utility's arrearage management program individuals receiving low-income assistance in accordance with section~~

3214, subsection 2. 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 ~~apply such unused kilowatt-hour credits for the benefit of participants in the utility's arrearage management program, which must be designed to result in each such participant receiving as close to an equal amount of those credits except when the credited amount would exceed the amount of a participant's arrearage remit the value of the unused and expired kilowatt-hour 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.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is amended to read:

2. Low-income assistance. In order to continue existing levels of financial assistance for low-income households and to meet future increases in need caused by economic exigencies, the commission shall:

A. Receive funds collected by all transmission and distribution utilities in the State at a rate set by the commission in periodic rate cases; ~~and~~

B. Set initial funding for programs based on an assessment of aggregate customer need in periodic rate cases. The funding formula may not result in assistance being counted as income or as a resource in other means-tested assistance programs for low-income households. To the extent possible, assistance must be provided in a manner most likely to prevent the loss of other federal assistance; ~~and~~

C. Receive funds remitted by transmission and distribution utilities with net energy billing arrangements for expired kilowatt-hour credits in accordance with section 3209-A, subsection 8.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PUC - Unused NEB Credits for Low-Income Assistance N452

Initiative: Provides allocation to establish a new program to use net energy billing credits for low-income assistance.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 231

H.P. 605 - L.D. 958

An Act to Expand Protections to Maine's Loons from Lead Poisoning by Prohibiting the Sale and Use of Certain Painted Lead Jigs

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §12663-B, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 372, §2, is amended to read:

§12663-B. Unlawful sale of lead sinkers ~~and~~, 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:

- (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.

2. Sale of lead sinker ~~or~~, bare lead jig or painted lead jig. This subsection governs the sale of lead sinkers ~~and~~, bare lead jigs and painted lead jigs.

A. A person may not:

- (1) Sell a lead sinker; ~~or~~
- (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 ~~or~~, bare lead jig or painted lead jig for sale. This subsection governs offering lead sinkers ~~and~~, bare lead jigs and painted lead jigs for sale.

A. A person may not:

- (1) Offer for sale a lead sinker; ~~or~~
- (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.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §12664, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 372, §3, is amended to read:

§12664. Unlawful use of lead sinkers ~~and~~, 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:

- (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.

2. Unlawful use. This subsection governs the use of lead sinkers ~~and~~, bare lead jigs and painted lead jigs.

A. A person may not:

- (1) Use a lead sinker; ~~or~~
- (2) Beginning September 1, 2017, use a bare lead jig; or
- (3) Beginning September 1, 2026, use 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.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 232

H.P. 815 - L.D. 1267

An Act to Provide Alternative Methods of Payment to Health 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 enacted by PL 2005, c. 58, §1, is 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.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 233

H.P. 882 - L.D. 1368

An Act to Ensure Fairness in Unemployment Benefits by Clarifying Laws Regarding Labor Organizations

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1192, sub-§13, as amended by PL 2017, c. 453, §3, is further amended to read:

13. Reemployment services and eligibility assessment; participation. In the case that the individual has been referred to reemployment services and eligibility assessment by the Department of Labor, the individual participates 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; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §1192, sub-§14, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 453, §4, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

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; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §1192, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

15. Actively seeking work; union hiring hall. An individual is considered to be actively seeking work in accordance with this section if the individual is a member of a bona fide labor union, maintains contact with that union and uses and complies with the placement services of the union hiring hall in seeking work. As used in this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, "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.

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §1193, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 348, §40, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) If the wages, hours or other conditions of work, such as fringe benefits, are substantially less favorable to the individual than those prevailing for similar work in the locality;

Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §1193, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 348, §40, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) If, as a condition of being employed, the individual would be required to join a company union or to resign from or refrain from joining or maintaining membership in any bona fide labor organization;

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 234
H.P. 907 - L.D. 1411**

**An Act to Enhance Reporting
by Certain Agencies Regarding
Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §576-A, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Annual report. On or before February 15, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Department of Transportation shall submit a report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters and transportation matters regarding capital work plan investments designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with the Department of Transportation during the prior calendar year, including a summary of Department of Transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions associated with different sources and Department of Transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions associated with new road alignment construction activities during the prior calendar year.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §577, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Greenhouse gas emissions reductions projections. Beginning with the updated climate action plan under subsection 1 due by December 1, 2024, and for each subsequent update to the plan thereafter, the plan must include greenhouse gas emissions reductions projections, including sector-specific greenhouse gas emissions reductions projections, based on the strategies and actions in the plan and information regarding how those projections and the updated plan are designed to achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reductions specified in section 576-A.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §578, as amended by PL 2019, c. 476, §10, is further amended to read:

§578. Progress evaluation

The department, in consultation with the Maine Climate Council, established under section 577-A, shall evaluate the State's progress toward meeting the ~~reduction goals~~ reductions specified in section 576-A and progress toward implementing the climate action plan in section 577. The department, after consultation with the council, shall submit a report of its evaluation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters by December 1, 2022 and by that date every 2 years thereafter. The report must include, but is not limited to, an evaluation of gross annual greenhouse gas emissions, including an identification of greenhouse gas emissions by source

category, energy emissions and consumption and an economic analysis of greenhouse gas emissions per unit of economic activity; an evaluation of net annual greenhouse gas emissions, including the State's carbon budget, forest carbon markets and a time series analysis of net greenhouse gas emissions; and an evaluation of sector-specific progress made toward meeting the reductions specified in section 576-A. The department, in consultation with the council, may recommend other metrics to share the progress on climate mitigation and adaptation strategies with the Legislature and the public. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters is authorized to report out legislation relating to the report required under this section, and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters may make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters regarding that legislation.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 235

H.P. 934 - L.D. 1438

An Act to Require Standard Procedures to Protect Stalking Victims and Access to Certain Criminal Complaints

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

Sec. 1. 16 MRSA §804, first ¶, as amended by PL 2013, c. 507, §4, is further amended to read:

Except as provided in sections ~~805~~ 805-A and 806, a record that is or contains intelligence and investigative record information is confidential and may not be disseminated by a Maine criminal justice agency to any person or public or private entity if there is a reasonable possibility that public release or inspection of the record would:

Sec. 2. 16 MRSA §805, as amended by PL 2013, c. 507, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 16 MRSA §805-A is enacted to read:

§805-A. Exceptions

1. Dissemination of certain information. This chapter does not preclude dissemination of intelligence and investigative record information that is confidential under section 804 by a Maine criminal justice agency to:

- A. Another criminal justice agency;
- B. A person or public or private entity as part of the criminal justice agency's administration of

criminal justice or the administration of civil justice by the Department of the Attorney General or a district attorney's office;

C. A person accused of a crime or that person's agent or attorney for trial and sentencing purposes if authorized by:

- (1) The responsible prosecutorial office or prosecutor; or
- (2) A court rule, court order or court decision of this State or of the United States.

As used in this subsection, "agent" means a licensed professional investigator, an expert witness or a parent, foster parent or guardian if the accused person has not attained 18 years of age;

D. A federal court, the District Court, Superior Court or Supreme Judicial Court or an equivalent court in another state;

E. A person or public or private entity expressly authorized to receive the intelligence and investigative record information by statute, executive order, court rule, court decision or court order. "Express authorization" means language in the statute, executive order, court rule, court decision or court order that specifically speaks of intelligence and investigative record information or specifically refers to a type of intelligence or investigative record; or

F. The Secretary of State for use in the determination and issuance of a driver's license suspension.

2. Record of complaint. On request to a Maine criminal justice agency under the Freedom of Access Act, a person is entitled to receive one copy of a complaint made by that person. The criminal justice agency may not charge a fee for a copy of a complaint provided under this subsection.

Sec. 4. 16 MRSA §806, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 507, §7, is further amended to read:

2. A crime victim or that victim's agent or attorney. A crime victim or that victim's agent or attorney. A Maine criminal justice agency that provides a copy of intelligence and investigative record information under this subsection to the crime victim or that victim's agent or attorney may not charge a fee for providing that information. As used in this subsection, "agent" means a licensed professional investigator, an insurer or an immediate family member, foster parent or guardian if due to death, age or physical or mental disease, disorder or defect the victim cannot realistically act on the victim's own behalf; or

Sec. 5. 19-A MRSA §4116, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

A. The incident report from a law enforcement agency submitted to the attorney for the State that

is most relevant to the criminal proceeding, which the certified domestic violence intervention program is authorized to receive pursuant to Title 16, section ~~805~~, ~~subsection 5~~ 805-A, subsection 1, paragraph E; and

Sec. 6. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶D, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §88, is amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) Standard procedures to ensure that protection from abuse orders issued under Title 19-A, section 4108 or 4110 are served on the defendant as quickly as possible; ~~and~~

Sec. 7. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶D, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §88, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) A process for the administration of a validated, evidence-based domestic violence risk assessment recommended by the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse, established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-C, and approved by the Department of Public Safety and the conveyance of the results of that assessment to the bail commissioner, if appropriate, and the district attorney for the county in which the domestic violence occurred; and

Sec. 8. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶D, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §88, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) A process to ensure that, when a person files multiple, separate complaints regarding the behavior of another person that may indicate a course of conduct constituting stalking, as defined in Title 17-A, section 210-A, those complaints are reviewed together to determine if the other person has engaged in stalking under Title 17-A, section 210-A;

Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA §2251, sub-§7-A, ¶B, as amended by PL 2013, c. 267, Pt. B, §24, is further amended to read:

B. Except as provided in paragraph B-1 and Title 16, section ~~805~~, ~~subsection 6~~ 805-A, subsection 1, paragraph F, the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police may not publicly disseminate personally identifying accident report data that are contained in an accident report database maintained, administered or contributed to by the Bureau of State Police. Such data are not public records for the purposes of Title 1, chapter 13.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 236
S.P. 649 - L.D. 1632**

**An Act to Require Proper
Storage of Forensic Exam
Evidence**

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §3821, as amended by PL 2019, c. 94, §2, is further amended to read:

§3821. Transportation and storage of forensic examination kits

For the purposes of this section, "sexual assault" means any crime enumerated in Title 17-A, chapter 11 and "strangulation" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 208, subsection 1, paragraph C.

If an alleged 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 ~~kit~~ kits involving sexual assault for 8 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.

In the case of a forensic examination performed under Title 24, section 2986, subsection 5, the law enforcement agency must immediately notify 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 Title 24, section 2986, subsection 5.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 237
H.P. 1072 - L.D. 1674**

**An Act to Require and
Encourage Safe and
Interconnected Transportation**

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §73, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §9 and affected by §41 and

amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended by enacting at the end a new last blocked paragraph to read:

The Department of Transportation shall adopt rules, to the extent possible, to ensure that all persons are safe on public ways, including bicyclists, pedestrians, persons of all ages and abilities, transit users and motor vehicle users, and that all persons have safe and efficient access to the transportation system. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §73, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2021, c. 239, §1, is further amended to read:

7. Priorities, service levels, asset management goals and reporting. The Department of Transportation shall classify the State's public highways as Priority 1 to Priority 5 using factors such as safety metrics, crash data, the federal functional classification system, regional economic significance, heavy haul truck use and relative regional traffic volumes. The department shall also establish customer service levels related to safety, condition and serviceability appropriate to the priority of the highway, resulting in a system that grades each highway as Good, Fair or Poor.

To provide a capital transportation program that is geographically balanced and that addresses urban and rural needs and meets customer expectations and transportation system needs, the department shall include the following goals as part of its asset management and work plan preparation. The goals are to:

A-1. Maintain Priority 1 highways in accordance with the department's federally required transportation asset management plan and the department's customer service measures so that no more than 15% of the highways are rated as Poor;

B-1. Maintain Priority 2 and Priority 3 highways so that no more than 15% of the highways are rated as Poor; and

D. Continue the light capital paving program on a 7-year cycle for Priority 4 highways outside compact areas as defined in section 754.

The department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters by March 1st of each odd-numbered year quantifying the status of each of the goals. The department shall recommend any remedial actions, including additional funding or revisions to the goals, that the department determines to be necessary or appropriate.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2073, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Roadway and intersection safety evaluation. At the request of a municipality, the department shall perform a safety evaluation of an existing roadway or

intersection, using a multidisciplinary team of personnel, that estimates potential road safety issues and identifies opportunities for improvements. The department shall provide a full report of the results of the evaluation to the municipality.

Sec. 4. Report. The Department of Transportation shall evaluate how speed limits are set and develop recommendations for changes to state, county and municipal street design standards, state laws and municipal ordinances to achieve the goal of eliminating all traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2035. By January 3, 2024, the department shall report its findings and recommendations, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 5. Rulemaking. In its initial adopting of rules to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 73, subsection 4, the Department of Transportation shall incorporate, as applicable, the department's Complete Streets Policy completed in 2014 and revised in June 2019 and all policy documents and standard practices related to the following community-based initiatives: the Municipal Partnership Initiative, the Village Partnership Initiative, the Business Partnership Initiative and the Planning Partnership Initiative.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 238

H.P. 1132 - L.D. 1768

**An Act to Clarify the
MaineCare Rate**

Determination Requirements

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3173-J, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 639, §2, is amended to read:

~~C. Conduct~~ No less frequently than once every 5 years, conduct a rate determination process for any contemplated change in reimbursement amount or model for a each MaineCare section of policy or for a specific covered service, in accordance with the following procedures:

(1) Provide public notice of initiation of the rate determination for a MaineCare section of policy or for a specific covered service;

(2) Consider and, when appropriate, adopt alternative payment models that use financial incentives to promote or leverage greater value for the MaineCare program. This consideration must include a review of research on any available national models or best practices regarding payment models for the service;

(3) Determine whether a Medicare rate is available for the service and whether the Medicare rate represents the most appropriate benchmark and payment model;

(4) In the absence of a Medicare rate, determine whether a rate from a non-Medicare payer source, including, but not limited to, commercial health care rates in the State or other states' Medicaid rates, is available for the service and whether this alternate payer rate represents the most appropriate benchmark and payment model. The department shall determine an appropriate percentage of the benchmark rate for the service, taking into consideration the findings of the benchmarking report conducted in accordance with paragraph B;

(5) Conduct a rate study for every service for which a benchmark rate or payment model in accordance with subparagraph (3) or (4) either is unavailable or is inconsistent with the goals of efficiency, economy and quality of care to support member access. Each rate study must include the following:

(a) A review of data, which must include:

(i) An assessment as to whether the delivery of service and associated requirements have changed since the previous rate study, if available, to determine if the rate methodology needs to be revised;

(ii) The collection of data on provider costs and cost-related aspects of the delivery of service and associated requirements through existing cost reports, provider surveys and other available data sources; and

(iii) Research on any available national models or best practices regarding cost-related aspects of the delivery of service and associated requirements; and

(b) Developing or updating rates by considering the following:

(i) The appropriateness of adoption of a change in payment model consistent with the purposes of this section;

(ii) The current rate assumptions and their appropriateness given current provider costs, best practices or changes in the delivery of service and associated requirements;

(iii) The findings for related services of any comprehensive benchmarking report under paragraph B; and

(iv) The degree to which services are dependent on MaineCare reimbursement, including, but not limited to, cost factors, such as average wage, that may be reflective of restraints of MaineCare reimbursement versus costs of the broader marketplace; and

(6) Upon completion of the rate determination process, present the department's rationale and recommendations for rate methodology, resulting base rate amount and payment model for public comment prior to the rule-making process; convene a meeting of interested providers and other interested members of the public to discuss the recommendations and hear comments; and respond in writing to comments with an explanation of whether and how feedback was incorporated into the final rate determination; and

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 239

H.P. 1204 - L.D. 1879

**An Act to Align Laws
Governing Crossbow Hunting
with Those Governing Archery
Hunting**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §1801, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Archery equipment. "Archery equipment" has the same meaning as in section 10001, subsection 3-B.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §1806, sub-§4, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 604, §6, is amended to read:

F. Discharges any firearm, ~~bow and arrow~~ archery equipment, weapon powered by carbon dioxide cartridges or other weapon within 300 feet of any picnic area, designated camping area, parking area, building, shelter or boat launching site or in violation of park rules or in areas closed to hunting by rule, law or ordinance;

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:

3-B. Archery equipment. "Archery equipment" means a bow or crossbow.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§28-A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 325, §1, is amended to read:

28-A. Hand-held bow or bow. "Hand-held bow" or "bow" means a device for propelling an arrow by means of vertical limbs and a string that is hand held, hand drawn and held in a drawn position by hand or a hand-held mechanical release. "Hand-held bow" or "bow" includes a compound bow, a recurve bow and a long bow.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §10001, sub-§33, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

B. Archery equipment that is permitted under the hunting laws governing archery, ~~including, but not limited to, recurved bows and compound bows.~~

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §10108, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

6. Archery hunting education program. The commissioner shall establish a program for training individuals in safe and responsible archery hunting skills and behavior. This program includes instruction ~~in~~ on all types of archery equipment, fisheries and wildlife laws, rights of landowners and hunters and appropriate principles of wildlife management. The commissioner may charge an enrollment fee of up to \$10 per person to help defray the costs of this program. The commissioner may cooperate with any public or private association dedicated to responsible and safe archery hunting to establish this program.

In establishing the program, the commissioner shall:

- A. Prescribe the qualifications of instructors;
- B. Provide liability insurance for each instructor authorized by the commissioner to conduct training under the program protecting that person from liability for damages during the time when instruction is being given. The cost of this insurance must be borne by the State and charged against funds credited to the department;
- C. Prescribe the type and length of instruction and the time and place of examinations; and
- D. Issue a certificate of competency to individuals who successfully complete the examination.

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §10108, sub-§6-A, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 419, §1 and affected by §12, is repealed.

Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §10501, sub-§9, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

C. The hunting equipment is carried in at least 2 separate pieces in such a manner that it ~~can not~~ cannot be fired, unless the separate pieces are joined together. For the purpose of this subsection, a clip,

magazine or cylinder of a firearm may not be considered a piece of the hunting equipment. ~~Bows and arrows~~ Archery equipment must be kept in a case or cover if broadheads or field points are kept attached to the arrows or bolts.

Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §10502, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §1, is further amended to read:

B. A firearm or archery equipment, ~~including crossbows~~, seized in connection with a violation of:

- (1) Section 11206;
- (2) Section 10902, subsection 6;
- (3) Section 10752, subsection 6, paragraph B and section 10902, subsection 4, paragraphs A and B; or
- (4) Section 10906;

Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §10657, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 334, §1, is amended to read:

3. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "projectile" means a bullet, pellet, shot, shell, ball, arrow, bolt or other object propelled or launched from a firearm ~~or a bow, crossbow~~ archery equipment or similar tensile device.

Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §10851, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2019, c. 325, §2, 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 season on deer under section 11153 and who meets the eligibility requirements of section 11106 ~~and section 11162~~ 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. 12. 12 MRSA §10952, as amended by PL 2019, c. 637, §1, is further amended to read:

§10952. Open seasons for hunting with ~~bow and arrow and crossbow~~ archery equipment

1. Hunting with a ~~bow and arrow or a crossbow~~ archery equipment. ~~A person may, except~~ Except as otherwise provided in this Part, section 11404, a person may hunt any wild bird or wild animal with a ~~hand-held bow and arrow~~ archery equipment during any open season on that bird or animal if the person holds a valid

archery hunting license and may, except as otherwise provided in this Part, hunt any wild bird or wild animal with a crossbow during any open season on that bird or animal if the person holds a valid archery license or any hunting license that is not a junior hunting license or an apprenticeship hunter license and a valid crossbow permit.

Sec. 13. 12 MRSA §10953, as amended by PL 2021, c. 599, §§3 to 7, is repealed.

Sec. 14. 12 MRSA §11106, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2015, c. 281, Pt. D, §1 and c. 301, §10, is further amended to read:

1. Age requirement. A person is eligible to obtain an archery hunting license as provided in this section.

A. A resident or nonresident 16 years of age or older who has satisfied the requirements of subsection 2 or holds an apprenticeship hunter license, or who is exempt under subsection 3, may obtain an archery hunting license to hunt with ~~bow and arrow~~ archery equipment in accordance with section 10952 from the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agent.

B. A resident or nonresident under 16 years of age may hunt with ~~bow and arrow~~ archery equipment if that person holds a valid junior hunting license.

Beginning January 1, 2016, for those persons who obtain a junior hunting license and turn 16 years of age during the same calendar year, the archery hunting license is included even after the person has turned 16 years of age as long as that person is hunting on that person's valid junior hunting license and not longer than the remainder of the calendar year for which the license is issued.

Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §11106, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 588, Pt. A, §12, is amended to read:

2. Archery hunter education requirements. Except as provided in paragraph A and subsection 3, a person who applies for an archery hunting license other than a junior hunting license or an apprenticeship hunter license must submit proof of having successfully completed an archery hunter education course as described in section 10108 or an equivalent archery hunter education course or satisfactory evidence of having previously held a valid adult archery hunting license issued specifically for the purpose of hunting with bow and arrow in this State or any other state, province or country in any year after 1979 or satisfactory evidence of previously holding a crossbow permit issued in this State as of December 31, 2023.

When proof or evidence cannot be otherwise provided, the applicant may substitute a signed affidavit that the applicant has previously held the required adult archery hunting license or has successfully completed the required archery hunter 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 ~~Aroostook Band of Miamaes~~ Mi'kmaq Nation who presents certification from the respective reservation governor or the ~~Aroostook Miamae~~ 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. 16. 12 MRSA §11108, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §6, is 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, an archery hunting license, ~~a crossbow permit~~ 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;
- C. That is used exclusively for agricultural purposes; and
- D. That is in excess of 10 acres.

Sec. 17. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2015, c. 281, Pt. E, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 18. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2017, c. 427, §9 and affected by §19, is repealed.

Sec. 19. 12 MRSA §11162, as amended by PL 2019, c. 637, §4 to 8, is repealed.

Sec. 20. 12 MRSA §11208, as amended by PL 2013, c. 538, §25, is further amended to read:

§11208. Unlawful shooting or discharge of firearm, ~~bow and arrow or crossbow~~ or archery equipment

1. Shooting or discharge of firearm, ~~bow and arrow or crossbow~~ or archery equipment over or near public paved way. A person may not:

- A. Shoot at any wild animal or wild bird from any public paved way or within 10 feet of the edge of the pavement of the public paved way or from within the right-of-way of any controlled access highway;
- B. Discharge any firearm, ~~bow and arrow or crossbow~~ archery equipment over a public paved way; or

C. Possess any wild animal or wild bird taken in violation of paragraph A or B, except as otherwise provided in this Part.

This subsection does not prohibit a person who has a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon from possessing that weapon on or near a public paved way as long as it is not used for shooting at wild animals or wild birds or discharged in violation of this subsection.

2. Penalty. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class E crime.

Sec. 21. 12 MRSA §11209, as amended by PL 2021, c. 74, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

§11209. Discharge of firearm, ~~crossbow or bow and arrow~~ archery equipment near dwelling or building

1. Prohibition. A person may not:

A. Unless a relevant municipal ordinance provides otherwise and except as provided in ~~subsections 3 and subsection~~ 4 and sections 12401 and 12402, discharge a firearm, including a muzzle-loading firearm, ~~or crossbow~~ or cause a projectile to pass as a result of that discharge within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without the permission of the owner or, in the owner's absence, of an adult occupant of that building or dwelling authorized to act on behalf of the owner;

A-1. Except as provided in sections 12401 and 12402:

(1) Discharge an arrow ~~from a bow and arrow~~ or a bolt from archery equipment when on land of another person and within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling on that land without the permission of the owner of that building or residential dwelling or, in the owner's absence, of an adult occupant of that building or dwelling authorized to act on behalf of the owner; or

(2) Cause an arrow ~~from a bow and arrow~~ or a bolt from archery equipment to pass across the land of another person and within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling on that land without the permission of the owner of that building or residential dwelling or, in the owner's absence, of an adult occupant of that building or dwelling authorized to act on behalf of the owner; or

B. Possess a wild animal or wild bird taken in violation of this subsection, except as otherwise provided in this Part.

This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a person from killing or taking a wild animal in accordance with sections 12401 and 12402.

For purposes of this section, "building" means any residential, commercial, retail, educational, religious or farm structure that is designed to be occupied by people or domesticated animals or is being used to shelter machines or harvested crops.

For purposes of this section, "projectile" means a bullet, pellet, shot, shell, ball, ~~bolt~~ or other object propelled or launched from a firearm ~~or crossbow~~.

2. Penalty. A person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class E crime.

~~**3. Target practice; crossbow.** Unless otherwise prohibited, a landowner or the landowner's invitee may discharge a crossbow for recreational target practice purposes on the landowner's property within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without the permission of the owner of that building or dwelling. Nothing in this subsection authorizes a landowner or the landowner's invitee to cause a projectile discharged from a crossbow to enter property owned by another person.~~

4. Sport shooting ranges. Unless otherwise prohibited, a person may discharge a firearm on a sport shooting range as defined in Title 30-A, section 3011, subsection 1 that is within 100 yards of a building if the sport shooting range was established and in regular operation prior to the erection of the building.

Sec. 22. 12 MRSA §11212-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 325, §4, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§11212-A. Having a loaded firearm or crossbow in a motor vehicle or hunting or shooting from a motor vehicle or motorboat with a firearm or archery equipment

Sec. 23. 12 MRSA §11212-A, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 176, §2, is amended to read:

B. While hunting, a person who is on but not within an enclosed area or passenger compartment of an all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile may shoot a firearm or ~~crossbow~~ archery equipment or rest a loaded firearm or ~~crossbow~~ archery equipment that is under the person's control on the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile to shoot only when the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is not in motion and the engine of the all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile is not running.

Sec. 24. 12 MRSA §11212-A, sub-§3, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 176, §2, is amended to read:

C. While target shooting and not hunting, a person who is on but not within an enclosed area or passenger compartment of a vehicle may shoot a firearm or ~~crossbow~~ archery equipment or rest a loaded firearm or ~~crossbow~~ archery equipment that is under the person's control on the vehicle to shoot only when the vehicle is not in motion and the engine of the vehicle is not running.

Sec. 25. 12 MRSA §11213-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2005, c. 94, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Shoot within area of another person's decoys.

A person may not with a firearm, ~~a bow and arrow or a crossbow~~ or archery equipment shoot within an area encompassed by a set of another person's migratory waterfowl or wild turkey decoys, including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

A. 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.

B. 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. 26. 12 MRSA §11214, sub-§1, ¶N, as amended by PL 2015, c. 301, §16, is further amended to read:

N. Hunt a wild animal or wild bird by any method other than by the usual method of shooting with a firearm not larger than number 10-gauge, shooting with ~~a hand-held bow and arrow or shooting with a crossbow~~ archery equipment or by falconry;

Sec. 27. 12 MRSA §11214, sub-§1, ¶O, as amended by PL 2015, c. 301, §16, is further amended to read:

O. Possess a wild animal or wild bird taken in violation of this section, except as otherwise provided in this Part; ~~or~~

Sec. 28. 12 MRSA §11214, sub-§1, ¶P, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 301, §17, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) The arrowhead, including mechanical broadheads when open, is at least 7/8 inch in width; ~~or~~

Sec. 29. 12 MRSA §11214, sub-§1, ¶Q is enacted to read:

Q. Use a crossbow to hunt unless:

(1) The crossbow has a shoulder-type stock. A hand-held pistol-type crossbow may not be used;

(2) The draw weight of the crossbow is 100 pounds or more;

(3) For hunting deer, bear and moose, the arrowhead, including a mechanical broadhead when open, is at least 7/8 inch in width; and

(4) The crossbow is equipped with a mechanical trigger safety device in working condition.

A crossbow arrow that has an explosive or poisonous tip may not be used.

The crossbow may be equipped with a scope or sight.

Sec. 30. 12 MRSA §11223, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2005, c. 477, §11, is further amended to read:

1. Duty. A person who knows or has reason to know that that person has inflicted injury or may have inflicted injury on another person by the use of a firearm, ~~bow and arrow or crossbow~~ or archery equipment shall:

A. Make that person known to the victim;

B. Render first aid and assistance as that person is capable of rendering under the circumstances; and

C. Give notice of the event by the quickest means to a game warden or, in the event that a game warden ~~can not~~ cannot be contacted, to the law enforcement officer nearest the place where the event occurred.

Sec. 31. 12 MRSA §11402, sub-§3, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

G. The whole of Cranberry Isles in Hancock County, except that a person may hunt deer in the Cranberry Isles with a shotgun or ~~archery equipment~~ bow in accordance with applicable laws and rules; and

Sec. 32. 12 MRSA §11403, as amended by PL 2021, c. 599, §12, is further amended to read:

§11403. Regular archery-only deer hunting season

2. Open archery season on deer. The commissioner shall by rule establish a regular archery season beginning at least 30 days prior and extending to the beginning of the regular deer hunting season, as described in section 11401, subsection 1, paragraph A, for the purpose of hunting deer with ~~bow and arrow or crossbow~~ archery equipment. During the regular archery season on deer the following restrictions apply.

A. A person may not take a deer during a regular archery season unless that person uses a hand-held bow and broadhead arrow in accordance with section 11214, subsection 1, paragraph P or a crossbow in accordance with section ~~10953, subsection 3~~ 11214, subsection 1, paragraph Q.

B. A person may not carry firearms of any kind while hunting any species of wildlife with ~~bow and arrow or crossbow~~ archery equipment during the regular archery season on deer. This paragraph may not be construed to prohibit a person from carrying a concealed weapon in accordance with Title 25, section 2001-A.

C. Except as provided in section 11109-A, subsection 3, if a person takes a deer with ~~bow and arrow or crossbow~~ archery equipment during the regular archery season on deer, that person is precluded from further hunting for deer during that year except as otherwise provided in law or rule.

D. Except as provided in this subsection, the provisions of this Part concerning deer are applicable to the taking of deer with ~~bow and arrow and crossbow~~ archery equipment, including the transportation, registration and possession of deer taken by these methods.

A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime.

Sec. 33. 12 MRSA §11952, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

B. Hunt wild hares or rabbits in any manner except by the ordinary method of shooting with guns ~~or shooting with a long bow and arrow~~, archery equipment or by falconry.

Sec. 34. 12 MRSA §12506, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §253 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

7. Other harvesting methods for suckers. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person licensed or otherwise entitled to fish in Maine waters may take suckers for that person's use in all rivers, brooks and streams that are open to fishing between April 1st and June 30th of each calendar year by the use of a hand spear, by ~~bow and arrow~~ archery equipment or by snagging.

A. A person may not use a ~~bow and arrow~~ archery equipment to harvest suckers unless the arrow or bolt used has a barbed or pronged point and the arrow or bolt is attached to the ~~bow~~ archery equipment with a line.

B. The following penalties apply to violations of paragraph A.

(1) A person who violates paragraph A 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 paragraph A 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.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 240
S.P. 784 - L.D. 1922**

An Act to Allow Bargaining Agents for Public Sector Unions to Merge

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §967, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Merger of bargaining agents. Two or more bargaining agents who are certified by the executive director of the board and who are members or affiliates of the same public employee organization may elect to merge. Bargaining agents seeking to merge shall file with the executive director of the board, or a designee, a petition describing the proposed merger. On receipt of a petition under this subsection, the executive director of the board shall conduct an election among the employees represented by the petitioning bargaining agents in which the only question on the ballot is the proposed merger of the bargaining agents. On an affirmative vote of the majority of the employees represented by each petitioning bargaining agent, the executive director of the board shall order the merger. After a merger is ordered, the parties to a contract in which one party to that contract is one of the merged bargaining agents shall honor the terms of the contract unless the public employer and the merged bargaining agent agree to different terms.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 241
H.P. 1230 - L.D. 1925**

An Act to Clarify and Improve the Laws Relating to the Background Check Center and the Maine Certified Nursing Assistant and Direct Care Worker Registry

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§1-B, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

E. "Disqualifying offense" means a substantiation for abuse, neglect or ~~exploitation~~ misappropriation of property, or a criminal conviction identified in rules adopted by the department that prohibits employment as a certified nursing assistant or a direct care worker in accordance with subsection 2-C.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§1-B, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

F. "Employer" means a person or licensed, certified or registered provider or other entity that employs ~~direct access workers, including~~ certified nursing assistants and direct care workers, to provide direct contact services in home, community or other health care or direct access settings. An individual who employs an unlicensed person to provide care for that individual is not an employer for the purposes of this section, except when required by rules adopted by the department.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§1-B, ¶J, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

J. "Nondisqualifying criminal conviction" means a criminal conviction identified in rules adopted by the department pursuant to subsection 18 that is included as a notation on the registry but does not prohibit employment as a certified nursing assistant ~~or a direct care worker.~~

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§1-B, ¶K, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§1-B, ¶L, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

L. "Registry" means the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Workers established in subsection 1, which identifies individuals qualified and eligible for employment as a certified nursing assistant ~~or a registered direct care worker~~ and individuals who are not eligible for employment as a certified nursing assistant or direct care worker due to notations for disqualifying offenses.

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

2-A. Registry listing. All active certified nursing assistants employed in the State must be listed on the registry. The registry must contain a listing of certified nursing assistants and direct care workers that are ineligible for employment based on notations for disqualifying offenses. ~~Direct care workers registered for training, education or compliance purposes may apply for registration and listing on the registry.~~ Direct care workers who may be listed on the registry include but are not limited to the following:

- A. Behavior specialists;
- B. Behavioral health professionals;
- C. Certified residential care aides;
- D. Certified residential medication aides;
- E. Direct support professionals;
- F. Mental health rehabilitation technicians;
- G. Mental health support specialists;
- H. Other qualified mental health professionals;

I. Personal care attendants or personal support specialists;

J. Registered medical assistants;

K. Residential care specialists;

L. Community health workers; and

M. Other direct care workers described in rules adopted by the department pursuant to subsection 18.

Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§2-C, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

2-C. Registry notations. The registry must include for a certified nursing assistant ~~and direct care worker~~ 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 a certified nursing assistant ~~or a direct care worker~~, 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 ~~or direct care worker~~ appealed the substantiated finding, the date of the hearing; and

(4) The statement of the certified nursing assistant ~~or direct care worker~~ disputing the allegation of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident if the certified nursing assistant or direct care worker submitted such a statement; and

~~D. Petitions filed by a certified nursing assistant or direct care worker for removal of an employment ban issued by the department that was based on a criminal conviction and the department's review and determination.~~

Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3-A. Listing on the registry; direct care worker. The department shall adopt routine technical rules regarding listing direct care workers on the registry, including but not limited to the following:

A. Direct care workers with disqualifying offenses must be listed on the registry; and

B. The notation for direct care workers listed on the registry for substantiated findings must include the following information:

(1) Documentation of an investigation of a direct care worker, 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 direct care worker appealed the substantiated finding, the date of the hearing; and

(4) The statement of the direct care worker disputing the allegation of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident if the direct care worker submitted such a statement.

Sec. 9. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§3-B is enacted 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 is a one-time occurrence and there is no pattern of neglect or misappropriation of property.

Sec. 10. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is further amended to read:

4. Department verification of credentials and training. The department may verify the credentials and training of certified nursing assistants ~~and registered direct care workers~~ listed on the registry.

Sec. 11. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§4-A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is further amended to read:

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 ~~or registered direct care worker's~~ credentials and training. Providers may not pass the cost on to the individual certified nursing assistant ~~or regis-~~

~~tered direct care worker.~~ 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. 12. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§5-A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

5-A. Employment eligibility verification; direct care access worker. An employer, including a health care institution, facility or other organization that employs an individual as a direct ~~care~~ access worker, shall verify that the direct ~~care~~ access worker, ~~if listed on the registry, has no disqualifying notations and has complied with the training or education requirements for registration, if applicable~~ offenses.

Sec. 13. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

6. Prohibited employment based on disqualifying offenses. An individual with a disqualifying offense, including a substantiated complaint or a disqualifying criminal conviction, may not work as a certified nursing assistant or a direct ~~care~~ access worker, and an employer is subject to penalties for employing a disqualified or otherwise ineligible person in accordance with applicable federal or state laws.

Sec. 14. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §§17 and 18, is further amended to read:

6-A. Background check. Certified nursing assistants ~~and direct care workers~~ are subject to a background check ~~as defined by rules adopted by the department pursuant to chapter 1691~~ 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~~ 9054 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 ~~or a direct care worker.~~

C. The department may secure a background check on certified nursing assistants ~~and registered direct care workers~~ 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. 15. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 16. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-C, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

A. A disqualifying criminal conviction ~~within the previous 10 years~~ prohibits employment as a certified nursing assistant or a direct care 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. 17. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-C, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

B. Nondisqualifying criminal convictions do not prohibit employment as a certified nursing assistant or a direct care access worker.

Sec. 18. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-D, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 19. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 20. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

10. Complaint investigation. The department may investigate complaints and allegations against certified nursing assistants or ~~registered direct care~~ access workers of abuse, neglect, ~~exploitation~~ or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident.

Sec. 21. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

11. Issue a decision. After an investigation under subsection 10, the department shall issue a written decision that the allegation of abuse, neglect, ~~exploitation~~ or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident is unsubstantiated or substantiated. Each allegation of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property must be considered separately. A substantiated finding must be based on factors established by department rules. The written decision must include at least the following information:

- A. Whether the allegation is unsubstantiated or substantiated;
- B. A description of the factors supporting a substantiated finding;
- C. If a notation of a substantiated finding is entered on the registry;
- D. A description of the employment prohibition, if any; and
- E. Notice of the right to appeal the department’s decision pursuant to subsection 12.

Sec. 22. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

13. Substantiated finding; lifetime employment ban. A certified nursing assistant or a ~~registered direct care worker~~ with a notation on the registry of a substantiated finding ~~on the registry~~ of abuse of a patient, client or resident is banned for life from employment as either a certified nursing assistant or a direct care worker.

Sec. 23. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§14, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 24. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§15, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 25. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§16, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 26. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§17, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 27. 22 MRSA §1812-J, as amended by PL 2015, c. 299, §§11 to 17 and c. 494, Pt. D, §3, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§1812-J. ~~Unlicensed assistive persons~~ Direct care workers

Sec. 28. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§1, ¶A-2, as amended by PL 2015, c. 299, §11, is further amended to read:

A-2. "Disqualifying offense" means a substantiation of abuse, neglect or exploitation or a criminal conviction identified in rules adopted by the department that prohibit employment as ~~an unlicensed assistive person~~ a direct care worker.

Sec. 29. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§1, ¶A-3, as amended by PL 2015, c. 299, §11, is further amended to read:

A-3. "Health care and direct access services settings" means settings in which individuals receive services that require direct access by a certified nursing assistant or ~~unlicensed assistive person~~ a direct care worker or other employee in providing direct care and related services.

Sec. 30. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§1, ¶A-4, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 257, §3, is amended to read:

A-4. "High severity" means the level, as established by the department by rule, of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident that forms the basis for a substantiated finding after investigation of a complaint against ~~an unlicensed assistive person~~ a direct care worker of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident.

Sec. 31. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§1, ¶A-5, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 257, §3, is amended to read:

A-5. "Indicated finding" means an administrative determination made by the department, after investigation of a complaint against ~~an unlicensed assistive person~~ a direct care worker of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident, that the abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident was of low to moderate severity based on criteria established by the department by rule and that the person is not prohibited from employment as ~~an unlicensed assistive person~~ a direct care worker.

Sec. 32. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§1, ¶A-6, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 257, §3, is amended to read:

A-6. "Low to moderate severity" means the level, as established by the department by rule, of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident that forms the basis for an indicated finding after investigation of a complaint against ~~an unlicensed assistive person~~ a direct care worker of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident.

Sec. 33. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§1, ¶A-7, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 257, §3, is amended to read:

A-7. "Nondisqualifying criminal conviction" means a criminal conviction identified in rules adopted by the department that is included as a notation on the registry but does not prohibit employment as ~~an unlicensed assistive person~~ a direct care worker.

Sec. 34. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2015, c. 299, §12, is further amended to read:

B. "Registry" means the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Workers, which is a list of certified nursing assistants, with notations if applicable, and a list of direct care workers ~~registered for training, education or compliance purposes, or unlicensed assistive persons~~ with notations and is established under section 1812-G.

Sec. 35. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§1, ¶C-1, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 257, §3, is amended to read:

C-1. "Substantiated finding" means an administrative determination made by the department, after investigation of a complaint against ~~an unlicensed assistive person~~ a direct care worker of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident, that the abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident was of high severity based on criteria established by the department by rule.

Sec. 36. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2015, c. 299, §13, is further amended to read:

D. "~~Unlicensed assistive person~~ Direct care worker" means an unlicensed individual who by virtue of employment has direct access to and provides direct care or direct contact assistance with activities of daily living or other services to individuals in homes, assisted living programs, residential care facilities, hospitals and other health care and direct access services settings. "~~Unlicensed assistive person~~ Direct care worker" includes but is not limited to a direct support professional, residential care specialist, behavioral health professional, personal support specialist, mental health support specialist, mental health rehabilitation technician, behavior specialist, other qualified mental health professional, certified residential medication aide and registered medical assistant and other direct access workers or direct care workers as described in rules adopted by the department. "~~Unlicensed assistive person~~ Direct care worker" does not include a certified nursing assistant employed in the capacity of a certified nursing assistant.

Sec. 37. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 257, §3, is amended to read:

E. "Unsubstantiated finding" means an administrative determination made by the department, after investigation of a complaint against ~~an unlicensed assistive person~~ a direct care worker of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident, that no abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident was found to support an indicated finding or a

substantiated finding of abuse, neglect or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident.

Sec. 38. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §14, is repealed.

Sec. 39. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§1, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. "Registered direct care worker" means an individual listed on the registry. "Registered direct care worker" does not include a certified nursing assistant employed in the capacity of a certified nursing assistant or a direct care worker listed on the registry with notations for disqualifying offenses.

Sec. 40. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2015, c. 299, §15, is further amended to read:

2. Complaint investigation. The department may investigate complaints and allegations of abuse, neglect, ~~exploitation~~ or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident in a home or health care setting against ~~unlicensed assistive persons~~ direct care workers.

Sec. 41. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2011, c. 257, §5, is further amended to read:

3. Substantiated finding of complaint; registry listing. When a complaint against ~~an unlicensed assistive person~~ a direct care worker is substantiated by the department and the ~~unlicensed assistive person~~ direct care worker is listed on the registry pursuant to subsection 4, the department's decision becomes final agency action as defined in Title 5, section 8002, subsection 4. The department shall notify the employer of the ~~unlicensed assistive person~~ direct care worker that a substantiated finding of a complaint has been listed as a notation on the registry.

Sec. 42. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 257, §6, is amended to read:

3-A. Indicated finding of complaint; no registry listing. An indicated finding by the department of a complaint against ~~an unlicensed assistive person~~ a direct care worker does not prohibit employment and is not listed as a notation on the registry. The department's complaint investigation decision becomes final agency action as defined in Title 5, section 8002, subsection 4.

Sec. 43. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2015, c. 299, §16, is further amended to read:

4. Registry listing. The department shall list ~~an unlicensed assistive person employed as a direct care worker~~ direct care workers with a disqualifying offense substantiated finding notation ~~and may register an unli-~~

~~icensed assistive person or direct care worker for training, education and compliance purposes.~~ Disqualifying notations must include but are not limited to the following information:

A. Documentation of the department's investigation, including the nature of the allegation and the evidence that led the department to substantiate the allegation of abuse, neglect, ~~exploitation~~ or misappropriation of property;

B. The date of the hearing, if the ~~unlicensed assistive person~~ direct care worker chose to appeal the department finding that the complaint was substantiated; and

C. The ~~unlicensed assistive person's~~ direct care worker's statement to the department disputing the allegation, if the ~~unlicensed assistive person~~ direct care worker chose to submit one; and

~~D. Notations indicating the listed unlicensed assistive person is not in compliance with training or educational requirements.~~

Sec. 44. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 215, §2, is amended to read:

5. Right to hearing. The department shall notify the ~~unlicensed assistive person~~ direct care worker of the right to request a hearing to contest the finding that the complaint under subsection 3 was substantiated.

Sec. 45. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2011, c. 257, §7, is repealed.

Sec. 46. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. D, §3, is further amended to read:

7. Prohibited employment based on disqualifying offenses. An employer who employs ~~an unlicensed assistive person~~ a direct care worker to provide direct access services shall conduct a comprehensive background check in accordance with state law and rules adopted by the department and is subject to the employment restrictions set out in section 1812-G and chapter 169I and other applicable federal and state laws. The employer is subject to penalties for employing a disqualified or otherwise ineligible person in accordance with applicable federal or state laws.

Sec. 47. 22 MRSA §1812-J, sub-§7-A is enacted to read:

7-A. Background check. This subsection governs background checks for direct care workers.

A. A training program for direct care workers may secure or pay for a background check pursuant to chapter 169I on each individual who applies for enrollment in the program. The background check may check the individual's current name and all previous names. The background check result may

be shared with the individual's prospective employer upon successful completion of the program.

(1) Prior to enrolling an individual, a training program for direct care workers must notify individuals that a background check may be conducted and that certain disqualifying offenses, including criminal convictions, may prohibit an individual from working as a direct care worker.

B. Pursuant to sections 1717, 1724, 2137, 2149-A, 7706, 8606, 9005 and 9054 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 direct care worker.

C. The department may review the results of a background check completed in accordance with chapter 1691 on a registered direct care worker.

D. A person that is not otherwise licensed by the department that employs or places a 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. 48. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

2. Assisted housing program. "Assisted housing program" means a program or facility licensed pursuant to chapter 1663 or an independent housing with services program exempt from licensing pursuant to chapter 1663.

Sec. 49. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

3. Background check. "Background check" means the collection of personally identifiable information ~~and~~ data ~~and~~ biometric identifiers for comparison with criminal record repositories and registry databases that are relevant to an individual's identity and background, including monitoring for future offenses through a rap back monitoring program.

Sec. 50. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Biometric identifier. "Biometric identifier" means a unique and measurable biological, anatomical or physiological characteristic used for identification of an individual, including, but not limited to, fingerprints, retinal or iris scans and palm prints.

Sec. 51. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§14, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

14. Direct access worker. "Direct access worker" means an individual who by virtue of employment ~~has direct access to a Medicare or Medicaid beneficiary or~~

~~other protected individual served by a provider subject to this chapter 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:

A. An individual seeking employment as a direct access worker;

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~~ 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 or a worker who is placed with a provider by a temporary nurse agency or a personal care agency or a placement agency registered pursuant to section 1717; ~~and~~

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.

Sec. 52. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§19, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

19. Grandfathered employee. "Grandfathered employee" means an individual subject to the requirements of this chapter who has been employed prior to October 1, 2023, is subject to section 9058-A and has not previously submitted biometric identifier data for a background check under this chapter.

Sec. 53. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§21-A is enacted to read:

21-A. Hospital. "Hospital" means an entity licensed pursuant to chapter 405.

Sec. 54. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§24-A is enacted 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. 55. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§28-A is enacted to read:

28-A. Portability. "Portability" means the ability of a direct access worker to transfer the results of a background check eligibility determination and information from the rap back monitoring program to a new employer.

Sec. 56. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§29, as amended by PL 2019, c. 660, §6, is further amended to read:

29. Provider. "Provider" means a licensed, license-exempt, certified or registered entity that employs direct care access workers to provide long-term care and in-home and community-based services under this chapter.

Sec. 57. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§32, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

32. Residential care facility. "Residential care facility" means a residential care facility licensed or exempted from licensing pursuant to chapter 1663.

Sec. 58. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§32-A is enacted to read:

32-A. Substance use disorder treatment agency. "Substance use disorder treatment agency" means an approved treatment facility or program licensed pursuant to Title 5, chapter 521.

Sec. 59. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

2. Employer obligations. An employer subject to this chapter shall use the Background Check Center to conduct a comprehensive background check that includes a criminal history records check for all direct access workers. The employer shall comply with the requirements of this chapter, including, but not limited to, a biometric identifier-based background check, when making employment-related decisions for direct access workers.

Sec. 60. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

5. Subsequent background check; 5 years. An employer shall conduct a periodic subsequent background check in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. Criminal history record checks for all direct access workers using a biometric identifier must be completed every 5 years subsequent to the date of hire or the anniversary date of a previous background check completed through use of the Background Check Center.

Sec. 61. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§7, ¶O, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

O. Mental health services facilities or providers; and

Sec. 62. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§7, ¶P, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

P. Drug treatment centers;

Sec. 63. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§7, ¶Q is enacted to read:

Q. Substance use disorder treatment agencies; and

Sec. 64. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§7, ¶R is enacted to read:

R. Hospitals.

Sec. 65. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§8, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is repealed.

Sec. 66. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§8, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

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. 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. 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;

Sec. 67. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§8, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

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;

Sec. 68. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

10. Background check report content. The background check report must inform employers whether the individual submitted for a background check has offenses that disqualify the individual for employment as a direct access worker. The background check report must include information specific to the individual along with information about the source and type of offense sufficient to allow the individual named in the report to challenge the information. The content of the background check report must include, but is not limited to, notice that the individual submitted for a background check ~~has~~ is:

~~A. No disqualifying offenses;~~

A-1. Eligible for hire; or

~~B. A disqualifying offense; or~~

B-1. Ineligible for hire and the length of any ban on employment as a result.

~~C. A criminal charge without disposition that upon final disposition may result in a disqualifying offense.~~

Sec. 69. 22 MRSA §9054, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

13. Waiver; disqualifying offense. In the event that no other federal or state law mandates an employment prohibition by an employer subject to this chapter, an individual who is banned from employment because of a disqualifying criminal offense may initiate a request for a waiver under subsection 8, paragraph H in accordance with a process established by rules adopted pursuant to this chapter under the following circumstances:

A. The individual is seeking to be employed or is currently employed by an employer subject to the requirements of this chapter;

B. The employer has chosen to sponsor the individual's request for the removal of the ban in order to create or maintain an employment relationship; and

C. The employer must attest to the department that the decision to sponsor the waiver request occurred after the employer considered the objectively reasonable factors under subsection 15 and the following factors:

- (1) The nature and gravity of the disqualifying offense or offenses;
- (2) The time that has passed since the disqualifying offense or offenses;
- (3) The nature of the employment held or sought;
- (4) Whether the criminal conduct was employment-related; and
- (5) A reasonable conclusion that the individual does not pose a threat of harm to a protected individual or others in the care and support of the individual.

The waiver must be sought with respect to the prospective or continued employment by a specific employer that is willing to sponsor the individual's request. An employee seeking a waiver may be conditionally employed in accordance with section 9057, subsection 4 and section ~~9058~~ 9058-A, subsection 3 until the waiver is denied.

Sec. 70. 22 MRSA §9055, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

2. Special revenue account. Revenue generated pursuant to this section must be deposited in a special

revenue account in the ~~Division~~ division of Licensing ~~licensing and Regulatory Services~~ certification and dedicated for Background Check Center operations.

Sec. 71. 22 MRSA §9056, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is 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 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. 72. 22 MRSA §9056, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

3. Collection of identifier data. The bureau shall coordinate with the Background Check Center to collect the personally identifiable information and biometric identifier and relevant data of individuals as needed to meet the requirements of the rap back monitoring program or as otherwise required by this chapter and other laws.

Sec. 73. 22 MRSA §9056, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

A. Maintain the personally identifiable information and biometric identifier data in the criminal history records repository;

Sec. 74. 22 MRSA §9056, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

B. Compare the personally identifiable data, biometric identifier data or other data ~~or both~~ to criminal records to conduct a criminal record check and disseminate the results of this record check to authorized entities;

Sec. 75. 22 MRSA §9057, sub-§4, ¶D-1 is enacted to read:

D-1. The individual provides evidence to the employer that the individual has submitted the individual's biometric identifier data for the background check;

Sec. 76. 22 MRSA §9057, sub-§4, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

E. The employer verifies and documents that the individual has submitted the individual's biometric identifier data required for the background check and the mandatory identity verification and employment eligibility documents required by rules adopted in accordance with this chapter; and

Sec. 77. 22 MRSA §9058, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is repealed.

Sec. 78. 22 MRSA §9058-A is enacted to read:
§9058-A. Grandfathered employees prior to biometric identifier reporting

1. Background check. Beginning October 1, 2024, an employer employing direct access workers 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.

2. Gradual implementation of grandfathered employee background checks with biometric identifier data. The department shall adopt rules under section 9065 describing a staged and orderly process based on the type of provider and the number of direct access workers employed that employers must follow to implement the background checks using biometric identifier data for grandfathered employees consistent with this chapter. The department may grant an employer a deadline extension for good cause shown, which may not be unreasonably withheld.

3. Background check deadline. A grandfathered employee may continue to work in direct access employment for up to 60 calendar days from the date the grandfathered employee's first biometric identifier background check is initiated in accordance with subsection 2 and if:

A. The grandfathered employee signs a consent to release information and agrees in writing to submit to the background check process;

B. The grandfathered employee signs a statement declaring that a background check will not reveal any disqualifying offenses or that an offense that appears is inaccurate;

C. The employer verifies and documents that the grandfathered employee has submitted the biometric identifier data and mandatory identity verification and employment eligibility documents required by rules adopted in accordance with section 9065;

D. The employer initiates the background check by entering the individual into the Background Check Center database as a grandfathered employee; and

E. The grandfathered employee is not identified in the Background Check Center database as a disqualified person.

4. Disqualified grandfathered employee. A grandfathered employee who receives a disqualifying background check report is subject to the provisions of subsection 3 and must be able to correct disqualifying offense information that appears in the background check report through the inaccurate records corrections process within 60 calendar days after the disqualifying report is issued. The grandfathered employee is subject to direct personal supervision during the conditional employment period as described in rules adopted pursuant to this chapter until a final background check report indicates that no disqualifying offenses appear in the updated records.

5. Termination; disqualified grandfathered employees. An employer shall terminate or remove from direct access employment any grandfathered employee who has not submitted the documents required in subsection 3, who refused to submit a biometric identifier or otherwise participate in the background check or who fails to receive a final nondisqualifying background check report in accordance with subsection 4.

Sec. 79. 22 MRSA §9062, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

B. Failure or refusal to terminate or remove from direct access employment an employee who is disqualified for employment based on the requirements of this chapter; and

Sec. 80. 22 MRSA §9062, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

C. Substantial noncompliance with the procedures established by this chapter; and

Sec. 81. 22 MRSA §9062, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Failure to enroll in the Background Check Center.

Sec. 82. 22 MRSA §9066 is enacted to read:

§9066. Portability

1. Portability authorized. A direct access worker may choose to transfer the worker's background check report to another employer. The direct access worker may choose to transfer confidential information contained in the worker's background check report, as long as the background check used a biometric identifier, when:

A. The direct access worker agrees to submit to the requirements of this chapter;

B. The direct access worker signs a statement releasing the confidential information to the new employer;

C. The employer verifies and documents that the direct access worker has submitted the mandatory identity verification and employment eligibility documents required by rules adopted in accordance with this chapter; and

D. The employer ensures the background check was completed within the last 5 years and enters the direct access worker into the rap back monitoring program.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 242
H.P. 150 - L.D. 229**

An Act to Compensate Tribal Governments for Basic Training for a Law Enforcement Officer Hired by Another Government Agency

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2808, as amended by PL 2013, c. 147, §41, is further amended to read:

§2808. Sharing of training costs

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Governmental entity" means the State or any city, town, plantation or county or tribal government.

B. "Training" means the basic training provided to a full-time law enforcement officer by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, as described in section 2804-C, or by the Indian police academy at the federal law enforcement training center.

C. "Training costs" means a fixed dollar amount determined by the board. In making the determination, the board shall include the following costs:

- (1) The full cost of the salary, including fringe benefits, paid to the officer while in training;
- (2) The full cost of the tuition charged by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy or the Indian police academy at the federal law enforcement training center;
- (3) The full cost of uniforms for training and graduation provided to the officer in training; and
- (4) The full cost of the salary, inclusive of overtime, paid to officers to provide police protection that would otherwise have been lost during the absence of the officer in training.

The board shall review the determination of training costs annually, make any necessary adjustments and provide that determination to all law enforcement agencies in the State.

3. Reimbursement for training costs. Whenever a full-time law enforcement officer, trained at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy or the Indian police academy at the federal law enforcement training center at the expense of a particular governmental entity, is subsequently hired by another governmental entity as a full-time law enforcement officer within 5 years of graduation from the academy, the governmental entity shall reimburse the first governmental entity according to the following formula, unless a mutual agreement is reached.

A. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity during the first year after graduation, that governmental entity shall reimburse the first governmental entity the full cost of the training costs.

B. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity during the 2nd year after graduation, that governmental entity shall reimburse the first governmental entity 80% of the training costs.

C. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity during the 3rd year after graduation, that governmental entity shall reimburse the first governmental entity 60% of the training costs.

D. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity during the 4th year after graduation, that governmental entity shall reimburse the first governmental entity 40% of the training costs.

E. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity during the 5th year after graduation, that governmental entity shall reimburse the first governmental entity 20% of the training costs.

F. If the officer graduated more than 5 years before subsequently being hired by the other governmental entity, that governmental entity is not obligated to reimburse the first governmental entity.

If the officer is subsequently hired by additional governmental entities within 5 years of graduation from the academy, each of those governmental entities is liable to the governmental employer immediately preceding it for the training costs paid by that governmental entity under this subsection. The extent of financial liability must be determined according to the formula established by this subsection.

The board shall, as necessary, incorporate the Indian police academy at the federal law enforcement training center into its basic law enforcement training program reimbursement rates.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 243
S.P. 508 - L.D. 1271

An Act to Require a Disclaimer
on Promotional Materials for
Medicare, Medicaid and
MaineCare Products by
Private Entities

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 226 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 226

DISCLAIMER ON PROMOTIONAL
MATERIALS USING MEDICARE, MEDICAID
OR MAINECARE

§1499-G. Disclaimer on promotional materials us-
ing Medicare, Medicaid or MaineCare

1. Disclaimer. A person may not use any advertise-
ment, solicitation, informational brochure, mailer or
other promotional material using the terms "Medicare,"
"Medicaid" or "MaineCare" unless the material:

A. Includes a disclaimer printed on the top and both
front and back of the material in type size no
smaller than the largest type size on the material
stating "This is an advertisement and solicitation";

B. Contains in a type size no smaller than the 2nd
largest type size on the material stating "[Name of
person sponsoring the promotional material] is a
private company that is not Medicare, Medicaid or
MaineCare and is not a governmental agency";

C. Contains in a type size no smaller than the 2nd
largest type size on the material any other dis-
claimer on the material; and

D. Does not use a type color for the disclaimer re-
quired in paragraph A that is in grayscale or other
faded tone, or a font that does not mimic or is not
similar to a font used in an official document from
a state or federal agency.

2. Application. The requirements of subsection 1
do not apply to any informational brochure or other ma-
terial distributed by a person that does not sell or profit
from the sale of any insurance product.

3. Rules. The Attorney General 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.

4. Violation. A person that fails to comply with
subsection 1 commits a violation of the Maine Unfair
Trade Practices Act.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2152-B, sub-§2, as en-
acted by PL 2007, c. 53, §1, is amended to read:

2. Unfair solicitation methods. It is an unfair
trade practice under this chapter for an insurer or pro-
ducer to:

A. Sell, solicit or negotiate the purchase of health
insurance in this State through the use of cold lead
advertising;

B. Use an appointment that was made to discuss
Medicare products or to solicit the sale of Medicare
products in order to solicit sales of life insurance,
health insurance or annuity products unless the
consumer requests such solicitation and the prod-
ucts to be discussed are clearly identified to the
consumer in writing at least 48 hours in advance of
the appointment; ~~and~~

C. Solicit the sale of Medicare products door-to-
door prior to receiving an invitation from a con-
sumer; and

D. Use an advertisement, solicitation, informa-
tional brochure, mailer or other promotional mate-
rial using the terms "Medicare," "Medicaid" or
"MaineCare" that mimics or implies that it is an of-
ficial document from a state or federal agency.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2152-C is enacted to
read:

§2152-C. Disclosures in printed marketing materi-
als of Medicare products

1. Disclosures. Except as provided in subsections
2 and 3, a person may not use printed materials market-
ing Medicare products unless the material:

A. Includes a statement printed on the top and both
the front and back of the material in type size no
smaller than the largest type size on the material
stating "This is an advertisement and solicitation";

B. Contains in a type size no smaller than the 2nd
largest type size on the material stating "[Name of
person sponsoring the promotional material] is a
private company that is not Medicare, Medicaid or
MaineCare and is not a governmental agency";

C. Contains in a type size no smaller than the 2nd
largest type size on the material any other dis-
claimer on the material; and

D. Does not use a type color for the disclaimer re-
quired in paragraph A that is in grayscale or other
faded tone, or a font that does not mimic or is not
similar to a font used in an official document from
a state or federal agency.

2. No disclosure required. The requirements of
subsection 1 do not apply to:

A. Informational brochures or other material devel-
oped or distributed by a state or federal regulatory
agency or a nonprofit organization; or

B. Information related to an existing policy, from a policyholder's insurer, licensed agent or agency of record, including, but not limited to, information for the purpose of assisting, educating or communicating the status of plan benefits, claims, appeals, grievances or notice of termination.

3. Application. This subsection does not apply to any marketing material that has been filed with and approved by the superintendent, or filed with and approved by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or filed with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under that agency's policies allowing for the filing and use of certain marketing materials. Evidence of that approval or filing with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services must be produced upon request of the superintendent.

4. Rules. The superintendent 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 244
S.P. 284 - L.D. 726**

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Governing Political Action
Committees Relating to Union,
Business and Nonprofit
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, political action committees and party committees usually engage in fund-raising in the summer and autumn months for the purpose of influencing upcoming elections; and

Whereas, it is necessary to repeal the current law as soon as possible to avoid confusion resulting from a delay in the repeal; 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 §1004-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 274, §1 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

2. Contribution in excess of limitations. A person that accepts or makes a contribution that exceeds the limitations set out in ~~this chapter~~ section 1015, subsections 1 and 2-B may be assessed a penalty of no more than the amount by which the contribution exceeded the limitation.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §1012, sub-§4-B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 274, §2 and affected by §13, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §1012, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 274, §3 and affected by §13, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 274, §4 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

1. Contributions by individuals. An individual may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than ~~\$1,500~~ \$1,950 in any election for a gubernatorial candidate, more than ~~\$350~~ \$475 for a legislative candidate, more than ~~\$500~~ \$575 for a candidate for municipal office and ~~beginning January 1, 2012~~ more than \$750 \$975 in any election for any other candidate. This limitation does not apply to contributions in support of a candidate by that candidate or that candidate's spouse or domestic partner. Beginning December 1, ~~2010~~ 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. 5. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 607, §1 and affected by §5, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 274, §6 and affected by §13, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

2-B. Committees; corporations; associations. A political committee, political action committee, ballot question committee or other committee, firm, partnership, corporation, association or organization may not make contributions to a candidate in support of the candidacy of one person aggregating more than \$1,950 in any election for a gubernatorial candidate, more than \$475 for a legislative candidate, more than \$575 for a candidate for municipal office and more than \$975 in any election for any other candidate. 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. 8. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 274, §7 and affected by §13, is repealed.

Sec. 9. 21-A MRSA §1015-A, as repealed by PL 2021, c. 274, §8 and affected by §13, is reenacted to read:

§1015-A. Corporate contributions

Contributions made by a for-profit or a nonprofit corporation including a parent, subsidiary, branch, division, department or local unit of a corporation, and contributions made by a political committee or political action committee whose contribution or expenditure activities are financed, maintained or controlled by a corporation are considered to be made by that corporation, political committee or political action committee.

1. Single entities. Two or more entities are treated as a single entity if the entities:

- A. Share the majority of members of their boards of directors;
- B. Share 2 or more officers;
- C. Are owned or controlled by the same majority shareholder or shareholders;
- C-1. Are limited liability companies that are owned or controlled by the same majority member or members; or
- D. Are in a parent-subsidiary relationship.

2. Sole proprietorships. A sole proprietorship and its owner are treated as a single entity.

Sec. 10. 21-A MRSA §1015-B, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 334, §7, is amended to read:

§1015-B. Donations to an individual considering whether to become a candidate

If an individual receives funds, goods or services for the purpose of deciding whether to become a candidate, the funds, goods or services may not exceed the limitations in section 1015, subsections 1 and ~~2~~ **2-B**. The individual shall keep an account of such funds, goods or services received and all payments and obligations incurred in deciding whether to become a candidate. If the individual becomes a candidate, the funds, goods and services received are contributions and the payments and obligations are expenditures. The candidate shall disclose the contributions and expenditures in the first report filed by the candidate or the candidate's

authorized campaign committee, in accordance with the commission's procedures.

Sec. 11. 21-A MRSA §1052, sub-§4-C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 217, §3 and c. 274, §9 and affected by §13, is repealed.

Sec. 12. 21-A MRSA §1052, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 274, §10 and affected by §13, is repealed.

Sec. 13. 21-A MRSA §1052-A, sub-§3, ¶E, as amended by PL 2021, c. 217, §4, is further amended to read:

E. The name of the account that the committee will use to deposit contributions and make expenditures pursuant to section 1054, and the name and address of the financial institution at which the account is established; and

Sec. 14. 21-A MRSA §1052-A, sub-§3, ¶E-1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 217, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 15. 21-A MRSA §1056-C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 607, §2 and affected by §5, is repealed.

Sec. 16. 21-A MRSA §1056-D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 607, §§3 and 4 and affected by §5, is repealed.

Sec. 17. Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices report. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall determine the amendments to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A necessary in order to:

1. Prohibit a business entity from making contributions to candidates for election but allow a business entity to make contributions to caucus political action committees and party committees;
2. Prohibit a business entity from making any contributions to leadership political action committees; and
3. Prohibit a leadership political action committee from accepting contributions from other entities that exceed contribution limits to candidates in an election cycle.

The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall submit a report of its findings, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs by February 1, 2024. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 22, 2023.

**CHAPTER 245
H.P. 555 - L.D. 899**

An Act to Authorize Vaccine Administration by Pharmacy Technicians and Reduce Vaccine Administration Training Requirements for Pharmacists

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, federal guidance issued under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act authorized trained pharmacy technicians to administer certain immunizations under certain circumstances in response to the COVID-19 pandemic for the duration of the federal public health emergency declaration; and

Whereas, preparing for the end of the federal public health emergency declaration by codifying in state law the authority of pharmacy technicians to administer vaccines is necessary to ensure there is no gap in the provision of services by pharmacy technicians; 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 §13831, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Administration of vaccines by pharmacy technician. A pharmacy technician may administer vaccines in accordance with the requirements of this section if the pharmacy technician:

- A. Holds a valid unrestricted pharmacy technician license in this State;
- B. Consistent with rules adopted by the board, works under the direct supervision of a pharmacist who meets the requirements of section 13832;
- C. Possesses a current certificate of administration issued by the board. The pharmacy technician must submit an application in the form prescribed by the board together with the requirements set forth under this section and certificate fee as set forth under section 13724. The certificate of administration expires and is subject to the conditions in the same manner as in section 13734; and
- D. Submits evidence acceptable to the board that the pharmacy technician has completed a certification program approved by the board consisting of

at least 6 hours of vaccine-related training that includes, at a minimum, training on the safe and effective administration of vaccines, hands-on injection technique, clinical evaluation of indications and contraindications of vaccines and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines and cardiovascular life support training as described in section 13832, subsection 5.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §13832, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 308, §3, is amended to read:

3. Training. Submit evidence acceptable to the board that the pharmacist, ~~within the 3 years immediately preceding application for a certificate of administration:~~

- A. Has completed a 20-hour course of study in the areas of drug administration authorized under this subchapter and as described in subsection 4 within the 3 years immediately preceding application for a certificate of administration;
- B. Has graduated with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from a college of pharmacy accredited by the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education or successor organization within the 3 years immediately preceding application for a certificate of administration that includes completion of training in the areas of drug administration authorized under this subchapter satisfactory to the board, including instruction in the areas identified in subsection 4 received as part of the pharmacist's pharmacy degree program; or

C. ~~Possesses a current~~ Has a valid certificate of administration issued by ~~another~~ any jurisdiction of the United States or its territories within the 3 years immediately preceding application for a certificate of administration that authorizes the pharmacist to administer drugs comparable to those authorized under this chapter and that is based on the pharmacist's completion of training or course work as described in subsection 4, or its equivalent as determined by the board, and has continuous administration practice since the pharmacist received such training or since completion of a retraining program as required in this subchapter, as long as such retraining incorporates the areas identified in subsection 4;

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §13834, as amended by PL 2013, c. 98, §1, is further amended to read:

§13834. Prohibited acts

1. Delegate authority. A pharmacist may not delegate the pharmacist's authority to administer drugs or vaccines; except that a pharmacist licensed under this chapter who has obtained a certificate of administration pursuant to section 13832 may delegate the authority to administer ~~drugs and~~ vaccines to a pharmacy technician who is under that pharmacist's direct supervision and

has met the requirements of section 13831, subsection 6 or may delegate the authority to administer drugs and vaccines to a pharmacy intern who is under that pharmacist's direct supervision and who has obtained drug administration training pursuant to section 13832, subsection 3. A pharmacy intern may administer drugs and vaccines only to a person 18 years of age or older.

2. Administer drugs or vaccines. A pharmacist may not engage in the administration of drugs or vaccines unless the pharmacist meets the qualifications and requirements of section 13832 and the pharmacist has obtained a board-issued certificate of administration. A pharmacy technician may not engage in the administration of vaccines unless the pharmacy technician meets the qualifications and requirements of section 13831, subsection 6 and the pharmacy technician has obtained a board-issued certificate of administration.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 22, 2023.

**CHAPTER 246
S.P. 134 - L.D. 313**

**An Act to Allow Game
Wardens to Transfer
Retirement Service, Allow
Certain Employees of
Participating Local Districts to
Purchase Service Credit and
Allow Transfer of Membership
from the State Employee
Retirement Plan to Another
Plan**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17656, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 542, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

1. Reemployment with new employer. Membership of a member who is reemployed with a new employer, or who transfers from one state employee plan to another state employee plan, is governed as follows:

A. Any member of the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program or the Participating Local District Retirement Program whose service is terminated as a state employee, teacher or participating local district employee and who becomes employed as a state employee, teacher or participating local district employee with a new employer or who transfers from one state employee plan to another state employee plan shall, if the member

has not previously withdrawn the member's accumulated contributions:

- (1) Have the membership transferred to the member's account with the new employer or new plan; and
- (2) Be entitled to all benefits that:
 - (a) Are based on creditable service and earnable compensation with the previous employer or previous plan and the provisions of this Part in effect with respect to the previous employer or previous plan at the date of termination of service by the member; and
 - (b) Do not require additional contributions by the new employer.

B. The new employer or new plan may elect to include the creditable service and earnable compensation of the member with the previous employer with the creditable service and earnable compensation with the new employer. If that election is made, the new employer shall make, from time to time, whatever contributions are necessary to provide the benefits under the applicable retirement program for the member as have accrued to the member by reason of the member's previous employment and as may accrue to the member by reason of the member's new employment.

C. If the new employer makes the election provided under paragraph B, or the member makes the election provided under paragraph D, all funds in the applicable retirement program contributed by the member's former employer or under the previous plan on account of the member's previous employment must be transferred to the account of the new employer or new plan and must be used to liquidate the liability incurred by reason of the previous employment.

D. Notwithstanding paragraph A, a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System who is a game warden, a law enforcement officer as defined in Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 5, or a state firefighter, whose previous membership was based upon employment as a municipal firefighter as defined in section 286-M, a game warden, a law enforcement officer or a state firefighter, or their employer, may elect to make the contribution necessary to include all or part of the member's creditable service and earnable compensation from the prior plan in the new plan, including a transfer from one state employee plan to a different state employee plan. For members moving from one state employee plan to another state employee plan, no separation of service or reemployment is necessary. The retirement system shall establish procedures for determining the contribution necessary for such a member to carry forward all or part of

the creditable service and earnable compensation from a prior plan or plans. For purposes of this paragraph, "state firefighter" means a person employed by the State with the primary responsibility of aiding in the extinguishment of fires and includes a member of emergency medical services line personnel as defined in section 286-M, subsection 2, paragraph H. For purposes of this paragraph, "game warden" means a person appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife pursuant to Title 12, section 10351, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. Former participating local district employee may purchase service credit. A former employee of a local district who was not permitted to become a member of the Participating Local District Retirement Program when the local district resumed participation in the program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 18254-A because the former employee previously elected not to maintain membership when the local district withdrew from participation and who has become a member as an employee of another local district may purchase the service credit under Title 5, section 18252-A, subsection 1, paragraph E and Title 5, section 18254, subsection 1 if the employee is still employed by the local district. The purchase of service credit under this section must be completed by December 31, 2023.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 247
H.P. 269 - L.D. 436**

An Act to Provide Career and Technical Education Students with Credit Toward High School Graduation for Work Completed in Career and Technical Education Centers and Regions

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.

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4722, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 571, §10, is further amended to read:

3. Satisfactory completion. A secondary school student may earn a diploma if the student has satisfactorily completed all diploma requirements in accordance with the academic standards of the school administrative unit and this section. A school administrative unit shall award a high school diploma to a child with a disability, as defined in section 7001, subsection 1-B, who satisfies the local diploma requirements in the manner specified by the child's individualized education plan. Career and technical students may satisfy the requirements of subsection 2 through separate or integrated study within the career and technical school curriculum, including through courses provided pursuant to section 8402 or 8451-A, on the approval of the commissioner and the local school board or in accordance with an equivalency agreement pursuant to section 8404, subsection 3, paragraph B or section 8457, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8404, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 679, §15, is further amended to read:

B. Shall develop a cooperative agreement delineating the duties and powers of the advisory committee. A cooperative agreement or any amendment to the agreement must be ratified by the school board of each unit or affiliated unit served by the center. A cooperative agreement must be reviewed annually by the advisory committee and submitted by the center and its affiliated units to the commissioner. Beginning with the school year starting after June 30, 2025, the cooperative agreement must include an equivalency agreement for credit gained through a career and technical education program to be accepted as a core credit toward a high school diploma for each of the school administrative units governing or affiliated with the center; and

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §8457, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1991, c. 518, §25, is further amended to read:

2. Cooperative agreement. The cooperative board shall adopt a cooperative agreement incorporating at a minimum each of the items listed under section 8452, subsection 1. The cooperative board, with the superintendents' advisory committee, shall annually review the cooperative agreement. The cooperative board may amend the agreement, subject to approval by a majority of the school boards of the units served by the region. A copy of the cooperative agreement and any amendments to the agreement must be filed with the commissioner. Beginning with the school year starting after June 30, 2025, the cooperative agreement must include an equivalency agreement for credit gained through a career and technical education program to be accepted as core credit toward a high school diploma

for each of the school administrative units located in the region.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 248
H.P. 312 - L.D. 495**

**An Act Regarding
Investigations of Out-of-home
Child Abuse and Neglect**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is amended to read:

9. Person responsible for the child. "Person responsible for the child" means a person with responsibility for a child's health or welfare, whether in the child's home or another home or a facility which licensed or subject to licensure that, as part of its function, provides for care of the child; or a person licensed or subject to licensure that, as part of its function, provides for care of the child. ~~It~~ "Person responsible for the child" includes the child's custodian.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§2, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §64, is amended to read:

B. Promptly investigate all abuse and neglect cases and suspicious child deaths coming to its attention or, in the case of out-of-home abuse and neglect investigations, the department shall act in accordance with ~~chapter 1674~~ subchapter 18;

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4021, sub-§3, ¶C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 283, §1, is further amended by amending the last blocked paragraph to read:

Violation of this paragraph subjects any person involved in the violation, including individual school personnel, to the penalty provided in section 4009. This section does not apply to out-of-home abuse and neglect allegations as covered under ~~chapter 1674~~ subchapter 18.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA c. 1071, sub-c. 18 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 18

**INVESTIGATION OF OUT-OF-HOME CHILD
ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

§4099-J. Definitions

1. Investigation team. "Investigation team" means individuals employed by the department to investigate allegations of out-of-home abuse or neglect pursuant to this subchapter.

2. Licensed. "Licensed" means holding a license as defined in Title 5, section 8002, subsection 5 or, with

respect to the Department of Education, any other form of approval or authorization required by law.

3. Out-of-home abuse or neglect. "Out-of-home abuse or neglect" means abuse or neglect or a suspicious child death:

A. That occurs in a facility or in the care of a person licensed or subject to inspection by the department, the Department of Education or the Department of Corrections;

B. That occurs in a facility operated by the department, the Department of Education or the Department of Corrections; or

C. That occurs in the care of an unlicensed provider that is funded by the department.

§4099-K. Investigation team

1. Investigation team established. The investigation team is established within the department to investigate reports of suspected out-of-home abuse or neglect of children in accordance with this subchapter.

2. Participation with other departments. The investigation team, on its own or upon request, may assist and participate with another department or agency charged with the responsibility to investigate abuse or neglect, including the Department of Education or the Department of Corrections.

3. Addition of relevant professionals. The investigation team must include, as appropriate, relevant professionals to participate in the investigations of out-of-home abuse or neglect.

4. Assistance by licensing staff. Department staff that perform general licensing functions may assist the investigation team in conducting out-of-home abuse or neglect investigations.

5. Consultation with law enforcement and others. The investigation team may consult with law enforcement personnel, advocates and others in the investigation of out-of-home abuse or neglect.

6. Results. The investigation team shall provide the results of its investigation to the department or other applicable licensing agency or department for appropriate action.

§4099-L. Duties of the investigation team

The duties of the investigation team include, but are not limited to, the following.

1. Receive reports of alleged abuse or neglect. The investigation team shall receive reports of alleged out-of-home abuse or neglect under circumstances set out in this subchapter. When the investigation team receives a report that alleges abuse or neglect in facilities or by persons not licensed or subject to inspection by

the department, the investigation team shall immediately refer the report to the agency or department charged with the responsibility to investigate the report.

2. Investigate. The investigation team shall investigate reported out-of-home abuse or neglect.

A. The investigation team shall complete an investigation within 90 days from the date on which the investigation was initiated, except in circumstances when the information necessary to complete the investigation is unavailable to the investigation team.

B. The investigation team's investigation of a report with a high severity allegation with respect to a child in a residential care facility must be initiated within 3 business days of the date of the receipt of the report. If the investigation team cannot initiate its investigation within 3 business days, the investigation team shall request a safety plan from the facility.

C. To minimize redundant department investigations in response to the same or related allegations of out-of-home abuse or neglect, the investigation team shall conduct a single investigation sufficient to determine whether abuse or neglect occurred and whether a licensing violation has occurred. The investigation team shall coordinate and consult with the department entity that performs general licensing functions.

D. The investigation team shall refer allegations of criminal activity to the office of the district attorney or the Office of the Attorney General when appropriate and shall coordinate its investigation with the office to which allegations are referred to minimize trauma to the child or children involved.

E. The investigation team's investigation of a suspicious child death is subject to and may not interfere with the authority and responsibility of the Office of the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute homicides pursuant to Title 5, section 200-A.

F. The investigation team shall conduct interviews as needed to investigate allegations and determine if abuse or neglect has occurred.

(1) The investigation team shall conduct interviews of a child involved in the alleged abuse or neglect in a manner that is in the child's best interest.

(2) The investigation team shall notify the parent, guardian or custodian of a child prior to initiating an interview of the child except under circumstances in which prior notification is not in the child's best interest.

(3) The investigation team shall conduct an interview of a child without prior notification

in accordance with section 4021, subsection 3 and rules adopted pursuant to this subchapter.

G. The investigation team, to the extent possible, shall record interviews in accordance with applicable rules adopted by the department and pursuant to section 4021.

(1) Information collected in an interview that was not recorded may not be excluded from use in court proceedings solely because the interview was not recorded.

(2) A person being questioned or interviewed under this subchapter may not be prohibited from recording the questioning or interview.

H. Notwithstanding Title 20-A, section 6101, subsection 2, when the investigation team is conducting an investigation of a person at the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf who is subject to licensure by the Department of Education, the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and the Department of Education shall disclose the following information to the investigation team:

(1) Background checks related to the person;

(2) The person's credentials;

(3) Any conduct on the part of the person related to the allegation; and

(4) Any action taken by the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf or the Department of Education in response to conduct of any person at the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf that is similar to the allegation.

3. Investigative powers of commissioner. The following are investigative powers of the commissioner.

A. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee may issue a subpoena requiring a person to disclose or provide to the department information or records in that person's possession that are necessary and relevant to an investigation of a report of suspected out-of-home abuse or neglect.

(1) The department may apply to the District Court to enforce a subpoena.

(2) 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.

(3) Information or records obtained by subpoena must be treated in accordance with section 7703.

B. The commissioner may obtain confidential criminal history record information and other criminal history record information under Title 16, chapter 7 that the commissioner considers relevant to an investigation of out-of-home abuse or neglect.

4. Determination of harm. The investigation team shall determine whether or not a child has been harmed, in which case the investigation team shall determine the degree of harm or threatened harm by a person responsible for the child. In the case of a suspicious child death, the investigation team shall determine:

A. Whether abuse or neglect was a cause or factor contributing to the child's death; and

B. The degree of threatened harm to any other child for whom the person or persons responsible for the deceased child may be responsible now or in the future.

5. Issue a decision. The investigation team shall issue a written decision that an allegation of abuse or neglect is unsubstantiated, indicated or substantiated. Each allegation of abuse or neglect must be considered separately. The written decision must include at least the following:

A. The factors supporting an indicated or substantiated decision;

B. The identity of the person or persons responsible in the case of an indicated or substantiated decision; and

C. The person's right to appeal the department's indicated or substantiated decision pursuant to paragraph B.

§4099-M. Right to a hearing; appeal

A person who is the subject of the decision in section 4099-L, subsection 5 has the right to a hearing to appeal an indicated or substantiated finding of out-of-home abuse or neglect in accordance with the provisions of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

§4099-N. Entities subject to investigation

Reported abuse or neglect that occurs in the following out-of-home entities is subject to investigation by the investigation team.

1. Facility or person licensed by department; facility operated or funded by department. Out-of-home abuse or neglect is subject to investigation by the investigation team, including, but not limited to, abuse or neglect that occurs in the following:

A. A child care facility licensed pursuant to section 8301-A, subsection 2;

B. A family child care provider licensed pursuant to section 8301-A, subsection 3;

C. A nursery school licensed pursuant to section 8402;

D. A children's residential care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 1669;

E. An emergency children's shelter licensed pursuant to chapter 1669;

F. A shelter for homeless children licensed pursuant to chapter 1669;

G. A transitional living program licensed pursuant to section 4099-E, subsection 3;

H. A licensed family foster home as defined in section 8101, subsection 3, including, but not limited to, the home of a resource family that provides foster care, kinship care or adoption or permanency guardianship services;

I. An unlicensed relative's home approved by the department as meeting licensing standards; and

J. An unlicensed provider for children with cognitive impairments and functional limitations that is funded by the department pursuant to rules adopted by the department.

2. Unlicensed person or facilities. The investigation team may investigate a person or facility described in subsection 1 if the person or facility is not licensed.

3. School personnel. The investigation team may investigate an individual licensed by the Department of Education and employed by a school organized under Title 20-A, Part 2.

§4099-O. Records; confidentiality; disclosure

Notwithstanding section 4008, records that are made, acquired or retained by the department in connection with its responsibilities under this subchapter are subject to the provisions set out in section 7703 and the following provisions.

1. Disclosure; reports of abuse or neglect. The department may disclose, upon the conclusion of an investigation under this subchapter, a statement indicating whether or not a report of out-of-home abuse or neglect has been received, the nature of the alleged abuse or neglect and the conclusion reached by the investigation team.

2. Notification of parent, guardian or custodian of child reported to be abused. When a report is received of out-of-home abuse or neglect in a facility or program described in section 4099-N, the investigation team may notify the child's parent, guardian or custodian that it has been reported that the child has been allegedly abused or neglected, whether an investigation is

being conducted and, upon conclusion of the investigation, whether the investigation team determined that the allegations are supported or not supported.

3. Notification of parents, guardians or custodians of other children in facility. When a report is received of out-of-home abuse or neglect in a facility or program described in section 4099-N, the investigation team, upon conclusion of the investigation, may notify a parent, guardian or custodian who has a child in the program or facility for whom there is no report of abuse or neglect whether the investigation team determined that a violation of law or rules adopted by the department has occurred.

4. Disclosure to facility or program. The investigation team shall notify a facility or program described in section 4099-N when there is an indicated or substantiated finding of out-of-home abuse or neglect against an employee of the facility or program.

5. Disclosure of investigation. The department may publish information regarding an investigation conducted pursuant to this subchapter on the department's publicly accessible website upon the conclusion of an investigation in accordance with rules adopted by the department.

§4099-P. Rules

The department may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this subchapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Rules may include but are not limited to establishing the factors that support unsubstantiated, indicated and substantiated findings.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA c. 1674, as amended, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 249
H.P. 374 - L.D. 597**

**An Act to Improve Conditions
for People Living in Recovery
Residences by Requiring
Approved Discharge and
Transfer Policies**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20057, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 472, §1, is amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

A certified recovery residence must have a written discharge and transfer policy that is approved by a credentialing entity that is recognized by the department.

Notwithstanding any landlord and tenant rights and obligations under Title 14, chapter 709, a certified recovery residence with a discharge and transfer policy approved under this section may immediately discharge or transfer a resident in accordance with that policy if the discharge or transfer is necessary for the resident's welfare, the resident's needs cannot be met at the recovery residence or the health and safety of other residents or recovery residence employees are at risk or would be at risk if the resident continues to live at the recovery residence. A person who refuses to leave a recovery residence after a discharge or transfer that is consistent with the requirements of this section may be ordered to leave the premises by the recovery residence owner or operator or by a law enforcement officer.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 250
H.P. 461 - L.D. 692**

**An Act Regarding Eligibility of
County Jail Inmates for a
Community Confinement
Monitoring Program**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1659-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 391, §6, is amended to read:

1. Petition. A sheriff, upon written request from an inmate eligible under subsection 2 for participation in a community confinement monitoring program and recommended by the jail administrator, may assign the inmate to participate in a community confinement monitoring program. At the time of granting this privilege, the sheriff shall determine whether the inmate is responsible for the cost of participating in the program based on the inmate's ability to pay.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §1659-A, sub-§2, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

C-1. The inmate is not serving a sentence for a crime against a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6, unless the jail administrator has determined that the inmate is not reasonably likely to pose a risk to the safety of others in the community after the jail administrator has:

(1) Reviewed the available criminal history record of the inmate to, at a minimum, identify any patterns of behavior that may indicate the inmate poses a risk to the safety of others in the community;

(2) Reviewed and considered any other available evidence that the inmate poses a risk to

the safety of others in the community, including the results of any validated, evidence-based domestic violence risk assessment that has been completed by law enforcement in accordance with Title 19-A, section 4114, subsection 6, paragraph E as part of the criminal case for which the inmate is incarcerated;

(3) Made a good faith and documented effort to contact the victim of the crime for which the inmate is incarcerated to inform the victim of the inmate's application to participate in a community confinement monitoring program and inquire about any concerns the victim has for the victim's safety or the safety of any member of the victim's household in connection to the inmate's application to participate in a community confinement monitoring program;

(4) Considered any concerns provided pursuant to subparagraph (3) by the victim of the crime for which the inmate is incarcerated;

(5) Provided notice to the district attorney of the county in which the conviction was entered and a local domestic violence resource center; and

(6) Certified that each of the requirements in this subsection has been met. The certification must be on a form recommended by the inspections division of the Department of Corrections and must:

(a) Include details regarding any concerns provided pursuant to subparagraph (3) by the victim of the crime for which the inmate is incarcerated, unless the victim has requested otherwise;

(b) Be signed by the jail administrator; and

(c) Be provided to the sheriff for review prior to the sheriff's approving assignment of the inmate to a community confinement monitoring program.

If a sheriff assigns an inmate serving a sentence for a crime against a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 to a community confinement monitoring program, a representative from the county jail to which the inmate has been sentenced shall make a good faith attempt to notify the victim of that crime of the assignment at least 10 days prior to the inmate's release from the county jail. Notification of the victim under this paragraph must be made both by mail and by phone or in person;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 251

S.P. 333 - L.D. 774

An Act to Require the Maine State Housing Authority to Report to the Legislature on the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4641-N, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 381, §3, is amended to read:

§4641-N. Review

The Maine State Housing Authority shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over ~~taxation~~ housing matters by April 1, 1987, and each 2 years thereafter 1st of each year. The report ~~shall cover the 2 prior fiscal years of the authority and shall~~ must identify the amount of revenues under this chapter that have been credited to the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund and the manner in which those funds have been used. ~~The committee shall review that report by May 1st of the year in which it is received.~~ The report must provide a full accounting of how funds were spent in the prior fiscal year and a detailed summary of how funds were spent in the prior 10 fiscal years.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 252

H.P. 535 - L.D. 846

An Act to Require Direct Wine Shippers to Comply with Maine Beverage Container Laws

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1403-A, sub-§15, as amended by PL 2015, c. 166, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1403-A, sub-§15-A is enacted to read:

15-A. Compliance with beverage container laws. Wine shipped pursuant to this section must comply with Title 38, chapter 33.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2025.

Effective July 1, 2025.

CHAPTER 253
S.P. 364 - L.D. 867

An Act Regarding
Undesignated Ready-to-use
Glucagon Rescue Therapies in
Schools

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §6308 is enacted to read:

§6308. Glucagon rescue therapy

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Diabetes care plan" means an individual health plan document that specifies the diabetes-related services needed by a student at school and at school-sponsored activities and may include an emergency action plan.

B. "Emergency action plan" means a document that provides guidelines to prepare school personnel to respond to a serious or life-threatening injury or medical emergency.

C. "Health care provider" means a physician licensed in this State with a scope of practice that includes prescribing medication.

D. "School" means a public elementary school or public secondary school, public charter school or private school approved for tuition purposes.

E. "Undesignated ready-to-use glucagon rescue therapy" means a glucagon rescue therapy approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration that does not require reconstitution for the treatment of severe hypoglycemia in a dosage form that can be rapidly administered to the patient in an emergency, including prefilled injectable or nasally administered glucagon, prescribed in the name of a school or school administrative unit as provided in this section.

F. "Unlicensed school personnel" means persons acting on behalf of the school who have completed the training required by rule to administer medication but do not possess a professional license that allows them to administer medication.

2. Standing order. A school may obtain a standing order for undesignated ready-to-use glucagon rescue therapy from a health care provider with the authority to prescribe undesignated ready-to-use glucagon rescue therapy.

3. Supply and administration. A school may maintain a supply of undesignated ready-to-use glucagon rescue therapies in a secure location that is immediately accessible to a school nurse and unlicensed

school personnel. A supply of undesignated ready-to-use glucagon rescue therapies must be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. A school nurse or unlicensed school personnel may administer an undesignated ready-to-use glucagon rescue therapy to a student with a known diagnosis of diabetes if the student's prescribed glucagon is not available on site or has expired.

An undesignated ready-to-use glucagon rescue therapy may be used on school property, including the school building, playground and school bus, as well as during field trips or sanctioned excursions away from school property.

The school shall provide an emergency action plan to a school employee who transports a student for school-sponsored activities. The emergency action plan must identify the student with diabetes, the potential emergencies that may occur as a result of the student's diabetes and provide the student's emergency contact information and diabetes care plan.

4. Liability. If a student is injured due to the administration of undesignated ready-to-use glucagon rescue therapy that a licensed health professional with prescribing authority has prescribed and a pharmacist has dispensed to a school under this section, the licensed health professional with prescribing authority and pharmacist may not be held responsible for the injury unless the licensed health professional or pharmacist issued or dispensed the prescription with a conscious disregard for safety.

If a school nurse or unlicensed school personnel administers undesignated ready-to-use glucagon rescue therapy to a student whom the school nurse or unlicensed school personnel in good faith believes to be experiencing a severe hypoglycemic reaction and administers the medication in accordance with the written policies of the school, the school nurse, unlicensed school personnel, the school, the members of the governing board of the school and the chief administrator of the school are not liable in a criminal action or for civil damages in any capacity as a result of providing the undesignated ready-to-use glucagon therapy.

5. Emergency assistance and notification. Immediately after the administration of undesignated ready-to-use glucagon rescue therapy to a student, a school employee shall call for emergency assistance, notify the school nurse and follow the emergency action plan.

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**CHAPTER 254
S.P. 384 - L.D. 892**

**An Act to Improve School
Safety and Preparedness
Through Comprehensive
Health and Safety and
Emergency Management
Planning**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§16, as amended by PL 2021, c. 464, §1, is further amended to read:

16. Comprehensive health and safety and emergency management plan. Each school board shall annually approve a comprehensive health and safety and emergency management plan that meets nationally recognized practices and is developed by the school unit administration working collaboratively with school teachers and staff and local, county and state public safety officials, fire fighting personnel, emergency management officials, mental health officials, law enforcement officials, school nurses, physicians and public health staff to identify and deal with all hazards and potential hazards that could reasonably be expected to affect a facility or unit under the authority of the school administrative unit appropriate stakeholders. The approval of a comprehensive health and safety and emergency management plan under this subsection is public information. At the request of any school board member or full-time school employee, the school board shall form a steering committee composed of school employees, including a school employee designated by that employee's school as having oversight regarding school safety, school board members, parents and others. A majority of the school employees must be chosen by the local representatives of the applicable bargaining unit if the school employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement. The steering committee shall regularly review and refine the comprehensive health and safety and emergency management plan. The following information pertaining to a comprehensive health and safety and emergency management plan is public information:

- A. A description of the scope and purpose of the comprehensive health and safety and emergency management plan and the process used for developing and updating the plan;
- B. General information on auditing for safety and preparedness;
- C. Roles and responsibilities of school administrators, teachers and staff and the designated chain of command during an emergency; and

D. Strategies for conveying information to parents and the general public during an emergency.

Except as provided in paragraphs A to D, release of the contents of a comprehensive health and safety and emergency management plan approved under this subsection is subject to the limitations set forth in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph L.

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**CHAPTER 255
H.P. 637 - L.D. 1001**

**An Act to Amend the Maine
Human Rights Act Regarding
Right-to-sue Letters**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4612, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1995, c. 462, Pt. A, §7, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6. Issuance of right-to-sue letter. The commission may issue a right-to-sue letter only in accordance with this subsection.

A. If, later than the 180th day after the date a complaint is filed with the commission, the commission has not filed a civil action in the case or has not entered into a conciliation agreement in the case, the complainant may submit a written request for a right-to-sue letter and the commission shall issue the requested right-to-sue letter.

B. If a complainant submits a written request for a right-to-sue letter before the 180th day after the date a complaint is filed with the commission, the commission shall issue a right-to-sue letter if:

(1) The executive director of the commission determines that the complainant has demonstrated good cause for requesting the right-to-sue letter before the expiration of the 180-day period after the filing of the complaint; and

(2) The executive director of the commission certifies that it is probable that the commission will not be able to conclude its investigation before the 180-day period after the filing of the complaint.

If the commission issues a right-to-sue letter in accordance with this subsection, it shall end its investigation of the complaint unless the executive director of the commission and legal counsel to the commission determine that proceeding with the investigation would achieve the purposes of this chapter, in which case the commission shall continue to investigate the complaint as if it had been filed by an employee of the commission under section 4611.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §4622, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 366, §21, is further amended by enacting after paragraph D a new blocked paragraph to read:

If the commission issued a right-to-sue letter, the plaintiff may not be awarded attorney's fees, civil penal damages or compensatory and punitive damages unless the plaintiff establishes that the plaintiff received the right-to-sue letter before filing the civil action.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 256

H.P. 658 - L.D. 1022

An Act to Extend the Time Allowed Between a Regional School Unit Budget Meeting and a Budget Validation Referendum

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1486, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2015, c. 463, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Validation referendum procedures. The budget validation referendum must be held on or before the ~~30th~~ 45th calendar day following the scheduled date of the regional school unit budget meeting. The referendum may not be held on a Sunday or legal holiday. The vote at referendum is for the purpose of approving or rejecting the total regional school unit budget approved at the regional school unit budget meeting. The regional school unit board shall provide printed information to be displayed at polling places to assist voters in voting. That information is limited to the total amounts proposed by the regional school unit board for each cost center summary budget category article, the amount approved at the regional school unit budget meeting, a summary of the total authorized expenditures and, if applicable because of action on an article under section 15690, subsection 3, paragraph A, a statement that the amount approved at the regional school unit budget meeting includes locally raised funds that exceed the maximum state and local spending target pursuant to section 15671-A, subsection 5. If the legislative body of the regional school unit at the regional school unit budget meeting approves an article pursuant to section 1485, subsection 5, the substance of the article must be included in the printed information displayed at polling places for the budget validation referendum.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 257
S.P. 441 - L.D. 1072

An Act Regarding the Bureau of Motor Vehicles

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §152, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1997, c. 776, §5, is further amended to read:

5. Assign new identification number. Assign a new identification number to a vehicle if it has none, or if the vehicle's identification number is destroyed or obliterated, or if the frame, chassis or, if the vehicle is a truck, the cab is changed, or if the vehicle is a reconstructed motorcycle, and shall issue a new certificate of title showing the new identification number upon surrender of the old certificate and completion of an application for title and payment of the fee; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §152, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

6. Other data. Require data necessary on forms, applications, certificates, licenses or other documents; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §152, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Waive penalty or fee. Waive a penalty or fee required under this Title if the Secretary of State or the secretary's designee determines that the circumstances justify a waiver. The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to administer this subsection that must include but are not limited to rules identifying circumstances that may justify a waiver. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §251, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 434, §4 and affected by §37, is amended to read:

2-A. Databases. The Secretary of State may provide databases of records pertaining to applications, registrations and certifications of vehicles and to driver's licenses to individuals, businesses and other entities as allowed by section 256 and all other applicable laws. The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to establish a fee schedule and governing procedures.

Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §351, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2001, c. 671, §4, is further amended to read:

5. Expiration of 14-day 30-day temporary registration plate. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a person who operates a vehicle with an expired temporary registration plate issued pursuant to section ~~462~~ 954-A commits:

A. A traffic infraction for which a ~~forfeiture fine~~ of not more than \$50 may be adjudged if the registration has been expired for less than 150 days; or

B. A Class E crime if the registration has been expired for 150 days or more.

Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §460-A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 356, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 29-A MRSA §462, as amended by PL 2021, c. 126, §1, is reallocated to 29-A MRSA §954-A.

Sec. 8. 29-A MRSA §501, sub-§7, ¶A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 650, §2, is further amended to read:

A. A temporary registration permit is limited in use for transportation of a vehicle after sale, transportation necessary for service or repairs of a vehicle, occasional seasonal relocation of a vehicle or occasional transportation necessary for the relocation of a tiny home:

(1) Between the points of origin and destination and intermediate points, as set forth in the permit; or

(2) From the point of origin to the destination and back to the point of origin, including any intermediate points, as set forth in the permit.

Sec. 9. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2023, c. 85, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Special veterans registration plates. The Secretary of State, on application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482 and the registration fee required by section 501 or by section 504, subsection 1 for a vehicle with a registered gross weight over 10,000 pounds, shall issue a registration certificate and a set of special veterans registration 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 person who has served in the United States Armed Forces and who has been honorably discharged, any person who has served a minimum of 20 years in the National Guard and has been honorably discharged or to a person who has served in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years and continues to serve. If a person who qualifies for a special veterans registration plate under this subsection is a primary driver of any vehicle, the Secretary of State may issue in accordance with this section a set of special veterans registration plates for each vehicle.

Each application must be accompanied by the applicant's Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, certification from the United States Veterans Administration or the appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge, ~~or~~ a letter from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emer-

gency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services verifying active duty military service and length of service or a Form 22 from the United States Department of Defense, National Guard Bureau indicating a minimum of 20 years of service.

The Secretary of State shall recall a special veterans registration plate of a recipient who has been less than honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

All surplus revenue collected for issuance of the special registration plates is retained by the Secretary of State to maintain and support this program.

The surviving spouse of a special veteran plate recipient issued plates in accordance with this subsection may retain and display the special veteran plates as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the special veteran plates on a motor vehicle, but may retain them as a keepsake. Upon the death of the surviving spouse, the family may retain the special veteran plates, but may not use them on a motor vehicle.

The Secretary of State may issue a special disability registration plate for veterans in accordance with section 521, subsections 1, 5, 7 and 9. The special disability registration plate for veterans must bear the International Symbol of Access.

The Secretary of State may issue a set of special veterans registration plates when the qualifying veteran is the primary driver of a company-owned vehicle if:

A. The company is owned solely by a veteran who qualifies for a veteran plate under this section;

B. The vehicle is leased by a veteran who qualifies for the veteran plate under this subsection; or

C. The vehicle is leased by the employer of a veteran who qualifies for the veteran plate and the employer has assigned the vehicle exclusively to the veteran. The employer must attest in writing that the veteran will have exclusive use of the vehicle and agrees to the display of the special veteran plate.

Sec. 10. 29-A MRSA §523, sub-§3-A, as amended by PL 2023, c. 85, §2, is further amended to read:

3-A. Motorcycle plates; veterans. In addition to any plate issued pursuant to subsection 3, the Secretary of State, on application and evidence of payment of the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482 and the registration fee required by section 515, subsection 1, shall issue a registration certificate and a special veterans registration plate for any designated motorcycles owned or controlled by a person who has served in the United States Armed Forces and who has been honorably discharged, a person who has served a minimum of 20 years in the National Guard and has been honorably

discharged or to a person who has served in the United States Armed Forces for at least 3 years and continues to serve.

Each application must be accompanied by the applicant's Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge, DD Form 214, certification from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the appropriate branch of the United States Armed Forces verifying the applicant's military service and honorable discharge, ~~or~~ a letter from the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services verifying active duty military service and length of service or a Form 22 from the United States Department of Defense, National Guard Bureau indicating a minimum of 20 years of service.

The Secretary of State shall recall a special veterans registration plate of a recipient who has been less than honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces.

All surplus revenue collected for issuance of the special veterans registration plates is retained by the Secretary of State to maintain and support this program.

Upon request the Secretary of State shall issue special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle that are also vanity plates. These plates are issued in accordance with this section and section 453. Vanity plates issued under this subsection may not duplicate vanity plates issued in another class of plate.

The surviving spouse of a recipient of a special veterans registration plate issued in accordance with this subsection may retain and use the plate or plates as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried. Upon remarriage, the surviving spouse may not use the plate or plates, but may retain them. Upon the death of the surviving spouse, the family may retain the plate or plates, but may not use them.

The Secretary of State may not issue special commemorative decals under subsection 5 or 6 for use on special veterans registration plates for a motorcycle.

Sec. 11. 29-A MRSA §702, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 216, §20, is amended to read:

2-A. Lienholder registration. A lienholder who ~~secures a lien on 15 or more titles annually~~ participates in the electronic lien titling program is required to register with the Secretary of State for a lienholder identification number in accordance with rules adopted by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 12. 29-A MRSA §1253, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Conviction for severe forms of trafficking in persons. The Secretary of State shall permanently revoke, without preliminary hearing, the commercial driver's license of a person who has been convicted of a felony involving an act or practice of severe forms of

trafficking in persons, as defined in 22 United States Code, Section 7102.11 (2000), in which a commercial motor vehicle was used.

Sec. 13. 29-A MRSA §1301, sub-§6-A, as amended by PL 2017, c. 229, §19, is further amended to read:

6-A. Confidentiality. Except as required by 18 United States Code, Section 2721(b) or as needed to implement the federal National Voter Registration Act of 1993, the federal Help America Vote Act of 2002 or other federal election law, the Secretary of State may not disseminate information collected under subsection 6. For every willful violation of this subsection, a person commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

Sec. 14. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 216, §§42 and 43, is further amended to read:

2. Licenses required. A person may not operate a driver education school, conduct driver education or act as an instructor unless licensed by the Secretary of State.

A. A Class ~~A 1~~ driver education school license may be issued to a driver education school that employs Class ~~A 1~~ instructors and that is authorized to teach both the classroom and behind-the-wheel phases of driver education and behind-the-wheel private lessons to individuals who hold a valid learner's permit, driver's license or temporary driver's license. A driver education school licensed under this paragraph may also employ Class ~~B 2~~ instructors to provide the behind-the-wheel phase of driver education and behind-the-wheel private lessons. A driver education school licensed under this paragraph may teach both the classroom and behind-the-wheel phases of driver education and behind-the-wheel private lessons.

B. A Class ~~A 1~~ instructor license authorizes the holder to teach both the classroom and behind-the-wheel phases of driver education as an employee or affiliate of a licensed driver education school.

C. A Class ~~B 2~~ instructor license authorizes the holder to teach only the behind-the-wheel phase of driver education as an employee or affiliate of a licensed driver education school.

C-1. A Class 3 instructor license authorizes the holder to teach only the classroom phase of driver education as an employee or affiliate of a licensed driver education school.

D. A Class ~~B 2~~ driver education school license may be issued to a driver education school that employs a Class ~~A 1~~ or Class ~~B 2~~ instructor. A driver education school licensed under this paragraph may provide only behind-the-wheel private lessons to

individuals who hold a valid learner's permit, driver's license or temporary driver's license.

Sec. 15. 29-A MRSA §1354, sub-§4, ¶I, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 216, §44, is amended to read:

I. The applicant shall submit to having fingerprints taken. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall make available an approved list of agencies providing fingerprinting. Upon payment to an approved agency by the applicant and after the approved agency takes or causes to be taken the applicant's fingerprints and forwards the fingerprints to the State Bureau of Identification, the State Bureau of Identification shall conduct state and national criminal history record checks. Fingerprinting is required upon initial application and every 5 6 years thereafter.

Sec. 16. 29-A MRSA §2454, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 368, Pt. AAA, §19, is amended to read:

1. Minimum revocation. Subject to the longer period of revocation provided in subsection 2, the license of any person who, as a result of the operation of a motor vehicle in such a manner as to cause the death of any person, is convicted of criminal homicide or an attempt of criminal homicide, or who is adjudicated to have committed a juvenile offense of criminal homicide or an attempt of criminal homicide, must be revoked immediately by the Secretary of State upon receipt of an attested copy of the court records, without further hearing, for a period of at least 5 years as long as the attested copy of court records is received within one year of the date of conviction.

Sec. 17. 29-A MRSA §2458, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 467, §1, is further amended to read:

2-A. Minimum suspension for negligent operation. The Secretary of State without preliminary hearing shall suspend for a period of at least one year a person's license if the Secretary of State, based on the Secretary of State's records or other sufficient evidence, finds that person to have negligently operated a motor vehicle in a manner so as to cause the death of another person. Prior to the ~~determination and~~ issuance of the suspension, the Secretary of State shall notify any immediate family of the victim and shall consider written or oral statements received from the immediate family in response to the notice. Upon suspending the person's license, the Secretary of State shall notify that person of an opportunity for hearing as provided in section 2483. If a person whose license is suspended under this subsection requests a hearing, the suspension is stayed pursuant to section 2483.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 258

S.P. 449 - L.D. 1080

An Act to Require Supervised Lenders or Mortgage Loan Servicers to Notify Private Mortgage Insurance Consumers of Their Rights Under the Federal Homeowners Protection Act of 1998

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

Sec. 1. 9-A MRSA §9-315 is enacted to read:

§9-315. Notice of rights under federal Homeowners Protection Act of 1998

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Private mortgage insurance" has the same meaning as in the federal Homeowners Protection Act of 1998, as in effect on January 1, 2023, 12 United States Code, Section 4901(13).

B. "Residential mortgage transaction" means a transaction in which a mortgage, deed of trust, purchase money security interest arising under an installment contract or equivalent consensual security interest is created or retained against a single-family dwelling or a dwelling that consists of no more than 4 units that is the principal residence of the mortgagor to finance the acquisition, initial construction or refinancing of that dwelling.

2. Annual notice. A supervised lender, or a mortgage loan servicer acting on behalf of a supervised lender, in a residential mortgage transaction shall disclose in an annual written statement to the mortgagor:

A. The rights of the mortgagor under the federal Homeowners Protection Act of 1998 to cancellation or termination of the private mortgage insurance requirement; and

B. The address and telephone number that the mortgagor may use to contact the supervised lender or mortgage loan servicer to determine whether the mortgagor may cancel the private mortgage insurance.

Sec. 2. Application. This Act applies to private mortgage insurance created or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act and to residential mortgage transactions entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 259
H.P. 696 - L.D. 1101

An Act to Support Lower
Home Energy Costs by
Establishing a Home Energy
Scoring System

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10117, as enacted by PL
2009, c. 372, Pt. B, §3, is amended to read:

§10117. Energy efficiency of ~~rental~~ residential prop-
erties

1. Residential ~~rental~~ energy efficiency disclo-
sure statement. The trust and the Maine State Housing
Authority shall prepare a residential rental energy effi-
ciency disclosure statement form for landlords and
other lessors of residential properties to use to disclose
to tenants and lessees information about the energy effi-
ciency of the property in order to comply with Title
14, section 6030-C. The trust and the Maine State Hous-
ing Authority shall post and maintain the statement
form required by this subsection on the Internet in a for-
mat that is easily accessible by the public.

2. Suggested energy efficiency standards for
residential rental properties. The trust and the Maine
State Housing Authority shall prepare suggested energy
efficiency standards for landlords and other lessors of
residential rental property that is used by a tenant or les-
see as a primary residence. The trust and the Maine
State Housing Authority shall post and maintain the
standards required by this subsection on the Internet in
a format that is easily accessible by the public.

3. ~~Effective date.~~ This section takes effect July 1,
2010.

4. Home energy score. By June 30, 2024, the trust
shall establish a home energy scoring system for resi-
dential buildings for the purposes of evaluating a build-
ing's energy efficiency. The home energy score must es-
timate energy use and associated costs and assist with
the identification of energy solutions to improve the
building's efficiency and be consistent with the United
States Department of Energy asset-based home energy
score. The trust shall establish a process by which a
recipient of a home energy score may voluntarily report
the score to the trust. The trust shall establish and main-
tain a database of these home energy scores.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 260
S.P. 514 - L.D. 1277

An Act to Amend the Laws
Regarding Real Property
Investment by Credit Unions

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

Sec. 1. 9-B MRSA §863, as amended by PL
2017, c. 143, §10, is further amended by amending the
section headnote to read:

§863. Real estate for office facilities property

Sec. 2. 9-B MRSA §863, sub-§1, as enacted by
PL 1975, c. 500, §1, is amended to read:

1. Authorizing. A Except as provided by subsec-
tion 3, a credit union may invest in real estate property
by the purchase of improved or unimproved real estate
property, and in the erection or improvement of build-
ings ~~thereon~~ on the real property together with fixtures
and equipment, for the purpose of providing offices for
the transaction of its business. Such buildings may in-
clude space for rental purposes.

Sec. 3. 9-B MRSA §863, sub-§3 is enacted to
read:

3. Exception. Unless prohibited by federal law, a
credit union may invest in real property to facilitate a
member's acquisition, financing or refinancing of
owner-occupied residential property consisting of not
more than 4 dwelling units located in this State. Without
the prior written consent of the superintendent, the du-
ration of an investment under this subsection may not
exceed 180 days and the aggregate amount of all such
outstanding investments may not exceed 10% of a
credit union's total surplus.

Sec. 4. 9-B MRSA §864, sub-§1, as repealed
and replaced by PL 1993, c. 99, §2, is amended to read:

1. Authorization. A credit union may invest, in-
dividually or with other credit unions or other entities,
in service corporations as defined in section 131. In ad-
dition to the activities described in the definition of "ser-
vice corporation" under section 131, subsection 37, ser-
vice corporation activities may include investing in real
property to facilitate a credit union member's acquisi-
tion, financing or refinancing of owner-occupied resi-
dential property consisting of not more than 4 dwelling
units located in this State. Without the prior written con-
sent of the superintendent, the duration of an investment
under this subsection may not exceed 180 days.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 261
S.P. 542 - L.D. 1325

An Act to Make Permanent the
Submission of Certain Reports
Concerning Child Welfare to
the Legislature

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§1, ¶E, as
amended by PL 2021, c. 550, §1, is further amended to
read:

E. Establishing a child death and serious injury review panel for reviewing deaths and serious injuries to children. The panel consists of the following members: the Chief Medical Examiner, a pediatrician, a public health nurse, forensic and community mental health clinicians, law enforcement officers, departmental child welfare staff, district attorneys, criminal or civil assistant attorneys general and the ombudsman pursuant to section 4087-A or a designee of the ombudsman.

The purpose of the panel is to recommend to state and local agencies methods of improving the child protection system, including modifications of statutes, rules, policies and procedures. Beginning January 1, 2023 and every 2 years thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters;

The panel shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters at least every 3 months. The panel may submit a combined report with the child welfare advisory panel established in section 4010-D or any judicial branch task force or panel with a focus on the child welfare system or child protective proceedings. Any presentation of the report to the committee must be presented by the citizen members of the panels to the extent possible. Each quarterly report must contain, at a minimum, the following:

(1) A summary of generalized and anonymized observations in the prior 3-month period regarding efforts by the Office of Child and Family Services to improve the child welfare system;

(2) A summary of the collaboration between the child welfare advisory panel and the child death and serious injury review panel as well as any judicial branch task force or panel with a focus on the child welfare system or child protective proceedings; and

(3) Any recommendations on how to further protect the State's children through department policy and rulemaking and through legislation;

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4010-D, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 28, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§4010-D. Child welfare advisory panel; annual report

1. Annual report. The child welfare advisory panel shall submit a report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the activities of and reports produced by the child welfare advisory panel formed pursuant to the federal Children's Justice Act, 42 United States Code, Section 5106a to make policy and training recommendations for system improvements in the investigative, administrative and judicial handling of child abuse, neglect and exploitation cases and child maltreatment-related fatalities.

2. Child welfare advisory panel quarterly report. The child welfare advisory panel shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters at least every 3 months. The advisory panel may submit a combined report with the child death and serious injury review panel established in section 4004, subsection 1, paragraph E or any judicial branch task force or panel with a focus on the child welfare system or child protective proceedings. Any presentation of the report to the committee must be presented by the citizen members of the panels to the extent possible. Each quarterly report must contain, at a minimum, the following:

A. A summary of generalized and anonymized observations in the prior 3-month period regarding efforts by the Office of Child and Family Services to improve the child welfare system;

B. A summary of the collaboration between the child welfare advisory panel and the child death and serious injury review panel as well as any judicial branch task force or panel with a focus on the child welfare system or child protective proceedings; and

C. Any recommendations on how to further protect the State's children through department policy and rulemaking and through legislation.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4010-E is enacted to read:

§4010-E. Office of Child and Family Services report

The Office of Child and Family Services shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters at least every 3 months. Each quarterly report shall describe the department's efforts to protect the State's children and may include but is not limited

to prevention efforts; training programs; development and implementation of strategic plans, priorities and initiatives; data reports; staffing updates; child placements; implementation of requirements in prior enacted bills or budgets; interactions with citizen review panels established pursuant to the federal Children's Justice Act, 42 United States Code, Section 5106a; and any other subject matter requested by the joint standing committee.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 262

H.P. 864 - L.D. 1350

An Act Regarding the Composition of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Finality of the Budget in the Franklin County Budget Process

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §873, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 495, is amended to read:

1. Municipal officers. ~~Municipal~~ By April 1st of each year, municipal officers within each commissioner district shall caucus and shall elect municipal officers from that district to fill vacancies as they arise, for terms as provided in paragraph A B.

~~A. Members shall serve for 3-year terms, except that initially each district caucus shall select one member for a one-year term, one member for a 2-year term and one member for a 3-year term. There must be 3 members from each commissioner district. If a committee member ceases to be a municipal officer during the term of membership, the committee member shall resign the membership and the next district caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer to fill the membership for the remainder of the unexpired term.~~

B. Each commissioner district has 2 permanent members. Members serve for 3-year terms. There is a rotating member who serves a one-year term, selected in 2025 by commissioner district one, selected in 2026 by commissioner district 2, selected in 2027 by commissioner district 3, selected in 2028 by commissioner district 4, selected in 2029 by commissioner district 5 and selected in 2030 and succeeding years in the same order as the first 5 years under this paragraph. If a committee member ceases to be a municipal officer during the term of membership, the committee member shall resign the membership and the next district caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer to fill the membership for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §874, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 495, is amended to read:

4. Finality of budget. After the public hearing is completed, the advisory committee shall adopt a final budget and transmit that budget to the county commissioners. The county commissioners may not further increase, decrease, alter or revise the budget adopted by the advisory committee, except by ~~unanimous~~ a 3/5 vote of the entire membership of the county commissioners. If the adopted budget is changed by the county commissioners, the advisory committee may reject that change by a 2/3 vote of its membership. Those actions are final and are not subject to further action by either the county commissioners or the advisory committee.

Sec. 3. Expiration of term for Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee members. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 873, subsection 1, paragraph B, the term of office for Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee members serving on November 5, 2024 expires on that day.

Sec. 4. Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee initial terms. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 873, subsection 1, paragraph B, members of the Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee serve for 3-year terms, except initially commissioner districts one and 2 shall select one member for a one-year term and one member for a 2-year term, commissioner districts 3 and 4 shall select one member for a 2-year term and one member for a 3-year term and commissioner district 5 shall select one member for a one-year term and one member for a 3-year term.

Sec. 5. Effective date. This Act takes effect November 5, 2024, except that section 3 takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 263

H.P. 919 - L.D. 1423

An Act to Increase the Limits on Awards for Compensatory and Punitive Damages Under the Maine Human Rights Act

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4613, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 613, §21 and affected by §29, is further amended by amending subparagraph (8), division (e) to read:

(e) The sum of compensatory damages awarded under this subparagraph for future pecuniary losses, emotional pain, suffering, inconvenience, mental anguish, loss of enjoyment of life, other nonpecuniary losses and the amount of punitive damages awarded under this section may not exceed for each complaining party:

(i) In the case of a respondent who has more than 14 and fewer than 101 employees in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000;

(ii) In the case of a respondent who has more than 100 and fewer than 201 employees in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, ~~\$100,000~~ \$300,000;

(iii) In the case of a respondent who has more than 200 and fewer than 501 employees in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, ~~\$300,000~~ \$500,000; and

(iv) In the case of a respondent who has more than 500 employees in each of 20 or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year, ~~\$500,000~~ \$1,000,000.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 264

S.P. 592 - L.D. 1473

**An Act to Protect Certain
Unfiltered Drinking Water
Sources**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Exception. This section does not apply to a lot or portion of a lot that is within the watershed of a water source that is located in the City of Lewiston or the City of Auburn and that is used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 141.70 to 141.76, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §4364-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Exception. This section does not apply to a lot or portion of a lot that is within the watershed of a water source that is located in the City of Lewiston or the City of Auburn and that is used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 141.70 to 141.76, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sec. 3. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Exception. This section does not apply to a lot or portion of a lot that is within the watershed of a water source that is located in the City of Lewiston or the City of Auburn and that is used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 141.70 to 141.76, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sec. 4. Drinking water program; study. The drinking water program within the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, in coordination with the Department of Environmental Protection, shall evaluate state law and rules designed to protect the water quality of water sources and their related watersheds that are used to provide drinking water by a water utility that has received a waiver from filtration pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 141.70 to 141.76, as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services, and to identify any necessary changes to state law or rules or any other actions that can be implemented to strengthen the protections for those water sources and watersheds. On or before January 15, 2024, the program shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources a report summarizing its evaluation under this section and providing any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, resulting from the evaluation. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 265

H.P. 980 - L.D. 1525

**An Act to Allow for a
Suspension of Licenses and
Permits Issued Under the
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Laws for a Deferred
Disposition or Written Filing
Agreement**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

1. Conviction or adjudication of violation. Any conviction ~~or~~ adjudication, deferred disposition pursuant to Title 17-A, section 1902, subsection 1 or written filing agreement with the State pursuant to the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure, Rule 11B for a violation of this Part is grounds for suspension of any license or permit issued under this Part. Except ~~where~~ when provided by law, the commissioner shall determine the suspension period. To suspend a license or permit based upon a conviction or adjudication, the commissioner shall follow the procedures under section 10903. A suspension or revocation of a license by the District Court is subject to the provisions of subsection 5.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§2, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §97 and affected by §422, is further amended to read:

2. Refusal to issue license or permit. If a person is convicted ~~or is~~ adjudicated ~~of a~~, enters into a deferred disposition pursuant to Title 17-A, section 1902, subsection 1 or enters into a written filing agreement with the State pursuant to the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure, Rule 11B in violation of any provision of this Part and is not the holder of a valid license or permit issued under this Part, the commissioner may refuse to issue a related license or permit to that person for up to 5 years following the date of conviction or adjudication, except when the killing or wounding of a human being has occurred, in which case the commissioner may refuse to issue the license or permit for a period of not less than 5 years.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 266
H.P. 1092 - L.D. 1703

**An Act to Amend the Maine
Equal Pay Law by Prohibiting
Pay Discrimination Based on
Race**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §628, as amended by PL 2019, c. 35, §3, is further amended to read:

§628. Equal pay

This section may be known and cited as "the Maine Equal Pay Law."

An employer may not discriminate between employees in the same establishment on the basis of sex by paying wages to any employee in any occupation in this

State at a rate less than the rate at which the employer pays any employee of the opposite sex for comparable work on jobs that have comparable requirements relating to skill, effort and responsibility. An employer may not discriminate between employees in the same establishment on the basis of race by paying wages to any employee in any occupation in this State at a rate less than the rate at which the employer pays any employee of another race for comparable work on jobs that have comparable requirements relating to skill, effort and responsibility. Differentials that are paid pursuant to established seniority systems or merit increase systems or difference in the shift or time of the day worked that do not discriminate on the basis of sex ~~or race~~ are not within ~~this prohibition~~ the prohibitions in this section. An employer may not discharge or discriminate against any employee by reason of any action taken by such employee to invoke or assist in any manner the enforcement of this section. An employer may not prohibit an employee from disclosing the employee's own wages or from inquiring about or disclosing another employee's wages if the purpose of the disclosure or inquiry is to enforce the rights granted by this section. Nothing in this section creates an obligation to disclose wages.

The Department of Labor shall annually report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters on progress made in the State to comply with this section. The report must be issued annually on Equal Pay Day as designated pursuant to Title 1, section 145.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 267
H.P. 1244 - L.D. 1936

**An Act to Allow Certified
Nurse Practitioners to Provide
In-home Care Without a Home
Health Care Provider License**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2142, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Certified nurse practitioner. "Certified nurse practitioner" has the same meaning as in section 2422, subsection 1-B.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2147, sub-§12, as amended by PL 1989, c. 119, §3, is further amended to read:

12. Municipal entities. Municipal departments or agencies or other municipal entities in their provision of nontherapeutic preventive and promotional health educational services when persons providing those services are employed by the municipality; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2147, sub-§14, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 336, §3, is amended to read:

14. Registered nurse educators. Registered nurse educators; and

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §2147, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

15. Certified nurse practitioners. Services provided directly by certified nurse practitioners.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 268

S.P. 794 - L.D. 1951

An Act Regarding Marine Finfish Aquaculture

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 2005, c. 535, §1, is further amended to read:

E. Except as provided in subsection 13-A, the lease does not result in a person being a tenant of any kind in leases covering an aggregate of more than 500 acres; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§2, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 453, §1, is amended to read:

F. No single lease may exceed 100 acres in size; and

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§2, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. A lease may not be issued for aquaculture of salmonid species if the proposed stocking density of pens in the lease area exceeds 30 kilograms per cubic meter.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 269

S.P. 543 - L.D. 1378

An Act Regarding Liquor Service by Catering Services for Special Events at Licensed Wineries, Small Wineries, Breweries, Small Breweries, Distilleries and Small Distilleries

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 summer season is approaching, which is the busiest time for weddings and other special events to be held at wineries, small wineries, breweries, small breweries, distilleries and small distilleries; 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 §1076, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Provision of liquor at wineries, small wineries, breweries, small breweries, distilleries or small distilleries. A qualified catering service may provide the service of liquor at a function or event on the premises of a winery, small winery, brewery, small brewery, distillery or small distillery licensed under section 1355-A as long as the qualified catering service complies with the provisions in subsection 7. A winery, small winery, brewery, small brewery, distillery or small distillery licensed under section 1355-A may host on the premises a function or event under this section up to 4 times in a 7-day period.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 23, 2023.

CHAPTER 270

S.P. 602 - L.D. 1481

An Act Regarding Clearance for Occupancy Under the Lead Poisoning Control 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 Act needs to take effect prior to the expiration of the 90-day period because there is a shortage of housing available in the State, which makes it difficult to find alternative housing for occupants of residential dwelling units that are undergoing lead abatement activities that require the occupants to be displaced from their units; and

Whereas, this Act authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to waive a prohibition on renting an owner-occupied residential building of 3 dwelling units or less that has been ordered to be cleared of harmful lead-based substances and is vacant; 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 §1322, as amended by PL 2023, c. 82, §2, is further amended to read:

§1322. Child occupants

A person may not knowingly rent a dwelling that has been posted and ordered cleared of harmful lead-based substances in accordance with section 1321, except when waived by the department in accordance with this section. In circumstances where the presence of lead-based paint or building materials is unsuspected and becomes known when the dwelling is already rented to a family with children, the family of the children may not be evicted for that reason and the owner and occupant of the dwelling must be given written notice by the department advising of the existence of lead-based substances in the dwelling and ordering that within 30 days the lead-based substances be removed, replaced or securely and permanently covered.

Until the owner brings any residential dwelling or premises into compliance with this Act while a tenant is occupying a dwelling unit, the owner shall move the tenant to a substitute dwelling unit upon reasonable notice. The department may, on a case-by-case basis, waive this requirement if the department determines that the implementation of actions to reduce lead exposure or interim controls sufficiently protects the residents of the unit until full abatement is achieved. Pursuant to section 1321, subsection 3-A, the department may order the owner to implement lead exposure reduction actions or interim controls as determined by the department with reasonable notice. The owner shall pay reasonable moving expenses and any use and occupancy charges for a substitute dwelling unit that exceed the rent for the vacated dwelling unit for which the tenant remains responsible. "Substitute dwelling unit" means a dwelling unit of like or similar accommodation and in like or similar location that is lead-safe. If the tenant fails to accept the substitute dwelling unit selected by the owner while the owner is required to bring the vacated dwelling unit into compliance with this Act or the tenant fails to remain current in rent pursuant to the lease or tenancy at will under Title 14, section 6002, including the statutory period of right to cure, the owner is not obligated beyond 10 days after completion of remediation to reimburse the tenant for any expense or inconvenience other than moving expenses and any use and occupancy charges for the substitute dwelling unit selected by the owner that exceed the rent for the vacated dwelling unit.

The department may, on a case-by-case basis, waive the prohibition on renting and permit the owner of an owner-occupied residential dwelling of 3 dwelling units or fewer for which lead-based substances have been ordered to be removed, replaced or securely and permanently covered in accordance with section 1321 to rent a vacant unit or units in that residential dwelling before full abatement of the dwelling is achieved if the department determines that residents may be sufficiently protected from lead-based substances in the dwelling.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 23, 2023.

CHAPTER 271

S.P. 738 - L.D. 1822

An Act to Amend the Specialty License Plate Laws and Extend the Moratorium on Approval of Specialty License Plates and Remove the Authority of Municipalities to Issue Driver's Licenses

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 moratorium on the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles' approval of specialty license plates or recognition license plates expires July 14, 2023; and

Whereas, this legislation extends that moratorium until June 30, 2024; and

Whereas, without this legislation taking effect immediately, there will be a period of time when no moratorium is in effect, which is not the intended effect of this legislation; 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 §201, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 229, §9, is further amended to read:

1. Appointment of agents by Secretary of State; scope of authority. With the approval of the municipal officers, the Secretary of State may appoint a municipal

tax collector, or other persons designated by a municipality, to collect excise taxes on vehicles and to receive applications for ~~noncommercial driver's license renewals and duplicates, nondriver identification card renewals and duplicates and~~ new registrations and renewals of registrations of motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers. The Secretary of State may authorize a municipal agent to issue ~~renewals and duplicates of noncommercial driver's licenses, nondriver identification cards,~~ new registrations and renewals of registrations or may limit the agent's authority to the issuance of renewals only.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §201, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2019, c. 255, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Service fees. Municipal agents appointed in accordance with subsection 1 may charge service fees for registrations and renewals of ~~licenses and~~ registrations as follows.

A. A municipal agent may charge an applicant a fee ~~not to exceed \$3 over the required fee for each renewal of a noncommercial driver's license or nondriver identification card issued and~~ a fee not to exceed \$5 over the required fee for each renewal of a registration issued and a fee not to exceed \$6 over the required fee for each new registration issued.

B. In a municipality in which agents are authorized to issue ~~registrations or renewals of noncommercial driver's licenses, nondriver identification cards or~~ registrations for applicants from another municipality or from an unorganized territory, the agent may charge those applicants \$1 in addition to the fees authorized by this subsection for each registration or renewal.

C. A municipal agent authorized to issue temporary registration permits may charge an applicant a fee not to exceed \$1 over the required permit fee.

D. A municipal agent authorized to process permits and decals for vehicles with gross vehicle weight in excess of 6,000 pounds may charge a fee not to exceed \$1 over the required fee for each permit or decal issued.

E. A municipal agent may charge a fee not to exceed \$1 over the required fee for the issuance of a duplicate registration, ~~duplicate noncommercial driver's license or duplicate nondriver identification card.~~

G. A municipal agent may charge an applicant a fee not to exceed ~~\$1~~ \$2 over the required fee when an applicant is requesting issuance of a set of plates designated as specialty license plates by the Secretary of State to replace previously issued plates.

H. The Secretary of State may authorize municipal agents to charge a fee not to exceed \$1 over the required fee for other transactions that the municipal agent carries out on behalf of the Secretary of State and that are not listed in this subsection.

The municipality may retain all service fees authorized in this subsection.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §456-C, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. LLLL, §2, is amended to read:

4. Issuance. The Secretary of State shall issue a sportsman registration plate in ~~a number or letter sequence or~~ a combination of a number and letter sequence.

Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §456-D, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 703, §7, is amended to read:

4. Design. A sponsor must submit a design for the We Support Our Troops plates to the Secretary of State for approval or modification in accordance with section 468, subsection ~~§~~ 1-B. The design must include the shape of the boundaries of the State of Maine, with an image of a curled ribbon superimposed over the shape of the State, with the words "We Support Our Troops" printed along the bottom of the plate. The Secretary of State shall provide the final design to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters prior to manufacture of the plates. The Secretary of State shall issue upon request We Support Our Troops plates that are also vanity plates. We Support Our Troops plates are issued in accordance with the provisions of this section and section 453.

Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §456-F, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2011, c. 556, §3, is further amended to read:

6. Duplicate plates. The Secretary of State shall issue an agriculture education plate in a 3-number and 3-letter combination sequence ~~or in another sequence at the discretion of the Secretary of State.~~ Vanity plates may not duplicate vanity plates issued in another class of plate.

Sec. 6. 29-A MRSA §468, as amended by PL 2021, c. 216, §12, is further amended to read:

§468. Specialty license plate

The Secretary of State may not issue a specialty license plate until the sponsor has met all of the requirements of this section and the proposed specialty license plate legislation as required in subsection 7 is reviewed by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters and approved by the Legislature. For the purposes of this subchapter, "specialty license plate" means a specially designed registration plate that may be used in place of the regular plate and registration for fundraising purposes. The Secretary of State shall administer a specialty license plate in accordance with the following provisions.

1. Sponsor. A person must register with the Secretary of State and receive approval from the Secretary of State as the sponsor of a specialty license plate.

1-A. Sponsor affiliation. A sponsor must be affiliated with a state department that is responsible for oversight of the collection and distribution of the contributions collected under subsection 2, paragraph B and not returned pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph C, which, except as provided by subsection 2, must be deposited in an other special revenue account to provide essential services to the public. To obtain preliminary approval in subsection 1-B, the sponsor shall provide documentation to the Secretary of State identifying the state department providing oversight and that department shall submit in writing on departmental letterhead to the Secretary of State that it agrees to oversee the collection and distribution of the contributions.

1-B. Plate design approval. This subsection governs the plate design approval process.

A. A sponsor shall submit the documentation under subsection 1-A to the Secretary of State and obtain from the Secretary of State preliminary approval of the proposed specialty license plate design before proceeding with subsection 2.

B. Before preliminarily approving the proposed specialty license plate design, the Secretary of State shall obtain the services of a professional designer, paid by the sponsor, to format the plate to meet the Secretary of State's design requirements and standards. The Secretary of State shall consult with the Maine State Police and the Maine Turnpike Authority to evaluate the human and electronic readability of the plate design.

C. Before manufacturing the specialty license plate, the Secretary of State shall provide the final design for a specialty license plate to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters for review.

2. Names, signatures and payment. The Secretary of State may not manufacture an authorized specialty license plate unless the sponsor:

A. Provides to the Secretary of State a list with ~~2,000~~ 4,000 names, dated signatures and current plate numbers of supporters who have physically signed a statement on paper declaring they intend to purchase and display the specialty license plate; and

B. Collects from each supporter who signs the statement an amount of \$25 for each set of plates and provides to the Secretary of State the sum of these contributions in the amount of ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000, which is nonrefundable; and

C. Informs each supporter that the \$25 contribution will be returned to the supporter within 90 days

if the requirements in subsection 7 are not met within one year.

The Secretary of State shall deposit the ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000 provided under paragraph B in the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

3-A. Credit receipts voucher. The Secretary of State shall provide ~~2,000 credit receipts to the sponsor to provide to each supporter~~ a voucher to each of the 4,000 supporters that contributed \$25. The credit receipt voucher may be used only to obtain one set of specialty license plates.

3-B. Registration fee. The fee for the specialty license plate is in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee required by section 501 and the excise tax required by Title 36, section 1482.

3-C. Fee; credit to funds. This subsection governs the funding distribution for specialty license plates approved for issuance after June 30, 2024. In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the initial fee for the specialty license plates is \$20, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

A. Ten dollars to the other special revenue account under subsection 1-A for purposes specified in the account description;

B. Nine dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

3-D. Renewal fee. This subsection governs the funding distribution for renewals of specialty license plates after June 30, 2024. In addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fee prescribed by law for the particular class of vehicle registered, the annual renewal fee for the specialty license plates is \$15, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of State and credited as follows:

A. Ten dollars to the other special revenue account under subsection 1-A for purposes specified in the account description;

B. Four dollars to the Highway Fund for administrative and production costs; and

C. One dollar to the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

4. Minimum number manufactured. The Secretary of State shall manufacture a minimum of ~~2,000~~ 4,000 specialty license plates for each specialty license plate authorized under this section.

5. Design approval. A sponsor must submit a proposed design for a specialty license plate for approval or modification by the Secretary of State. The joint

~~standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters shall review the final design for a specialty license plate prior to manufacture of the plate.~~

6. Numbering, lettering and duplicate plates. ~~Except as provided in section 456-C, the~~ The Secretary of State shall issue a specialty license plate in a 3-number and 3-letter combination sequence. Plate numbers may not duplicate plates issued in another class of plate. Vanity plates may not duplicate vanity plates issued in another class of plate. This subsection does not apply to a person that holds a specialty license plate with duplicate numbers in another class of plate or a duplicate vanity plate in another class of plate issued in accordance with section 453 prior to July 1, 2023, as long as the person maintains a valid registration with that plate.

7. Deadline for Secretary of State approval. The sponsor must submit to the Secretary of State the names, signatures, payment and proposed design for the specialty license plate by September 1st. The signatures must have been collected in-person within 2 years one year of submission to the Secretary of State. Electronically collected signatures may not be accepted. If the design is approved pursuant to subsection 5 requirements of subsections 1, 1-A, 1-B and 2 are met, the Secretary of State shall submit proposed legislation seeking authorization of the specialty license plate to the following regular session of the Legislature.

8. Weight limit. Except as provided under section 456-F, subsection 7, paragraph B, a specialty license plate under this subchapter may be issued for an automobile or truck that does not exceed 26,000 pounds registered weight. After June 30, 2024, an automobile or truck that is issued a specialty license plate may not exceed 10,000 pounds registered weight.

9. Limit on authorization. The Secretary of State shall ~~retire and cease to issue any plate authorized after January 1, 2007 if the number of registrations falls below 4,000 for more than one year~~ manage the number of approved specialty license plates in accordance with this subsection.

C. When a specialty license plate falls to 4,500 registrations, the Secretary of State shall notify the sponsor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters of the Secretary of State's intent to retire and cease to issue the specialty license plate if the number of registrations falls below 4,000 for one year. The Secretary of State shall provide the sponsor with monthly updates.

D. The Secretary of State shall retire, cease to issue and replace upon renewal a specialty license plate if the number of registrations falls below 4,000 for more than one year.

E. The Secretary of State shall retire, cease to issue and replace upon renewal a specialty license plate if the entity receiving a distribution of the contributions ceases to operate or does not comply with this section.

F. When the total number of approved specialty license plates reaches 15, the Secretary of State may not approve a specialty license plate sponsor under subsection 1. The sponsor's name and affiliated state department identified pursuant to subsection 1-A must be added to a waiting list in the order of the received requests.

10. Additional versions or classes of the specialty license plate. The Secretary of State may not issue a specialty license plate in a motorcycle, trailer or commercial vehicle class if: class other than passenger plates.

A. At least 10,000 sets of the specialty plate have been issued for automobiles and pickup trucks;

B. The sponsor of the specialty plate under this subsection provides a list of 500 names for each class requested, dated signatures and current plate numbers of supporters who have signed a statement declaring they intend to purchase and display the motorcycle, trailer or commercial vehicle class of specialty license plate; and

C. The sponsor collects from each supporter who signs the statement under paragraph B a contribution of \$25 for each set of plates and provides to the Secretary of State the sum of these contributions in the amount of \$12,500, which is nonrefundable.

Upon receipt of the \$12,500 provided under paragraph C, the Secretary of State shall prepare enabling legislation and a proposed plate design for submission to the Legislature and shall deposit the \$12,500 in the Specialty License Plate Fund established under section 469.

Commercial plates issued prior to July 1, 2023 under sections 455 and 456-F are exempt from this subsection.

11. Affiliated state department. A sponsor shall provide to the affiliated state department identified pursuant to subsection 1-A an annual independent audit of the other special revenue account. The affiliated state department shall provide to the Secretary of State an annual audit report and an accounting of the contributions received and distributed during that reporting period. The Secretary of State shall provide the report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters.

Sec. 7. Resolve 2021, c. 108, §1 is repealed.

Sec. 8. Moratorium. The Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, sections 468 and 468-A, may not approve any specialty license plate or recognition license plate sponsor to begin

the specialty license plate or recognition license plate signature gathering process, bring forth enabling legislation or otherwise initiate any new designs, redesigns or additional specialty license plates or recognition license plates, other than those already approved and enacted, until June 30, 2025.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 23, 2023.

CHAPTER 272
S.P. 37 - L.D. 45

An Act to Prevent Retaliatory Evictions

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6001, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 324, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Asserted the tenant's rights pursuant to section 6015, 6016, 6021 or section 6030-D;

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §6001, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2019, c. 351, §2, is further amended by amending the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

~~No~~ A writ of possession may not issue in the absence of rebuttal of the presumption of retaliation.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 273
S.P. 121 - L.D. 255

An Act Regarding Campaign Finance Reports

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1017, sub-§3-A, ¶D-1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 190, Pt. A, §5, is further amended to read:

D-1. Reports must be filed no later than 11:59 p.m. on the 42nd day before the date on which ~~a general~~ an election is held and must be complete as of the 49th day before that date, except that this report is not required for candidates for municipal office, unless required by the municipality. Certified candidates and participating candidates, as defined under section 1122, subsections 1 and 6, respectively,

are not required to file a report on the 42nd day before a primary election pursuant to this section.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 274
H.P. 885 - L.D. 1371

An Act to Amend Limits on the Direct Shipment of Wine

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §1403-A, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 373, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §1403-A, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Shipment limit. A direct shipper may not ship a container of wine of less than 250 milliliters and may ship no more than 9,000 milliliters per shipment no more than 12 times to any one recipient address in a calendar year.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 275
S.P. 548 - L.D. 1383

An Act to Regulate Insurance Carrier Prior Authorization Requirements for Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4304, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 199, Pt. B, §13, is further amended to read:

1. Requirements for medical review or utilization review practices. A carrier ~~must~~ shall appoint a medical director who is responsible for reviewing and approving the carrier's policies governing the clinical aspects of coverage determinations by any health plan that it offers or renews. A carrier's medical review or utilization review practices must be governed by the standard of medically necessary health care as defined in this chapter. A carrier shall provide clear written policies and procedures to providers and enrollees on how to obtain a prior authorization.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4304-A is enacted to read:

§4304-A. Prior authorization for rehabilitative or habilitative services

1. Prior authorization for new episode of care prohibited for 12 visits. A carrier may not require prior authorization for rehabilitative or habilitative services, including, but not limited to, physical therapy services, occupational therapy services or chiropractic services, for the first 12 visits of each new episode of care. For purposes of this subsection, "new episode of care" means treatment for a new condition or treatment for a recurring condition for which an enrollee has not been treated within the previous 90 days.

2. Intent. This section does not limit the right of a carrier to deny a claim when an appropriate prospective or retrospective review concludes that the health care services or treatment rendered were not medically necessary.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 276

S.P. 562 - L.D. 1395

**An Act to Increase
Transparency Regarding
Certain Drug Pricing
Programs**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1728 is enacted to read:

§1728. Prescription drug transparency report

1. Hospital defined. For purposes of this section, "hospital" means:

A. An acute care institution licensed and operating in this State as a hospital under section 1811 or the parent of such an institution; or

B. 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.

2. Report on participation in federal 340B drug program. Beginning January 1, 2024, each hospital participating in the federal drug pricing program under Section 340B of the federal Public Health Service Act, 42 United States Code, Section 256b, referred to in this section as "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 consistent with the annual reporting of hospitals

voluntarily participating in the good stewardship program of the American Hospital Association or its successor organization:

A. A description of how the hospital uses savings from participation in the 340B program to benefit its community through programs and services funded in whole or in part by savings from the 340B program, including services that support community access to care that the hospital could not continue without savings from the 340B program;

B. The annual estimated savings from the 340B program to the hospital, comparing the acquisition price of drugs under the 340B program to group purchasing organization pricing. If group purchasing organization pricing is not available for a drug under the 340B program, the acquisition price for that drug must be compared to a price from another acceptable pricing source;

C. A comparison of the hospital's estimated savings under the 340B program to the hospital's total drug expenditures, including examples of the hospital's top drugs purchased through the 340B program; and

D. A description of the hospital's internal review and oversight of the 340B program, which must meet the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration's program rules and guidance for compliance.

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. 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.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 277

H.P. 967 - L.D. 1512

**An Act to Require the
Consideration of Restitution to
Support a Child Whose Parent
Is Killed During the
Commission of a Crime**

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §2002, sub-§3, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

C. "Dependent's economic loss" means loss after a decedent's death of contributions of things of economic value to the decedent's dependents, not including services they would have received from the decedent if the decedent had not suffered the fatal injury, ~~less expenses of the dependents avoided by reason of decedent's death.~~

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §2002, sub-§3, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

D. "Dependent's replacement loss" means loss reasonably incurred by dependents after a decedent's death in obtaining ordinary and necessary services in lieu of those the decedent would have performed for their benefit if the decedent had not suffered the fatal injury, ~~less expenses of the dependents avoided by reason of the decedent's death and not subtracted in calculating dependent's economic loss.~~

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §2003, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

2. Reasons for not imposing restitution. In any case where the court determines that restitution should not be imposed in accordance with the criteria set forth in section 2005, the court shall state in open court or in writing the reasons for not imposing restitution, including, in a case involving a defendant convicted of an offense that resulted in the death of a person who is a parent of a minor, by specifically addressing the surviving dependent's economic loss and dependent's replacement loss and the reasons for not imposing restitution to compensate for those losses.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 278

S.P. 620 - L.D. 1556

An Act to Provide a Private Support Organization for the Maine Maritime Academy

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10016 is enacted to read:

§10016. Private support organization

1. Designation of private support organization.

The President of the Maine Maritime Academy may designate a nonprofit organization as the private support organization for the Maine Maritime Academy. If des-

igned by the Maine Maritime Academy, a private support organization must be formed in accordance with this subsection.

A. The designated organization must be incorporated as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State, and its sole purpose, as reflected in its bylaws, must be to organize and foster support for the Maine Maritime Academy and its programs.

B. The President of the Maine Maritime Academy, or the president's designee, shall serve as a member of the private support organization's board of directors.

C. The President of the Maine Maritime Academy shall negotiate an annual memorandum of understanding between the Maine Maritime Academy and the private support organization that outlines a plan of work identifying priority projects of mutual benefit and cooperation. The private support organization's board of directors may delegate aspects of the plan of work to the executive director or president of the private support organization.

D. The President of the Maine Maritime Academy may permit the appropriate use of fixed property, equipment and facilities of the Maine Maritime Academy by the private support organization. Such use must be directly in keeping with the purpose of the private support organization as set out in this section and must comply with all appropriate state policies and procedures.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 279

S.P. 644 - L.D. 1627

An Act to Improve Disclosure of Lobbyist Activities

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §313, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 114, §1, is amended to read:

1. Registration. No later than ~~15 business~~ 10 calendar days after lobbying more than 8 hours in a calendar month on behalf of an employer, a lobbyist shall submit a joint registration to the commission for the employer, the lobbyist and any lobbyist associates and pay a registration fee of \$250. The lobbyist shall pay an additional \$125 for each lobbyist associate included in the joint registration.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 280
S.P. 662 - L.D. 1657

An Act to Define "Consent"
and Amend the Law Governing
Certain Sexual Offenses

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §251, sub-§1, ¶E-1 is enacted to read:

E-1. "Consent" means a word or action by a person that indicates a freely given agreement.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §253, sub-§2, ¶M, as amended by PL 2021, c. 608, Pt. E, §1, is further amended to read:

M. The other person has not ~~expressly or impliedly acquiesced~~ consented to the sexual act and the actor is criminally negligent with regard to whether the other person has ~~acquiesced~~ consented. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime; or

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §255-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 608, Pt. E, §2, is further amended to read:

A. The other person has not ~~expressly or impliedly acquiesced in~~ consented to the sexual contact and the actor is criminally negligent with regard to whether the other person has ~~acquiesced~~ consented. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime;

Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §255-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 608, Pt. E, §3, is further amended to read:

B. The other person has not ~~expressly or impliedly acquiesced in~~ consented to the sexual contact, the actor is criminally negligent with regard to whether the other person has ~~acquiesced~~ consented and the sexual contact includes penetration. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime;

Sec. 5. 17-A MRSA §260, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 608, Pt. E, §4, is further amended to read:

A. The other person has not ~~expressly or impliedly acquiesced in~~ consented to the sexual touching and the actor is criminally negligent with regard to whether the other person has ~~acquiesced~~ consented. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 281
H.P. 1115 - L.D. 1736

An Act to Advance the
National HIV/AIDS Strategy in
Maine by Broadening HIV
Testing

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19203-G is enacted to read:

§19203-G. HIV testing in conjunction with testing for possible sexually transmitted diseases and infections

Subject to the consent and procedure requirements of section 19203-A, subsection 1, a health care provider shall include an HIV test in the standard set of medical tests performed on an individual with a possible sexually transmitted disease or infection.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 282
S.P. 326 - L.D. 767

An Act to Provide Uniform
Protections from Retaliation
for Maine Workers in
Connection with the Exercise
of Rights Protected Under the
Laws Governing Employment
Practices

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA c. 7, sub-c. 1-D is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 1-D
GENERAL PROVISIONS

§620. Actions intended to prevent exercise of protected rights

An employer that takes action intended to prevent or penalize a person from exercising rights protected under this chapter commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 for each violation may be adjudged, in addition to any other remedy available under this chapter. The Department of Labor and the Attorney General may file a civil action to enforce this section.

This section may not be construed to limit or restrict the rights of an individual to seek other available remedies in a separate legal action.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 283
S.P. 276 - L.D. 718**

**An Act to Facilitate the
Management of Wastewater
Treatment Plant Sludge at the
State-owned Juniper Ridge
Landfill**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, following the enactment of changes to the waste management laws under Public Law 2021, chapter 626, the operator of the state-owned Juniper Ridge Landfill implemented limitations on the amount of sludge accepted for landfilling and imposed additional and significant transportation and other sludge-management related costs on municipal and quasi-municipal customers; and

Whereas, implementation of the provisions in this legislation facilitates the landfilling of additional sludge amounts at the state-owned landfill by providing additional sludge bulking and stabilization material; and

Whereas, as memorialized in a written pledge dated May 16, 2023 from the operator of the state-owned landfill and provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, the landfilling of those additional sludge amounts, as facilitated in this legislation, will eliminate the additional transportation and sludge-management related costs the operator has imposed on municipal and quasi-municipal customers as a result of the enactment of Public Law 2021, chapter 626; 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 §1310-N, sub-§5-A, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 626, §2, 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 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" includes, but is not limited to, 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 ~~January 1, 2022~~ July 1, 2024;
- (b) Reuse or recycle at least 20% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by ~~January 1, 2023~~ July 1, 2025;
- (c) Reuse or recycle at least 30% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by ~~January 1, 2024~~ July 1, 2026;
- (d) Reuse or recycle at least 40% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by ~~January 1, 2025~~ July 1, 2027; and
- (e) Reuse or recycle at least 50% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by ~~January 1, 2026~~ July 1, 2028.

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 and ending July 1, 2025:

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

2. Any excess residue, other than the excess residue identified in subsection 1, generated by the 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. Sludge management and landfill study. The Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, shall evaluate options for and develop recommendations regarding state regulation of the transportation, landfill disposal and other management of sludge generated from wastewater treatment plants as the activities of a public utility and regarding state regulation of the operation of state-owned solid waste landfills as a public utility. On or before January 15, 2024, the department shall submit a report outlining the results of the study and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: Allocates funding for grants to municipalities for the costs of landfill closure and remediation.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$375,000	\$375,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$375,000	\$375,000

Sec. 5. Retroactivity. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1310-N, subsection 5-A, paragraph B, subparagraph (2) applies retroactively to December 31, 2021.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 23, 2023.

CHAPTER 284

S.P. 803 - L.D. 1969

An Act to Expand the Use of Funds to Support Land Conservation

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 new fund, the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund, and directs the transfer of funds to the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund on or before June 30, 2023; and

Whereas, in order to meet that requirement, this legislation must take effect 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. 5 MRSA §6201, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. FFFF, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Cooperating entities. "Cooperating entities" means those private nonprofit organizations, municipal conservation commissions, local governments, federal agencies or other bodies designated by the Land for Maine's Future Board pursuant to section 6203 as able to assist the State in the acquisition or management of conservation lands of statewide significance or for community conservation projects 6203-E or 6203-F.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §6201, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 135, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Matching funds. "Matching funds" means any combination of public and private funds used in conjunction with the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund, the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund and the Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund, the Conservation and Recreation Fund and the Conservation Land Management Fund for the purpose of this chapter, including, but not limited to: private contributions of cash or securities; money from municipal or other public agencies; money from a federal matching program, subject to the limitations of applicable federal and state laws, in an amount authorized by the federal program; contributions of real property, or interest in real property, that serves the acquisition needs of the State as determined by the Land for Maine's Future Board; in-kind contributions; or any combination of those funds. Contributions of land or interest in land

must be valued, for purposes of this section, in the amount of their appraised value.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §6203, as amended by PL 2021, c. 135, §3; c. 398, Pt. FFFF, §3; and c. 409, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §6203-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 728, §5, is amended to read:

1. Fund established. There is established the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund that is administered by the board. The Public Access to Maine Waters Fund consists of the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized for the purposes set forth in subsection 3 and funds received as contributions from private and public sources for those purposes. The Public Access to Maine Waters Fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. ~~Eligible, except that~~ eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund become part of the assets of that fund the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund. Any balance remaining in the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund at the end of a fiscal year must be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §6203-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 728, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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. 6. 5 MRSA §6203-B, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 266, Pt. B, §3, is amended to read:

1. Fund established. The Maine Working Waterfront Access Protection Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established and is administered by the board in cooperation with the Commissioner of Marine Resources under the provisions of this chapter and Title 12, section 6031-A. The fund consists of the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized for the purposes set forth in subsection 3 and funds received as contributions from private and public sources for those purposes. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. ~~Eligible, except that~~ eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund become part of the assets of the fund Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year must be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §6203-C, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 135, §4, is amended to read:

1. Fund established. The Maine Working Farmland Access and Protection Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established and is administered by the board in cooperation with the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry under the provisions of this chapter and Title 7, section 164. The fund consists of the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized for the purposes set forth in subsection 3 and funds received as contributions from private and public sources for those purposes. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. ~~Eligible, except that~~ eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund become part of the assets of the fund Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund. Any balance remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year must be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

Sec. 8. 5 MRSA §6203-D is enacted to read:

§6203-D. Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund

1. Fund established. There is established the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund that is administered by the board. The Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund consists of the proceeds from the sale of any bonds authorized for the purposes set forth in subsection 2, eligible investment earnings of funds established under this chapter and any funds received as contributions from private and public sources for the purposes set forth in subsection 2. The Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts and eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund become part of the assets of that fund. Any balance remaining in the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund at the end of any fiscal year must be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

2. Fund proceeds. The proceeds of the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund may be applied and expended to accomplish the purposes of the funds established in sections 6203-A to 6203-C and 6203-E and 6203-F.

Sec. 9. 5 MRSA §6203-E is enacted to read:

§6203-E. Conservation and Recreation Fund

1. Fund established. There is established the Conservation and Recreation Fund that is administered by the board. The Conservation and Recreation Fund consists of the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized for the purposes set forth in subsection 3 and funds received as contributions from private and public sources for those purposes. The Conservation and Recreation Fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts, except that eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of the Conservation and Recreation Fund become part of the assets of the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund. Any balance remaining in the Conservation and Recreation Fund at the end of a fiscal year must be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

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.

3. Fund proceeds. The proceeds of the Conservation and Recreation Fund may be applied and expended to:

A. Acquire property or an interest in property that is determined by the board to be of statewide significance or for a community conservation project under the guidelines of this chapter;

B. When interest in land is acquired with proceeds from the Conservation and Recreation Fund, fund minor capital improvements on such lands and on adjoining lands in the same ownership or under the same management to improve accessibility, as long as these improvements do not exceed 5% of the appraised value of the acquired property;

C. When land or interest in land is acquired with proceeds from the Conservation and Recreation Fund, fund minor capital investments in the stewardship and management of that land. Stewardship and management investments under this paragraph must be held in a dedicated stewardship endowment and identified for use on the funded property. Stewardship and management investments may not exceed 5% of the appraised value of the acquired property; and

D. When land or interest in land for deer wintering areas is acquired with proceeds from the Conservation and Recreation Fund pursuant to section 6207, subsection 2, paragraph E, fund the development of a management plan to provide for the land's continuing function as a deer wintering area, as long as the cost of the plan and any investments related to that land under paragraph C do not exceed 5% of the appraised value of the acquired property. A management plan developed under this paragraph may also apply to adjoining deer wintering areas in the same ownership or under the same management.

Sec. 10. 5 MRSA §6203-F is enacted to read:

§6203-F. Conservation Land Management Fund

1. Fund established. There is established the Conservation Land Management Fund that is administered by the board. The Conservation Land Management Fund consists of the proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized for the purposes set forth in subsection 3 and funds received as contributions from private

and public sources for those purposes. The Conservation Land Management Fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts, except that eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of the Conservation Land Management Fund become part of the assets of the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund. Any balance remaining in the Conservation Land Management Fund at the end of a fiscal year must be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

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.

3. Fund proceeds. The proceeds of the Conservation Land Management Fund may be applied and expended to:

A. Make capital improvements to enhance public recreational opportunities on permanently conserved state, municipal and private conservation lands; and

B. Enhance wildlife habitat protection on permanently conserved state, municipal and private conservation lands.

Sec. 11. 5 MRSA §6204, sub-§6, as affected by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. II, §11 and amended by c. 657, Pt. X, §4, is further amended to read:

6. Assistance. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; and all other state agencies shall provide staff support and assistance considered necessary by the board to fulfill the objectives of this chapter. If agency assistance is not available, consultants may be hired from the proceeds of either the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund to assist the board in carrying out its responsibilities.

Sec. 12. 5 MRSA §6206, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §8, is further amended to read:

A. Complete an assessment of the State's public land acquisition needs and develop a strategy and guidelines, based on that assessment, for use in allocating the proceeds of the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund, the Conservation and Recreation Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund. Both the assessment and the development of a strategy and guidelines must be conducted with opportunities for participation by interested state agencies and the public;

Sec. 13. 5 MRSA §6206, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §8, is further amended to read:

D. In accordance with the strategy and guidelines developed under paragraph A, authorize distribution of proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund, the Conservation and Recreation Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund for acquisitions of property or interests in property; and

Sec. 14. 5 MRSA §6206, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2007, c. 331, §1, is further amended to read:

E. On January 1st of every odd-numbered year, report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over matters pertaining to state parks and public lands on expenditures from the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund, the Conservation and Recreation Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund and revisions to the strategies and guidelines. This report must include a description of access to land and interest in land acquired during the report period. If an acquisition has been made that does not include guaranteed public vehicular access to the land acquired, the board must provide justification for that acquisition and a plan for continuing efforts to acquire guaranteed public access to the land. This report must include a summary of the board's experience during the reporting period with projects funded pursuant to section ~~6203~~ or 6203-A, ~~6203-D~~ or ~~6203-E~~ and in which the land or interest in land is acquired by a cooperating entity. This report must also include on a county-by-county basis a summary of the expenditures made by the board and acreage conserved through acquisition of fee or less-than-fee interest by the board during the report period. Each report must include cumulative totals by county of acreage conserved through acquisition of fee or less-than-fee interest through action by the board.

The report must include maps based on available information and at a statewide level that show federal, state and other public lands and permanent interests in lands held for conservation purposes. The maps must also provide a representation of the amount of land affected by conservation easements under Title 33, chapter 7, subchapter 8-A. Other state agencies holding conservation lands and interests in lands held for conservation purposes shall assist in the preparation of the maps.

Sec. 15. 5 MRSA §6207, as amended by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §4, is further amended to read:

§6207. Acquisition criteria

1. Distribution of funds. The board shall authorize the distribution of funds from the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund, the Conservation and Recreation

Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund to state agencies and cooperating entities for the acquisition of natural lands that meet the criteria set forth in this chapter.

2. Determination of statewide significance. In determining whether a proposed acquisition must 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.

3. Priorities. Whenever possible, the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund, the Conservation and Recreation Fund and the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund must be used for land acquisition projects when matching funds are available from cooperating entities, as long as the proposed acquisition meets all other criteria set forth in this chapter. For acquisitions funded by the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund and the Conservation and Recreation Fund, the board shall give priority to projects that conserve lands with multiple outstanding resource or recreation values or a single exceptional value, that help the State's natural ecosystems, wildlife and natural resource-based economies adapt to a changing climate, that provide geographic representation and that build upon or connect existing holdings.

A. When evaluating projects to be funded, the board shall give a preferential consideration to projects that conserve lands that have been determined by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to be important for conserving deer in northern, eastern and western Maine. To be given preferential consideration under this paragraph, a project must result in the acquisition of a fee interest or an easement interest in the land, the depart-

ment's holding the interest in the land and the department's managing the land area as a wildlife management area, as defined in Title 12, section 10001, subsection 74, with deer conservation as the highest management priority. Only projects that satisfy the requirements of this paragraph may be given preferential consideration. Nothing in this paragraph limits the ability of the board to use the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund or the Conservation and Recreation Fund to fund other projects that may also help conserve deer or deer habitat but that do not receive preferential consideration under this paragraph.

When acquiring land or interest in land, the board shall examine public vehicular access rights to the land and, whenever possible and appropriate, acquire guaranteed public vehicular access as part of the acquisition.

4. Nonqualifying expenditures. The board may not fund:

A. Facilities for organized recreational activities, including, but not limited to, ballparks, tennis courts or playgrounds;

B. Except as provided in ~~section 6203, subsection 3, paragraph B and section 6203-A, subsection 3, paragraph B, section 6203-D, subsection 2 and section 6203-E, subsection 3, paragraph B,~~ capital improvements on any publicly owned facilities; and

C. The acquisition of land of which the primary use value has been and will be as commercially harvested or harvestable forest land.

5. Estimation of monitoring and management costs. Prior to final approval of a project under this chapter, a person submitting a proposal to acquire property or an interest in property with funding from the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund, the Conservation and Recreation Fund or the Public Access to Maine Waters Fund shall provide:

A. A description of the management envisioned for the property for the first 10 years following acquisition. When the application proposes acquiring an interest in property, the application must provide a description of the anticipated management responsibilities retained by the landowner and those to be assumed by the State or a cooperating entity;

B. Preliminary estimates of the costs to the State or a cooperating entity of managing the land for the uses proposed in the application; and

C. Preliminary estimates of the costs associated with monitoring compliance with an easement when an interest in land is acquired.

6. Public uses. Hunting, fishing, trapping and public access may not be prohibited on land acquired with proceeds from the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund or the Conservation and Recreation Fund, except

to the extent prohibited by applicable state, local or federal laws, rules and regulations and except for working waterfront projects and working farmland preservation projects.

Sec. 16. 5 MRSA §6209, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §13, is further amended to read:

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, ~~provided that as long as~~ those acquisitions are primarily natural lands meeting the criteria set forth in this chapter.

Sec. 17. 5 MRSA §6209, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §13, is further amended to read:

5. Land evaluated. All lands 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.

Sec. 18. 5 MRSA §6211, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1999, c. 731, Pt. H, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Distribution of proceeds. Funds received by the Land for Maine's Future Board under the agreement with the financial institution, credit union or other credit card issuer must be deposited in a separate, interest-bearing account within the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund. The account must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of the account become part of the assets of the account. Any balance remaining in the account at the end of any fiscal year must be carried forward to the next fiscal year. Notwithstanding section ~~6203~~ 6203-D, subsection ~~3~~ 2, the board may expend funds deposited in the account pursuant to this section to cover administrative costs and for staff support and consulting services, as determined necessary by the board to carry out its duties under this chapter.

Sec. 19. 7 MRSA §163, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 356, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

2. Benefits. The commissioner shall review benefits accruing to participants in agricultural districts in

other states. Prior to initiating the pilot program, the commissioner shall develop a description of potential benefits accruing to participants in a pilot program. Potential benefits may include, but are not limited to, scoring bonuses for competitive grants, loans or business assistance programs and for project proposals screened for submission to the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund under Title 5, section ~~6203~~ 6203-D or the Conservation and Recreation Fund under Title 5, section 6203-E. The commissioner shall consult with other agencies administering programs affected by the proposed benefits.

Sec. 20. 12 MRSA §10109, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 409, §5, is amended to read:

1-A. Acquisition of land; deer wintering areas. The commissioner shall identify areas that are important to the conservation of deer in northern, eastern and western Maine, and may acquire these lands, including with funds provided by the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund or the Conservation and Recreation Fund in accordance with Title 5, section 6207. These lands must be designated as wildlife management areas and managed with deer conservation as the highest management priority, and the commissioner shall ensure that appropriate deed restrictions are placed on the land that reflect these priorities. The commissioner shall also develop appropriate purchase and sale agreements that ensure that deer wintering areas on land to be acquired pursuant to this subsection are preserved as deer wintering areas prior to purchase. Beginning January 15, 2023 and annually thereafter, the department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters on the acquisition and management of deer wintering areas.

Sec. 21. Transfer to Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon the repeal pursuant to this Act of the Land for Maine's Future Fund established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 6203, the State Controller shall transfer all funds in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Land for Maine's Future - Community Conservation Projects Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund established under Title 5, section 6203-D. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 6203-D, subsection 2, the department shall disburse these funds in accordance with Public Law 2021, chapter 398, Part FFFF, section 8. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, upon the repeal pursuant to this Act of the Land for Maine's Future Fund, the State Controller shall transfer all funds in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Land for Maine's Future Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account to the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund.

Sec. 22. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Conservation and Recreation Fund N461

Initiative: Provides allocations to establish a fund and allow expenditures.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Conservation Land Management Fund N462

Initiative: Provides allocations to establish a fund and allow expenditures.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund N460

Initiative: Provides allocations to authorize expenditures to accomplish the purposes of the funds established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 353.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$37,663,659	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$37,663,659	\$500

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$37,664,659	\$1,500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$37,664,659	\$1,500

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 23, 2023.

**CHAPTER 285
S.P. 813 - L.D. 1984**

**An Act to Allow Golf Courses
to Obtain a License to Conduct
Off-premises Catering**

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 golf courses with a liquor license to obtain a license to conduct off-premises catering; and

Whereas, the summer season is approaching, which is the busiest time for golf courses to hold special events involving off-premises catering; 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 §1012, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 2021, c. 658, §157, is 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 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, 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. 2. 28-A MRSA §1052, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 658, §167, 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 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. 3. 28-A MRSA §1052, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 658, §167, is 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, Class A lounge, hotel, bed and breakfast, golf course, auditorium, civic auditorium or performing arts center license.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 23, 2023.

**CHAPTER 286
S.P. 146 - L.D. 325**

**An Act to Require
Transparency in Public Utility
Advertising Expenditures**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §302, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§302. Limitations on rates

1-A. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Affiliated interest" has the same meaning as in section 707, subsection 1, paragraph A.

B. "Consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility" has the same meaning as in section 3201, subsection 6.

C. "Consumer-owned water utility" has the same meaning as in section 6101, subsection 1-A.

D. "Grassroots lobbying" has the same meaning as in Title 3, section 312-A, subsection 7-B.

E. "Lobbying" has the same meaning as in Title 3, section 312-A, subsection 9.

F. "Public charity" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 194, subsection 1.

G. "Trade association" means a group of for-profit corporations collaborating to fund joint advocacy.

2. Limitations on rates. The following expenses, whether paid directly or indirectly, through reimbursement or otherwise, incurred by a public utility or an affiliated interest may not be included or incorporated in operating expenses to be recovered in rates:

A. Contributions or gifts to political candidates, political parties, political or legislative committees or any committee or organization working to influence referendum petitions or elections;

B. Contributions to a trade association, chamber of commerce or public charity, including, but not limited to, a charity managed by the public utility or affiliated interest. This paragraph does not apply to a consumer-owned water utility;

C. Expenditures for lobbying or grassroots lobbying; and

D. Educational expenditures, as defined by the commission by rule under section 302-A, unless approved by the commission as serving a public interest. Educational expenditures include expenditures relating to information delivered to the public or to public utility customers by radio, television, the Internet, print and other media or through sponsorships, paid endorsements and public relations campaigns. This paragraph does not apply to a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility or a consumer-owned water utility.

3. Political, charitable and educational expenses annual report. A public utility shall file a report annually with the commission containing a written, itemized description of any expenses that may not be included or incorporated in the public utility's operating expenses under subsection 2. The report must also include a written, itemized description of the expenses that may not be included or incorporated in the public utility's operating expenses under subsection 2 that are relevant to the business interests of the public utility paid by a membership organization, as defined by the commission by rule under section 302-A, of which the public utility is a member. For each expense, the report must include the date, the payee, the amount and a description of the purpose of the expense.

4. Major political activities quarterly report. In addition to the report required under subsection 3, if a public utility or an affiliated interest engages in major political activities, as defined by the commission by rule under section 302-A, the public utility shall file a quarterly report containing a written description of those major political activities and the expenditures associated with those activities. For each expenditure, the report must include the date, the payee, the amount and a description of the purpose of the expenditure.

5. Public inspection. The public utility shall make available for public inspection all materials filed with the commission in accordance with subsections 3 and 4. The commission shall make available the annual reports filed by public utilities in accordance with this section on its publicly accessible website with notice of the availability of the reports prominently displayed on the website.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §302-A, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 204, §1, is amended to read:

§302-A. Rules governing political activities, promotional advertising, charitable contributions, educational expenditures and institutional advertising

~~Rules adopted by the~~ The commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement section 302, including, but not limited to, rules concerning promotional advertising; promotional allowances, including, but not limited to, the granting of promotional rebates or credits; advertising to promote corporate image or goodwill; contributions to public charities as defined in Title 5, section 194, subsection 1; educational expenditures; or political activities, including major political activities, by a public utility or an affiliated interest as defined in section 707, subsection 1, paragraph A. Rules adopted under this section are major substantive routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. Rules on these matters in effect on the effective date of this section remain in effect and do not require legislative approval but any changes to such rules are subject to review and approval in accordance with Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2 A.

Sec. 3. Rulemaking. By November 1, 2023, the Public Utilities Commission shall initiate rulemaking to amend its rules under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 302-A to implement the requirements of this Act. The commission's rules may not require public utilities to file more than one annual report related to advertising and political activities except as required under Title 35-A, section 302, subsection 4.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 287

S.P. 365 - L.D. 868

**An Act to Extend the
Protections of the Maine Civil
Rights Act to Actions That
Cause Emotional Distress or
Fear of Violence**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §4681, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 50, §1, is amended to read:

1. Interference with rights; action by Attorney General. ~~Whenever any person, whether or not acting under color of law, intentionally interferes or attempts to intentionally interfere by physical force or violence against a person, damage or destruction of property or trespass on property or by the threat of physical force or violence against a person, damage or destruction of~~

~~property or trespass on property with the exercise or enjoyment by any other person of rights secured by the United States Constitution or the laws of the United States or of rights secured by the Constitution of Maine or laws of the State or violates section 4684-B, the~~ The Attorney General may bring a civil action for injunctive or other appropriate equitable relief in order to protect the peaceable exercise or enjoyment of the rights secured by the United States Constitution or the laws of the United States or of the rights secured by the Constitution of Maine or the laws of the State whenever any person, whether or not acting under color of law:

A. Violates section 4684-B; or

B. Intentionally interferes or attempts to intentionally interfere with the exercise or enjoyment by any other person of those secured rights by:

- (1) Physical force or violence against a person;
- (2) Damage or destruction of property or trespass on property;
- (3) Threatening physical force or violence against a person;
- (4) Threatening damage or destruction of property or trespass on property; or
- (5) Engaging in any conduct that would cause a reasonable person to suffer emotional distress or to fear death or bodily injury to that person or to a close relation. For purposes of this subparagraph, "close relation" and "emotional distress" have the same meanings as in Title 17-A, section 210-A, subsection 2, paragraph B and paragraph D, respectively.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §4682, sub-§1-A, as reallocated by RR 2001, c. 1, §11, is amended to read:

1-A. Interference with rights; private actions.

~~Whenever any person, whether or not acting under color of law, intentionally interferes or attempts to intentionally interfere by physical force or violence against a person, damage or destruction of property or trespass on property or by the threat of physical force or violence against a person, damage or destruction of property or trespass on property with the exercise or enjoyment by any other person of rights secured by the United States Constitution or the laws of the United States or of rights secured by the Constitution of Maine or laws of the State or violates section 4684-B, the~~ A person whose exercise or enjoyment of these the rights secured by the United States Constitution or the laws of the United States or of the rights secured by the Constitution of Maine or the laws of the State has been interfered with, or attempted to be interfered with, may institute and prosecute in that person's own name and on that person's own behalf a civil action for legal or equitable relief whenever any person, whether or not acting under color of law:

A. Violates section 4684-B; or

B. Intentionally interferes or attempts to intentionally interfere with the exercise or enjoyment by any other person of those secured rights by:

- (1) Physical force or violence against a person;
- (2) Damage or destruction of property or trespass on property;
- (3) Threatening physical force or violence against a person;
- (4) Threatening damage or destruction of property or trespass on property; or
- (5) Engaging in any conduct that would cause a reasonable person to suffer emotional distress or to fear death or bodily injury to that person or to a close relation. For purposes of this subparagraph, "close relation" and "emotional distress" have the same meanings as in Title 17-A, section 210-A, subsection 2, paragraph B and paragraph D, respectively.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §4684-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 366, §23, is further amended to read:

§4684-A. Civil rights

For purposes of this chapter and Title 17, section 2931, a person has the right to engage in lawful activities without being subject to physical force or violence, damage or destruction of property, trespass on property or the threat of physical force or violence, damage or destruction of property or trespass on property or any conduct that would cause a reasonable person to suffer emotional distress or to fear death or bodily injury to that person or a close relation motivated by reason of race, color, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. For purposes of this section, "close relation" and "emotional distress" have the same meanings as in Title 17-A, section 210-A, subsection 2, paragraph B and paragraph D, respectively.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 288

H.P. 676 - L.D. 1040

An Act to Require Reimbursement for Gender-affirming Care for MaineCare Members

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-KKK is enacted to read:

§3174-KKK. Coverage for gender-affirming care

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Gender expression" means an individual's gender-related appearance and behavior, whether or not stereotypically associated with the sex assigned to the individual at birth.

B. "Gender identity" means an individual's internal sense of that individual's gender, regardless of the sex assigned to the individual at birth.

C. "Transgender individual" means an individual who identifies as a gender different from the sex assigned to the individual at birth.

2. Reimbursement. The department shall provide reimbursement for medically necessary treatment for or related to gender dysphoria as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th edition, published by the American Psychiatric Association or a comparable or equivalent diagnosis.

3. Discrimination prohibited. The department may not discriminate in its reimbursement of medically necessary treatment on the basis of a MaineCare member's gender identity or gender expression or on the basis that the MaineCare member is a transgender individual.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 289

H.P. 722 - L.D. 1136

**An Act to Clarify Term
Limitations for Legislators,
Constitutional Officers and the
State Auditor**

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §552, sub-§2, as enacted by IB 1993, c. 1, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:

2. Term. "Term" means a full term of office or any portion of a term that began before the 3rd Wednesday in June in an odd-numbered year served by an elected official in an office subject to the provisions of this chapter.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 290

H.P. 831 - L.D. 1306

**An Act to Protect Homeowners
from Unfair Agreements to
Exclusively List Residential
Real Estate for Sale**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §13177-B is enacted to read:

§13177-B. Unfair agreements to list residential real estate

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Long-term agreement" means a contract or agreement between a provider and an owner under which:

(1) The owner agrees to list the owner's residential real estate for sale with the provider at a future date; and

(2) Any portion of the real estate brokerage service to be provided under the contract or agreement by the provider may be performed more than 2 years after the date the contract or agreement becomes effective.

B. "Owner" means an owner of an interest in residential real estate.

C. "Provider" means a person or entity providing or offering to provide real estate brokerage services.

D. "Recording" means presenting a document to a register of deeds for official placement in the records of the registry of deeds.

E. "Residential real estate" means real estate consisting of not less than one nor more than 4 residential dwelling units.

2. Prohibited agreements. A provider may not enter into or offer to enter into a long-term agreement that purports to:

A. Bind any future owner not a party to the long-term agreement;

B. Allow for the assignment by the provider of a real estate brokerage service to a 3rd party without notice to or consent of the owner;

C. Create a lien, encumbrance or other real property security interest; or

D. Obligate the owner to pay a fee or commission to the provider upon a sale or transfer of the residential real estate when the sale or transfer is not

the result of a real estate brokerage service provided by the provider.

3. Unfair trade practice. A violation of subsection 2 is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

4. Unenforceable; recording prohibited. A long-term agreement in violation of subsection 2 is unenforceable. A person may not record or cause to be recorded a long-term agreement in violation of subsection 2. A long-term agreement in violation of subsection 2 recorded in the State does not provide actual or constructive notice against an otherwise bona fide purchaser or creditor. If a long-term agreement is recorded in violation of this subsection, a party with an interest in the residential real estate that is the subject of that long-term agreement may apply to a District Court or Superior Court in the county where the recording occurred for an order declaring the long-term agreement void and of no effect.

5. Rights of recovery. If a long-term agreement is recorded in violation of subsection 4, a party with an interest in the residential real estate that is the subject of the long-term agreement may recover actual damages, costs and attorney's fees as may be proven against the party who recorded that long-term agreement.

6. Mechanic's lien. Nothing in this section affects a lien on residential real estate established under Title 10, section 3251.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 291

H.P. 858 - L.D. 1344

An Act to Improve the State's Election Laws by Amending the Laws Relating to Automatic Voter Registration

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §121, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 439, §2 and affected by §15, is further amended to read:

1-A. Identification and proof. Registration applications taken by outside agencies must be transferred to the Secretary of State within 5 days of receipt. An applicant who attempts to register within 30 days of an election must be advised that the registrar might not receive the application before the deadline for online, mail or 3rd-person registration or for automatic voter registration set forth in section 121-A, but that the applicant may register in person no later than the deadline for in-person registration set forth in section 121-A.

Registration applications received by the Secretary of State from outside agencies 30 days or more before an election must be transferred to the appropriate registrar's office within 7 business days of receipt. Registration applications received by the Secretary of State from outside agencies less than 30 days before an election must be transferred to the appropriate registrar's office within 5 business days of receipt. Registration applications submitted online must be received by the Secretary of State by ~~midnight on the 21st day before election day~~ the deadline for registration set forth in section 121-A and must be transmitted to the appropriate registrar's office ~~daily~~ the next business day following receipt. Registration applications 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 must be received by the Secretary of State by the deadline for registration set forth in section 121-A and must be transmitted to the appropriate registrar's office the next business day following receipt. Registration applications by mail or by a 3rd person must be received in the registrar's office by the close of business on the 21st day before election day in order for persons' names to appear on the incoming voting list for that election. The 20-day period before the election is the closed period for outside registrations, except for those registration applications transmitted by the deadline for registration set forth in section 121-A 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. The registrar shall send the notice required by section 122 no later than the 18th day before election day to all voters whose applications were submitted online, submitted by mail or submitted by a 3rd person as long as the registrar received the application by the 21st day before election day.

A person who registers in person shall show proof of identity and residency. If satisfactory proof of identity and residency ~~can not~~ 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 person casts 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 challenged.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §121-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 439, §3 and affected by §15, is further amended to read:

§121-A. Deadline for registration

The deadline for receipt of voter registration applications submitted by mail or by a 3rd person is the close of business on the 21st day before election day. The deadline for receipt of voter registration applications submitted online is midnight on the 21st day before

election day. The deadline for receipt of voter registration applications 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 is midnight on the 7th day before election day. The deadline for in-person registration is the close of the polls on election day.

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §130, as amended by PL 2021, c. 439, §5 and affected by §15, is further amended to read:

§130. Applications for voter registration

A person who completes a written or online voter registration application, as provided in section 152, may submit the application online, mail the application or have the application delivered to the registrar in the person's municipality of residence before the deadline for online, mail or 3rd-person registrations in section 121-A, to be entered into the central voter registration system and placed on the incoming voting list prior to the next election; except that applications completed under section 122, subsection 5 may be delivered during the closed period for immediate placement on the incoming voting list. A voter registration application 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 to the appropriate registrar's office before the deadline in section 121-A must be entered into the central voter registration system and placed on the incoming voting list prior to the next election.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect February 1, 2024.

Effective February 1, 2024.

CHAPTER 292

H.P. 867 - L.D. 1353

An Act to Require the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board to Adopt the Canadian Standards Association Standard for Residential Mechanical Ventilation Systems as an Alternative Standard Under the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶O, as amended by PL 2021, c. 524, §2, is further amended to read:

O. No later than July 1, 2020, adopt, amend and maintain an appendix to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code as an optional part of the code that contains energy conservation and efficiency requirements that are based on established national voluntary efficiency standards that exceed the energy code requirements established in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. As the code is updated, the board shall ensure that the energy conservation and efficiency requirements in the appendix continue to exceed the requirements established in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. The appendix must be made available for voluntary adoption by any municipality. The board shall maintain a list of municipalities that have voluntarily adopted the appendix to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code on its publicly accessible website; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶P, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 524, §3, is amended to read:

P. Ensure, through the adoption of necessary amendments, that the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code expressly allows the installation and use of acceptable refrigeration or air conditioning products or equipment as defined in section 9724, subsection 7; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §9722, sub-§6, ¶Q is enacted to read:

Q. No later than December 1, 2023, adopt the standards set forth in the Canadian Standards Association Standard for Residential Mechanical Ventilation Systems, CAN/CSA-F326-M91, as an alternative path for compliance with the ASHRAE Standard 62.2 Ventilation and Acceptable Indoor Air Quality in Low-Rise Residential Buildings under the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code. For purposes of this paragraph, "ASHRAE" has the same meaning as in section 1413, subsection 1.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 293

S.P. 567 - L.D. 1449

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Violations of Condition of Release

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §1092, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2005, c. 449, §2, is further amended to read:

B. A Class C crime if the underlying crime was punishable by a maximum period of imprisonment

of one year or more and the condition of release violated is one specified in section 1026, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (5); ~~or (8); (10 A) or (13).~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 294
H.P. 962 - L.D. 1507**

**An Act to Ensure the Accuracy
of Vital Records with Respect
to Gender**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2705, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Amendment of marriage certificate following gender marker change. Amendment of a marriage certificate following gender marker change is governed by section 2805.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2805 is enacted to read:

§2805. New marriage certificate following gender marker change

1. New marriage certificate. Upon receipt of an application that meets the requirements established by the department by rule, the State Registrar of Vital Statistics shall issue a new marriage certificate of a person married in this State to reflect a change of gender of the person and, if requested at the same time, to reflect the new first and middle names of the person. Notwithstanding section 2705, the new certificate may not be marked "amended."

2. Original marriage certificate sealed. When a new marriage certificate is issued under subsection 1, the state registrar shall provide a copy of the new marriage certificate to each municipal clerk who is required by law to have a copy of the marriage certificate on file. All copies of the original marriage certificate in the custody of any municipal clerk must be sealed from inspection or surrendered to the state registrar as the state registrar directs.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2842, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Designation of gender. A death certificate for an individual must reflect the desired gender identity of the individual who has died if the person signing the certificate is aware of that desire either through a valid living will, advance health care directive or other record, including a record prepared by someone other than the individual.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §2842, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 340, §16, is amended to read:

5. Correction of certificate of death. A certificate of death filed in accordance with this section may be completed or amended at any time by means described in rules adopted by the department. The health care provider who certified the death in accordance with subsection 2-A may sign the forms, submit an electronic amendment or file a certificate using the electronic death registration system in accordance with section 2847. A health care provider may amend a certificate of death with respect to the time, date, place and circumstances of death as well as the gender of the individual who died. Forms or electronic amendments may be filed at any time after death.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 295
H.P. 1231 - L.D. 1926**

**An Act to Impose a
Moratorium on New Point
Source Waste Discharge
Licenses on the Lower
Presumpscot River**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §467, sub-§9, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 551, §§43 and 44, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) From Saccarappa Falls, also known as Sacarappa Falls, to tidewater - Class C. For the period beginning October 15, 2023 and ending January 1, 2028, there may be no new direct discharges to this segment except for any new direct storm water discharges licensed under section 413, section 420-D or article 6.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 296
S.P. 816 - L.D. 1987**

**An Act to Allow the Adjutant
General to Sell the Calais
Armory**

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

Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §264, sub-§3, ¶S, as amended by PL 2023, c. 33, §2, is further amended to read:

S. The South Portland Air National Guard Station, located on Western Avenue, South Portland, by means of a quitclaim deed as long as the purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State

from all claims, including any environmental clean-up costs that may arise in connection with the land or the buildings constituting the station; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §264, sub-§3, ¶T, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 33, §3, is amended to read:

T. The Houlton Armory, located at 86 Pleasant Street, Houlton, by means of a quitclaim deed as long as the purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State from all claims, including any environmental clean-up costs that may arise in connection with the land or the buildings constituting the armory; and

Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §264, sub-§3, ¶U is enacted to read:

U. The Calais Armory, located at 53 Calais Avenue, Calais, by means of a quitclaim deed as long as the purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State from all claims, including any environmental clean-up costs that may arise in connection with the land or the buildings constituting the armory.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 297

H.P. 887 - L.D. 1373

An Act to Allow Employers to Shop for Competitive Health Plan Options by Expanding the Disclosure of Health Claims Information

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2803-A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 420, §2, is further amended to read:

§2803-A. Loss information

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Insurance policy" means the insurance policy relating to the loss information requested pursuant to this section.

A-1. "High-cost claimant" means an individual insured whose aggregate claims exceed \$50,000 during the 12-month period preceding the request for loss information.

B. "Loss information" means the aggregate claims experience of the group insurance policy or contract. "Loss information" includes the amount of premium received, the amount of claims paid and the loss ratio. "Loss information" does not include any information or data pertaining to the medical

diagnosis, treatment or health status that identifies an individual covered under the group contract or policy.

C. "Loss ratio" means the ratio between the amount of premium received and the amount of claims paid by the insurer under the group insurance contract or policy.

2. Disclosure of basic loss information. Upon written request, every insurer shall provide loss information, in accordance with the minimum requirements of paragraph A, concerning a group policy or contract to its policyholder, to a former policyholder or to a school administrative unit pursuant to Title 20-A, section 1001, subsection 14, paragraph E within 21 business days of the date of the request. This subsection does not apply to a former policyholder whose coverage terminated more than 18 months prior to the date of a request. For the purposes of this subsection, "school administrative unit" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection 26.

The loss information provided by an insurer must include:

A. A minimum of 24 months of claims data or, if that period is less than 24 months, claims data for the period the policyholder, former policyholder or school administrative unit has been insured by the insurer;

B. The aggregate claims and loss ratio by month with the total medical and pharmacy claims provided separately for each month; and

C. High-cost claimant reports when there are more than 25 enrollees covered under the group policy. High-cost claimant reports must coincide with the time frames of any loss ratio reports and must include, at a minimum, enrollment status of active or terminated insureds and primary diagnosis.

3. Transmittal of request. An insurance contractor or producer or other authorized representative who receives a request for loss information in accordance with this section shall transmit the request for loss information to the insurer within 4 business days. An insurer receiving a disclosure request under subsection 2 may transmit high-cost claimant data directly to another insurer or underwriter, or to a contractor or producer that has signed with that insurer a business associate agreement that is in accordance with 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 164.502(e) and 164.504(e), for the purpose of securing quotes, developing actuarial reports, facilitating claim management or other activities related to quoting or managing the group health plan sponsored by the requesting group policyholder.

4. Exception. An insurer is not required to provide the loss information described in this section for a group

that is eligible for small group coverage pursuant to section 2808-B.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 298
H.P. 1082 - L.D. 1683**

**An Act to Provide for Civil
Recovery Based on
Nonconsensual Removal of or
Tampering with a Condom and
Considering Sexual Assault in
Evaluating Parental Rights**

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA c. 750 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 750

**CIVIL RECOVERY FOR NONCONSENSUAL
REMOVAL OF OR TAMPERING WITH A
CONDOM**

**§8305. Civil recovery for nonconsensual removal of
or tampering with a condom**

1. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "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.

B. "Sexual act" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 251, subsection 1, paragraph C.

C. "Tamper" means to alter or use an item in a way that renders the item ineffective.

2. Civil action; relief. A person who engages in a consensual sexual act with another person with the understanding that a condom would be used during the sexual act may bring a civil action against the other person for actual damages, compensatory damages, punitive damages, injunctive relief, any combination of those or any other appropriate relief based on the non-consensual removal of or tampering with a condom if the other person:

A. Knowingly removes or tampers with the condom;

B. Knowingly uses a damaged condom; or

C. Misrepresents the person's intentions to use a condom.

A prevailing plaintiff is entitled to an award of attorney's fees and costs.

3. Previous consent. Evidence of consent to engage in a previous sexual act without a condom does not by itself demonstrate consent for engaging in a subsequent sexual act without a condom.

4. No limitation. The provisions of this chapter may not be construed to prohibit or limit any other cause of action that a person may have against another person who performs an action described by subsection 2.

Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §1653, sub-§6-D is enacted to read:

6-D. Considerations for cases in which a child is conceived as a result of sexual assault or nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom. The court shall establish conditions of parent-child contact in cases in which a child was conceived as a result of sexual assault as described in Title 17-A, chapter 11 or as a result of nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom as described in Title 14, section 8305, subsection 2 as follows.

A. In evaluating parental rights and responsibilities, the court shall evaluate the specific facts of the case to assess:

(1) Whether the sexual assault or nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom indicates that there may be safety concerns for the child;

(2) Whether it would be in the best interest of the child for the parent who committed sexual assault or nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom to receive any specific counseling or treatment; and

(3) Any effect contact between the parents would have on the parent who was a victim of sexual assault or nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom.

In response to this evaluation, the court shall order any conditions the court concludes are appropriate to meet the child's best interest while minimizing the effect on the parent who experienced the sexual assault or nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom. The court may order specific conditions, including but not limited to limiting the contact between the parents or limiting or putting specific conditions on parent-child contact, including supervision.

B. The court may not order a victim of sexual assault or nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom to attend counseling with the parent who has committed sexual assault or nonconsensual removal of or tampering with a condom.

Sec. 3. 19-A MRSA §4103, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

B. Who has been 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; ~~or~~
- (4) Described as aggravated sex trafficking or sex trafficking in Title 17-A, section 852 or 853, respectively; or
- (5) 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;

Sec. 4. 19-A MRSA §4103, sub-§2, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §40, is amended by amending subparagraph (5) to read:

- (5) Described as sexual exploitation of a minor or dissemination of sexually explicit material in Title 17-A, section 282 or 283, respectively; ~~or~~

Sec. 5. 19-A MRSA §4103, sub-§2, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §40, is amended by amending subparagraph (6) to read:

- (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

Sec. 6. 19-A MRSA §4103, sub-§2, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §40, is amended by enacting a new subparagraph (7) to read:

- (7) Constituting a civil cause of action under Title 14, section 8305.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 299

H.P. 836 - L.D. 1311

An Act Regarding the Legal Use or Possession of Cannabis or Marijuana Under Conditions of Bail, Pretrial Release or Probation

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §1023, sub-§4, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 436, §3, is amended to read:

G. Notwithstanding section 1026, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (9-A), impose a condition of preconviction bail that a defendant submit to random search with respect to a prohibition on the possession, use or excessive use of alcohol, cannabis or illegal drugs.

Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §1026, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 397, §§2 and 3, is further amended by amending subparagraph (9) to read:

- (9) Refrain from the possession, use or excessive use of alcohol or cannabis and from any use of illegal drugs. A condition under this subparagraph may be imposed only upon the presentation to the judicial officer of specific facts demonstrating the need for such condition;

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1807, sub-§2, ¶I, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

- I. Refrain from drug use and use or excessive use of alcohol or marijuana;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 300

H.P. 515 - L.D. 826

An Act to Provide for the Management of the Waste Components of a Solar Energy Development upon Decommissioning

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3491, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 151, §1, is amended by amending the last blocked paragraph to read:

"Decommissioning" includes the grading to postconstruction grade and revegetation of all earth disturbed during construction and decommissioning, except for areas already restored, providing for the recycling of the waste components of the solar energy development that are recyclable, including, but not limited to, the solar panels, by a facility authorized to accept such materials for recycling and providing for the disposal of the waste components of the solar energy development that are not recyclable by a facility authorized to accept such materials for disposal.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 301
H.P. 455 - L.D. 686**

**An Act to Enhance Safety for
Animal-drawn Vehicles on
Highways**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1909-C, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 170, §2, is amended to read:

§1909-C. Animal-drawn vehicles

An animal-drawn vehicle operated on a public way ~~during nighttime~~ must be equipped with the following:

1. Light. ~~During nighttime, an~~ oil lantern or electric lights attached to the left side of the vehicle that displays a red light toward the rear of the vehicle and a white light toward the front of the vehicle; and

2. Reflective tape. ~~Grade DOT C2 white reflective tape as described in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 571.108, in effect on March 26, 2019, applied to the vehicle as follows:~~

~~A. Seventy two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the rear frame of the vehicle;~~

~~B. Thirty six inches of reflective tape on each side of the vehicle, applied in segments that outline the frame on each side with at least 2 segments applied to the upper borders; and~~

~~C. Forty two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the front frame of the vehicle.~~

3. Reflective gear. At all times, one of the following:

A. Grade DOT-C2 white reflective tape as described in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 571.108, in effect on March 26, 2019, applied to the vehicle as follows:

(1) Seventy-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the rear frame of the vehicle;

(2) Thirty-six inches of reflective tape on each side of the vehicle, applied in segments that outline the frame on each side with at least 2 segments applied to the upper borders; and

(3) Forty-two inches of reflective tape applied in segments that outline the front frame of the vehicle; or

B. A slow-moving vehicle emblem on the rear of the vehicle.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 302
H.P. 375 - L.D. 598**

**An Act to Require a Vehicle
Operator to Notify an Owner
or Law Enforcement Officer of
an Accident Involving a Dog, a
Cat or Livestock**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2255, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

1. Notification. The operator of a vehicle involved in an accident anywhere that results in property damage shall take reasonable steps to notify the owner of that property of the accident. For the purposes of this section, "property damage" includes damage to real and personal property, including but not limited to the injury or death of a dog, a cat or livestock.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2255, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 291, §4, is further amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

If the accident results in the injury or death of a dog, a cat or livestock, the property owner cannot be located and a report of the accident is not required under section 2251, the operator shall take reasonable steps to immediately report the injury or death to a law enforcement officer or the animal control officer for the municipality or region where the property damage occurred.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 303
H.P. 1124 - L.D. 1745**

**An Act to Support Public
Health by Clarifying
Authorized Activities
Regarding Drug Checking**

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 Distribution of Harm Reduction Access in Rural Maine Areas program, also known as Project DHARMA, is funded by federal grants and is ready for implementation except there are barriers of liability related to transportation and testing of drug samples and paraphernalia; and

Whereas, there is an urgent need for testing and drug checking due to increasingly dangerous substances in the drug supply; 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 §2383-B, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 2021, c. 434, §10, is further amended to read:

E. Physicians, dentists, podiatrists, pharmacists or other persons authorized by law or rule to administer, dispense, prescribe or sell scheduled or prescription drugs or controlled substances while acting within the course of their professional practice; and

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2383-B, sub-§2, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 266, §10, is amended to read:

G. Persons conducting research at a school of pharmacology that is accredited or is a candidate for accreditation in good standing; and

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2383-B, sub-§2, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. Persons possessing, receiving, transporting or storing one or more drug samples contained in one or more sample collection instruments or drug paraphernalia for the purpose of drug checking. Possessing, receiving, transporting or storing one or more drug samples in accordance with this paragraph does not constitute a crime under Title 17-A, sections 1103, 1104 and 1106.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §2383-B, sub-§3, ¶A-3 is enacted to read:

A-3. "Controlled substance analog" means a substance that has a substantially similar chemical structure to that of a controlled substance.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §2383-B, sub-§3, ¶A-4 is enacted to read:

A-4. "Drug checking" means the testing of a controlled substance, prescription drug or scheduled drug to determine its chemical composition or to assist in determining whether it contains contaminants, toxic substances or hazardous compounds.

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §2383-B, sub-§3, ¶A-5 is enacted to read:

A-5. "Drug paraphernalia" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 1111-A, subsection 1.

Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §2383-B, sub-§3, ¶A-6 is enacted to read:

A-6. "Drug sample" means a substance containing one or more scheduled or prescription drugs or controlled substances or controlled substance analogs in an amount insufficient to result in a person possessing the substance to be in violation of Title 17-A, section 1107-A.

Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §2383-B, sub-§3, ¶B-2 is enacted to read:

B-2. "Person" means any individual, partnership, association, cooperative, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, government, political subdivision or any other legal, commercial or informal entity or group.

Sec. 9. 22 MRSA §2383-B, sub-§3, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

C-1. "Sample collection instrument" means an instrument used to collect a drug sample for purposes of drug checking.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 26, 2023.

CHAPTER 304

S.P. 809 - L.D. 1980

**An Act to Improve Election
Laws and Notarial 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, the effective date of the provisions regarding a marriage officiant license and communication technology used to perform remote or electronic notarization, for which the fees in this legislation are related, is July 1, 2023; and

Whereas, the fees should be in place when those provisions become 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:

PART A

Sec. A-1. 21-A MRSA §122-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 409, §1 and affected by §9, is further amended to read:

§122-A. Alternative registration procedure for participants in Address Confidentiality Program

Notwithstanding sections 122 and 152 and subchapter 9, a person who is certified by the Secretary of State as a program participant in the Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to Title 5, section 90-B may register to vote using the designated address and voter code assigned to that person pursuant to rules adopted to implement the program. To register to vote, a voter must ~~present the registrar with that voter's authorization card assigned to the voter pursuant to rules adopted by the Secretary of State showing that voter's name, voter code, designated address and certification expiration date~~ submit a completed registration application to the elections division of the Secretary of State's office, using the assigned voter code instead of the voter's name and the designated program address instead of the voter's actual residence street address, and provide the certification expiration date. ~~The registrar may contact the Address Confidentiality Program administrator in the Secretary of State's office to shall determine the voter's eligibility to register in the municipality listed on the Address Confidentiality Program application and to shall verify the electoral district districts in which the voter is voting for purposes of issuing an absentee ballot eligible to vote so that the elections division may register the voter and issue absentee ballots for state elections~~ to the voter pursuant to section 753-C. All registration records for such voters must be designated as confidential and kept sealed in the registrar's office elections division offices. The name of any voter certified as a program participant in the Address Confidentiality Program may not be placed on any voter list that is available for public inspection or copying.

Sec. A-2. 21-A MRSA §152, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 439, §13 and affected by §15, is amended to read:

6. Design of online voter registration application; rulemaking. ~~The No later than February 1, 2024,~~ the Secretary of State shall design the online voter registration application that meets the requirements of subsection 1 and that can be submitted online through the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website. The online registration application must be designed to prevent an applicant from registering to vote unless the applicant discloses a current, valid Maine driver's license number or nondriver identification number or the last 4 digits of the applicant's social security number.

~~The~~ No later than February 1, 2024, the Secretary of State shall adopt rules governing the online voter registration process, which must, at a minimum, include the following:

A. A process for informing an applicant who discloses a current, valid Maine driver's license number or nondriver identification card number that disclosure of that number constitutes consent to the

use of the applicant's signature on the driver's license or nondriver identification card for all purposes for which a signature on a written application for voter registration is used under this Title;

B. A process for an applicant who discloses the last 4 digits of the applicant's social security number to include with the online voter registration application an electronic image of the applicant's signature and for the applicant to consent to the use of that electronic image of the applicant's signature for all purposes for which a signature on a written application for voter registration is used under this Title;

C. A process for transmitting any driver's license number or nondriver identification card number from an online voter registration application along with the applicant's name and date of birth to the central voter registration system and for determining whether the information entered in the central voter registration system matches the information in the driver's license or nondriver identification card records maintained by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles and, if a match is found, for transmitting an electronic image of the applicant's signature on that driver's license or nondriver identification card from the bureau to the central voter registration system;

D. A process for matching the last 4 digits of a social security number provided in an online voter registration application and the applicant's name and date of birth with the information available from the United States Social Security Administration;

E. A process for transmitting the contents of each online voter registration application and the electronic image of the signature of that applicant to the appropriate registrar of voters;

F. Minimum procedures and security measures for ensuring the accuracy and security of online voter registration applications;

G. A process and form for a registered voter whose name is changed by marriage or other process of law or who has moved within a municipality to notify the appropriate registrar of voters pursuant to section 129 of the registered voter's new name or address through the online voter registration application; and

H. A process and form for a registered voter to enroll in a party pursuant to section 142, to change the voter's party enrollment pursuant to section 144 or to withdraw from a party pursuant to section 145 through the online voter registration application.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. A-3. 21-A MRSA §158, as amended by PL 2009, c. 253, §14, is repealed.

Sec. A-4. 21-A MRSA §311, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 248, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Call and location of caucus. The caucus may be called by the chair or a majority of the members of the municipal committee of a political party. If the municipal committee fails to call a caucus, the county committee may call the caucus. At the request of ~~that the~~ the municipal committee, municipal officers shall provide available space in a public building for a caucus. The municipality may charge a rental fee or janitorial service fee for the available space. A municipal committee may hold its caucus remotely using a conference system that may include telephonic or video technology allowing simultaneous reception of information and may include other means. A ~~municipality municipal committee~~ may hold its caucus outside the municipality if several municipalities elect to meet on a consolidated basis or if the committee calling the caucus determines that a facility outside the municipality is more suitable.

Sec. A-5. 21-A MRSA §336, first ¶, as corrected by RR 2019, c. 2, Pt. B, §43, is amended to read:

The written consent of each candidate must be filed either with that candidate's primary petition or at any earlier time during which signatures may be collected under section 335 or, if applicable, subchapter 8.

Sec. A-6. 21-A MRSA §355, first ¶, as corrected by RR 2019, c. 2, Pt. B, §47, is amended to read:

The written consent of each candidate must be filed either with that candidate's nomination petition or at any earlier time during which signatures may be collected under section 354 or, if applicable, subchapter 8.

Sec. A-7. 21-A MRSA §363, sub-§2, as corrected by RR 2019, c. 2, Pt. B, §49, is amended to read:

2. Duties of committee. The committee shall choose a qualified person to fill the vacancy. The secretary of the committee shall immediately deliver a certificate to the Secretary of State containing the name of the person chosen, that person's residence and political party, the title of the office sought and the method by which that person was chosen. The certificate must be signed by the chair of the committee and attested to by the secretary and may be submitted by facsimile or scanned image.

A. In an electoral division consisting of more than one municipality, the municipal committee of each municipality shall meet jointly, elect a secretary and a chair for the meeting and then fill the vacancy.

Sec. A-8. 21-A MRSA §367, as amended by PL 2019, c. 636, §5, is further amended to read:

§367. Candidate withdrawal

A candidate who wishes to withdraw from an elective race shall notify the Secretary of State in writing of the candidate's intent to withdraw. This notice must be signed by the candidate and submitted to the Secretary of State by the appropriate deadline provided in article 2. The notice may be submitted by facsimile or scanned image.

Sec. A-9. 21-A MRSA §681, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2015, c. 422, §1, 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. A-10. 21-A MRSA §691, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 253, §29, is further amended to read:

2. Write-in vote. If the voter wishes to vote for a write-in candidate, the voter must write the name of the candidate in the blank space provided ~~at the end of the list of candidates for nomination to the office in question next to the write-in indicator.~~ The voter must then mark the ~~ballot~~ write-in indicator as instructed ~~in the directions~~ on the ballot to indicate a vote for the write-in candidate. A sticker may not be used to vote for a write-in candidate.

Sec. A-11. 21-A MRSA §692, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 253, §30, is further amended to read:

2. Write-in vote. If the voter wishes to vote for a write-in candidate, the voter must write the name of the candidate in the blank space provided ~~at the end of the list of nominees for the office in question next to the write-in indicator.~~ The voter must then mark the ~~ballot~~ write-in indicator as instructed ~~in the directions~~ on the ballot to indicate a vote for the write-in candidate. A sticker may not be used to vote for a write-in candidate.

Sec. A-12. 21-A MRSA §696, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2009, c. 253, §32, is further amended to read:

C. If a voter marks a write-in indicator for an office, but does not write the name of a declared write-in candidate in the blank space provided ~~to the right of~~ next to the write-in indicator, that vote for that office may not be counted, unless a determination of choice under subsection 4 is possible.

Sec. A-13. 21-A MRSA §722-A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 447, §26, is further amended to read:

§722-A. Determination of declared write-in candidate

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 ~~60th~~ 70th day prior to the election. The candidate must meet all the other qualifications for that office.

Sec. A-14. 21-A MRSA §723-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by IB 2015, c. 3, §5, is repealed.

Sec. A-15. 21-A MRSA §723-A, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 2019, c. 320, §9, is repealed.

Sec. A-16. 21-A MRSA §723-A, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 320, §14, is repealed.

Sec. A-17. 21-A MRSA §723-A, sub-§5-B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 273, §11, is further amended to read:

5-B. Presidential primary elections; selection of delegates. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, for presidential primary elections, ~~batch elimination may not be used for any candidates with more than 100 votes~~, tabulation must continue until only 2 continuing candidates remain, separate tabulations must be conducted statewide and for each congressional district and selection and allocation of delegates to a party's national presidential nominating convention must be in accordance with any reasonable procedures established at the state party convention.

Sec. A-18. 21-A MRSA §723-A, sub-§5-B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 750, §11 and affected by §14, is further amended to read:

5-B. Presidential primary elections; selection of delegates. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, for presidential primary elections, ~~batch elimination may not be used for any candidates with more than 100 votes~~, tabulation must continue until only 2 continuing candidates remain, separate tabulations must be conducted statewide and for each congressional district and selection and allocation of delegates to a party's national presidential nominating convention must be in accordance with any reasonable procedures established at the state party convention, except that unenrolled voters who participate in the party's primary election must be considered members of the party for purposes of allocating delegates.

Sec. A-19. 21-A MRSA §723-A, sub-§5-C is enacted to read:

5-C. Cast vote record posted. The Secretary of State shall post the complete cast vote record on its publicly accessible website as soon as the certified results are reported.

Sec. A-20. 21-A MRSA §737-A, first ¶, as amended by PL 2021, c. 536, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Once a recount is requested for any federal, state or county office, the Secretary of State shall request that the State Police, sworn law enforcement officers employed by the Department of the Secretary of State or other sworn law enforcement officers take physical control of the ballots and other related materials needed for the recount as soon as possible and deliver them to the recount facility. When the recount involves an office that encompasses more than one county, the Secretary of State may organize retrieval of ballots from certain jurisdictions so that the recount may be conducted in stages until the requesting candidate or lead applicant for a referendum recount concedes or until all the ballots are recounted.

Sec. A-21. 21-A MRSA §737-A, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §29, is further amended to read:

The Secretary of State shall store and maintain exclusive control over the ballots and other materials pending and during the recount and until the ~~courier, sworn law enforcement officers~~ or the State Police ~~if requested, retrieves~~ retrieve the materials for return to the municipalities.

Sec. A-22. 21-A MRSA §737-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §30, is further amended to read:

1. Deposit for legislative or single county office recount. This subsection applies to a recount for an election for the office of State Senator or State Representative or for a county office that does not encompass more than one county. All deposits required by this section must be made with the Secretary of State when a recount is requested by a losing candidate or an undeclared write-in candidate. Once the ~~courier, sworn law enforcement officers~~ or the State Police ~~if requested, has have~~ has taken custody of the ballots and other election materials from the municipalities, the deposit made by the candidate requesting the recount is forfeited to the State if the resulting count fails to change the outcome of the election. If the recount reverses the election, the deposit must be returned to the candidate requesting the recount. The amount of the deposit is calculated as follows.

A. If the percentage difference shown by the official tabulation between the leading candidate and

the requesting candidate is 1.5% or less of the total votes cast for that office, a deposit is not required.

B. If the percentage difference shown by the official tabulation between the leading candidate and the requesting candidate is more than 1.5% and less than or equal to 4% of the total votes cast for that office, the deposit is \$500.

C. If the percentage difference shown by the official tabulation between the leading candidate and the requesting candidate is more than 4% and less than or equal to 6% of the total votes cast for that office, the deposit is \$1,000.

D. If the percentage difference shown by the official tabulation between the leading candidate and the requesting candidate is more than 6% and less than or equal to 8% of the total votes cast for that office, the deposit is \$2,500.

E. If the percentage difference shown by the official tabulation between the leading candidate and the requesting candidate is more than 8% and less than or equal to 10% of the total votes cast for that office, the deposit is \$5,000.

F. If the percentage difference shown by the official tabulation between the leading candidate and the requesting candidate is more than 10% of the total votes cast for that office, the deposit is \$10,000.

¶B, Sec. A-23. 21-A MRSA §737-A, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §31, is further amended to read:

B. If the difference shown by the official tabulation between the leading candidate and the requesting candidate is more than 1% of the total votes cast for that office or more than 1,000 votes, whichever is less, the deposit is \$5,000 or 10% of the reasonable estimate of the cost to the State of performing the first stage of the recount, whichever is greater. After completion of the recount, if the recount has not changed the result of the election, the Secretary of State shall calculate the actual cost of the procedure, which must be paid by the requesting candidate. If the deposit is greater than the actual cost, the overpayment must be refunded to the candidate. If the actual cost is greater than the deposit, the candidate shall pay the remainder of the actual cost to the State. Once the ~~courier~~, sworn law enforcement officers or the State Police ~~if requested, has have~~ taken custody of the ballots and other election materials for the first stage of the recount, the deposit made by the candidate requesting the recount is forfeited to the State even if the candidate withdraws from the recount before the recount begins. If a recount reverses the election, the deposit must be returned to the candidate requesting the recount.

Sec. A-24. 21-A MRSA §753-A, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. UUUU, §3 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

8. Application for ongoing absentee voter status. A No later than February 1, 2024, the Secretary of State shall design the ongoing absentee ballot application that allows a voter who will be at least 65 years of age by the next election or who self-identifies as having a disability ~~may~~ to apply for status as an ongoing absentee voter. Each qualified applicant must automatically receive an absentee ballot for each ensuing statewide election, municipal election and any other election for which the voter is entitled to vote and need not submit a separate request for each election.

A. An application for status as an ongoing absentee voter must be made by a voter using procedures designed by the Secretary of State. These procedures must include a process for notifying the voter that if the voter moves out of the municipality, that voter's status as an ongoing absentee voter in that municipality terminates. A voter may obtain assistance in completing an application for ongoing absentee voter status pursuant to subsection 5.

B. The clerk or Secretary of State shall terminate a voter's ongoing absentee voter status only upon:

- (1) The written request of the voter;
- (2) The death or disqualification of the voter;
- (3) The cancellation of the voter's registration record in the central voter registration system;
- (4) The return of an absentee ballot as undeliverable;
- (5) The failure of the voter to vote by absentee ballot for a general election; or
- (6) The designation of the voter's status as inactive in the central voter registration system.

This subsection does not apply to uniformed service voters or overseas voters who are covered by the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 United States Code, Section 20302 (2019).

Sec. A-25. 21-A MRSA §753-B, sub-§6, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 273, §20, is further amended to read:

A. The list of absentee voters must include each voter's name, residence address, voting district and party affiliation; the date and manner by which the voter's ballot was requested, issued and received; and a notation of whether ~~the application and the ballot were~~ was accepted or rejected. If the clerk determines that there is a defect on the return envelope of an absentee ballot under section 756, subsection 2 and that defect is cured pursuant to section 756-A, the clerk shall note whether the ballot was accepted or accepted but challenged and shall

list the date that the defect was cured as the date that the ballot was received. The clerk must also indicate on the list when the absentee voter is a uniformed service voter, overseas voter or township voter. By the time that all absentee ballots have been processed on election day, the clerk must update the central voter registration system or annotate the printed list of absentee voters to reflect all ballots that were received by the close of the polls on election day, including a notation of whether the ballots were accepted, accepted but challenged or rejected and the reasons for such rejections. This list, reflecting all absentee ballots received by the close of the polls, must be made available for public inspection. Any absentee voter certified as a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to Title 5, section 90-B must be listed by the voter code assigned to that individual under the program instead of by the voter's name and reflect the Address Confidentiality Program address assigned to the voter. The list of absentee voters must be sorted so that the program participants appear at the end of the list and must be printed on a separate page of the list. The portion of the list of absentee voters relating to Address Confidentiality Program participants must be kept under seal and excluded from public inspection.

Sec. A-26. 21-A MRSA §753-B, sub-§6, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 750, §12 and affected by §14, is further amended to read:

A. The list of absentee voters must include each voter's name, residence address, voting district and party affiliation; the date and manner by which the voter's ballot was requested, issued and received; if the voter is unenrolled, which party's ballot the voter requested for the primary election, if applicable; and a notation of whether ~~the application and the ballot were~~ was accepted or rejected. If the clerk determines that there is a defect on the return envelope of an absentee ballot under section 756, subsection 2 and that defect is cured pursuant to section 756-A, the clerk shall note whether the ballot was accepted or accepted but challenged and shall list the date that the defect was cured as the date that the ballot was received. The clerk must also indicate on the list when the absentee voter is a uniformed service voter, overseas voter or township voter. By the time that all absentee ballots have been processed on election day, the clerk must update the central voter registration system or annotate the printed list of absentee voters to reflect all ballots that were received by the close of the polls on election day, including a notation of whether the ballots were accepted, accepted but challenged or rejected and the reasons for such rejections. This list, reflecting all absentee ballots received by the close of the polls, must be made available for public inspection. Any absentee voter

certified as a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to Title 5, section 90-B must be listed by the voter code assigned to that individual under the program instead of by the voter's name and reflect the Address Confidentiality Program address assigned to the voter. The list of absentee voters must be sorted so that the program participants appear at the end of the list and must be printed on a separate page of the list. The portion of the list of absentee voters relating to Address Confidentiality Program participants must be kept under seal and excluded from public inspection.

Sec. A-27. 21-A MRSA §753-B, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 645, §6, is amended to read:

7. Registration verified. If the applicant is registered ~~and enrolled when necessary~~, the ballot must be sent to the applicant. If the applicant has registered ~~and enrolled when necessary~~ under section 155 and will attain 18 years of age on or before the date of the election, the registrar or clerk shall ~~so certify on the application. If accept the application in the central voter registration system and issue a ballot to the applicant; if not, the registrar or clerk shall write "not registered" or "not enrolled" on the face of reject the application and sign the registrar's or clerk's name in the central voter registration system.~~ Whenever an application for an absentee ballot is ~~denied~~ rejected, the municipal clerk shall immediately notify the applicant in writing or by e-mail of the reason for the ~~denial~~ rejection.

Sec. A-28. 21-A MRSA §753-C, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 364, §8, is amended to read:

§753-C. Absentee ballots for program participants in Address Confidentiality Program

Any registered voter who is certified by the Secretary of State as a program participant in the Address Confidentiality Program pursuant to Title 5, section 90-B is entitled to receive an absentee ballot for every election during the period of the voter's participation in the program. The Secretary of State shall mail the absentee ballot for the statewide elections and the clerk shall mail the absentee ballot for the local elections to the voter at the voter's designated address as soon as possible after the regular ballots are available ~~in the municipality~~. The voter shall mark the absentee ballot in accordance with the procedures set forth in section 754-A and shall return the statewide ballot to the Secretary of State and the local ballot to the registrar in the manner provided in section 754-A, except that the voter may sign the voter's voter code under the Address Confidentiality Program on the absentee ballot ~~envelope envelopes~~ instead of the voter's name.

Sec. A-29. 21-A MRSA §759, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2009, c. 538, §11, is further amended by enacting at the end a new last blocked paragraph to read:

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. A-30. 21-A MRSA §760-B, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2015, c. 406, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Time for processing. In a municipality that has opted to process absentee ballots on one or more of the days prior to election day authorized by this section, the municipal clerk or the clerk's designees may process absentee ballots at the times designated by the clerk, between the hours of ~~9:00~~ 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., except that if an inspection is requested pursuant to subsection 3, processing may not begin until after the inspection period has concluded.

Sec. A-31. 21-A MRSA §760-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 11, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Notice of early processing. The clerk must give notice of the municipality's intent to process absentee ballots prior to election day using a notice of early processing form provided by the Secretary of State, stating the days and times that the clerk intends to begin processing absentee ballots and the inspection period provided in subsection 3. At least 30 days before election day, the clerk shall provide a copy of the notice of early processing to the Secretary of State and the chairs of each political party of the municipality indicating that early processing of absentee ballots will occur. The notice to the political parties must be considered sufficient as long as it is mailed to the last address of each municipal chair that is known to the clerk. The notice to the Secretary of State may be delivered by mail or facsimile or as a scanned attachment to an e-mail address established by the Secretary of State. If the notice is not received by the Secretary of State by 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day before election day, the municipality may not process absentee ballots prior to election day. ~~The clerk shall post a copy of the notice of early processing with the notice of election as provided in section 621-A.~~ Secretary of State shall post the list of municipalities that will process absentee ballots prior to election day on its publicly accessible website at least one week prior to the start of early processing.

Sec. A-32. 21-A MRSA §760-B, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §38, 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 ~~9:00 a.m.~~ 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to each day that the clerk will process absentee ballots as

specified on 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. 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. A-33. 21-A MRSA §777-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 636, §17, is further amended to read:

§777-A. Registration and enrollment

Notwithstanding the registration deadline in section 121-A, uniformed service voters or overseas voters may register or enroll at any time prior to ~~5 p.m.~~ noon on the day before election day by completing a federal or state voter registration application form and filing it with the registrar or the Secretary of State in person, by mail or by electronic means authorized by the Secretary of State.

Sec. A-34. 21-A MRSA §781-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 636, §18, is further amended to read:

§781-A. Absentee ballot application; procedure on receipt

Notwithstanding the absentee ballot application deadline in section 753-B, subsection 2, paragraph D, upon receipt of an application or written request for an absentee ballot prior to ~~5 p.m.~~ noon on the day before election day from a uniformed service voter or overseas voter that is accepted pursuant to section 753-A or section 783, the clerk or the Secretary of State shall immediately issue an absentee ballot and return envelope by the authorized means designated by the voter in the application. If the ballot is to be transmitted to the voter by mail, the clerk or the Secretary of State shall type or write in ink the name and the residence address of the voter in the designated section of the return envelope. The Secretary of State shall provide a return envelope that moves free of postage under federal law.

Sec. A-35. 21-A MRSA §903-A, first ¶, as amended by PL 2015, c. 99, §1, is further amended to read:

~~Petitions issued under this chapter may be circulated by any Maine resident who is a registered voter acting as a circulator of a petition.~~ A circulator of a petition solicits signatures for the petition by presenting the petition to the voter, asking the voter to sign the petition and personally witnessing the voter affixing the voter's signature to the petition. The circulator of the petition must comply with the provisions of section 902.

Sec. A-36. 21-A MRSA §905-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 570, §11, is further amended to read:

§905-A. Public comment on initiative questions

No later than 15 business days after the Secretary of State issues a written decision under section 905, subsection 1 finding a petition for a direct initiative to be valid, the Secretary of State shall give public notice of a proposed ballot question for that initiative by posting the question on the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website. The Secretary of State may also publish notice for one day in newspapers having general circulation in the State. After giving public notice of the proposed ballot question in accordance with this section, the Secretary of State shall provide a 30-day public comment period for the purpose of receiving comments on the content and form of the proposed question. No later than ~~40~~ 15 business days after receiving public comments in accordance with this section and after review of those comments, the Secretary of State shall write the ballot question for the initiative. An aggrieved voter may appeal the final decision of the Secretary of State under this section using the procedures for court review provided for in section 905, subsections 2 and 3.

Sec. A-37. PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. UUUU, §7 is amended to read:

Sec. UUUU-7. Effective date. That section of this Part that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 161, subsection 2-B takes effect January 1, 2023. Those sections of this Part that enact Title 21-A, section 753-A, subsections 8 and 9 and those sections of this Part that amend Title 21-A, section 752, subsection 3 and section 753-B, subsection 1 take effect ~~November~~ October 1, 2023.

Sec. A-38. PL 2021, c. 439, §15 is amended to read:

Sec. 15. Effective date. This Act takes effect November 1, 2023, except that that section of this Act that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 152, subsection 6 takes effect October 1, 2023.

Sec. A-39. Effective date. That section of this Part that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 152, subsection 6 and that section of this Part that amends Title 21-A, section 753-A, subsection 8 take effect October 1, 2023, and that section of this Part that amends Title 21-A, section 723-A, subsection 5-B as amended by Public Law 2021, chapter 750, section 11 and that section of this Part that amends Title 21-A, section 753-B, subsection 6, paragraph A as amended by Public Law 2021, chapter 750, section 12 take effect January 1, 2024.

PART B

Sec. B-1. 4 MRSA §1916, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 651, Pt. A, §4 and affected by §8, is amended to read:

2. Stamp required requirements. If a notarial act regarding a tangible record is performed by a ~~notary public~~ notarial officer, an official stamp ~~must~~ may be affixed to or embossed on the certificate. ~~If a notarial act is performed regarding a tangible record by a notarial officer other than a notary public and the certificate contains the information specified in subsection 1, paragraphs B, C and D, an official stamp may be affixed to or embossed on the certificate.~~ If a notarial act regarding an electronic record is performed by a ~~notarial officer~~ notary public and the certificate contains the information specified in subsection 1, paragraphs B, C and D, an official stamp ~~may~~ must be attached to or logically associated with the certificate.

Sec. B-2. 5 MRSA §86, 7th ¶, as corrected by RR 2001, c. 2, Pt. B, §2 and affected by §58, is amended to read:

For filing, copying, comparing or authenticating any document required or permitted to be filed under Title 13-B, that fee specified in Title 13-B, chapter 14; ~~and~~

Sec. B-3. 5 MRSA §86, 8th ¶, as amended by PL 2003, c. 518, §1, is further amended to read:

For filing a federal tax lien or other federal liens, certificates or notices affecting the liens of which under any Act of Congress or any federal regulation are required or permitted to be filed under Title 33, chapter 39, that fee specified in Title 33, section 1906-2;

Sec. B-4. 5 MRSA §86, 9th ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 149, §1, is amended to read:

For filing and recording a designated office for service of trustee process under Title 14, section 2608-A, §25-2;

Sec. B-5. 5 MRSA §86, as amended by PL 2003, c. 518, §1, is further amended by enacting after the 9th paragraph a new paragraph to read:

For filing a new or renewal application for a marriage officiant license under section 90-G, §25; and

Sec. B-6. 5 MRSA §86, as amended by PL 2003, c. 518, §1, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

For filing a new or renewal application for approval to be a provider of communication technology used to perform remote or electronic notarization under Title 4, section 1915, §250.

Sec. B-7. Effective date. This Part takes effect July 1, 2023.

PART C

Sec. C-1. 30-A MRSA §7005, as amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is repealed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved, except as otherwise indicated.

Effective June 26, 2023, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 305
S.P. 14 - L.D. 22**

**An Act to Impede the Transfer
of Firearms to Prohibited
Persons**

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §394 is enacted to read:

§394. Prohibited sale or transfer of firearms to certain persons

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Antique firearm" means any of the following:

(1) A firearm manufactured in or before 1898, including a firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar type of ignition system;

(2) A replica of a firearm described in subparagraph (1), if that replica:

(a) Is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition; or

(b) Uses rimfire or conventional centerfire fixed ammunition that is no longer manufactured in the United States and that is not readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade; or

(3) A muzzle-loading firearm, as defined in Title 12, section 10001, subsection 42.

"Antique firearm" does not include a firearm or a muzzle-loading firearm that can be readily converted to fire fixed ammunition by replacing the barrel, bolt, breechblock or any combination of the barrel, bolt or breechblock.

B. "Firearm" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 12-A.

C. "Sell" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 554-A, subsection 1, paragraph C.

D. "Transfer" has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 554-A, subsection 1, paragraph A.

2. Sale or transfer prohibited. A person may not knowingly or intentionally sell or transfer a firearm to a person who is prohibited from owning, possessing or

having under that person's control a firearm pursuant to section 393 and who does not have a permit issued under section 393. This subsection does not apply to the sale or transfer of an antique firearm.

Violation of this subsection is a Class D crime.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 306
S.P. 91 - L.D. 187**

**An Act to Eliminate the Energy
Efficiency and Renewable
Resource Fund and to Provide
Needs-based Low-income
Assistance**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§9, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 199, §1, is further amended to read:

B. The commission shall collect alternative compliance payments to meet the requirements of subsections 3-A and 3-B made by competitive electricity providers and shall ~~deposit~~ use all funds collected under this paragraph ~~in the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund established under section 10121, subsection 2 to be used to fund research, development and demonstration projects relating to renewable energy technologies and to fund rebates for cost-effective renewable energy technologies to provide financial assistance for low-income households in accordance with section 3214, subsection 2.~~

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is amended to read:

A. Receive funds collected by all transmission and distribution utilities in the State at a rate set by the commission in periodic rate cases; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. Receive funds collected by the commission for alternative compliance payments in accordance with section 3210, subsection 9, paragraph B; and

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §10121, as amended by PL 2011, c. 637, §8, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 307
S.P. 148 - L.D. 327

An Act to Provide Maine
Ratepayers with Equitable
Access to Interconnection of
Distributed Generation
Resources

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §107, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. UUU, §3, is further amended to read:

- 1. **Appointment.** The commission shall appoint:
 - A. An administrative director, a director of telephone and water utility industries, a director of electric and gas utility industries, a director of consumer assistance and safety and a director of emergency services communication;
 - B. With the approval of the Attorney General, a general counsel; ~~and~~
 - C. An assistant administrative director; and
 - D. An interconnection ombudsman to assist with interconnection under section 3474.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §107, sub-§2, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. Notwithstanding section 116 or any other provision of this Title, the interconnection ombudsman is funded only through fees assessed under section 3474, federal money and contributions from private and public sources.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3473, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 562, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Monitoring. The commission shall monitor the level of solar energy development in the State in relation to the goals in section 3474, basic trends in solar energy markets and the relative costs and benefits from solar energy development, including but not limited to:

- A. Revenue from the sale of renewable energy credits;
- B. Societal benefits through avoided greenhouse gas emissions;
- C. Reduced electricity prices; and
- D. Avoided or reduced costs associated with:
 - (1) Electricity capacity requirements;
 - (2) Environmental compliance requirements;
 - (3) Portfolio requirements established in section 3210;

(4) Renewable energy credit price suppression; and

(5) Electricity transmission and distribution costs.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3473, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Reporting. By January 1st 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.

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3474, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 264, §1, is amended to read:

3. Interconnection rules. The commission shall adopt rules related to the interconnection of renewable capacity resources, as defined in section 3210-C, subsection 1, paragraph E, using solar power, referred to in this subsection as "solar resources," and energy storage systems, as defined in section 3481, subsection 6, whether or not colocated with solar resources, to investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities, as defined in section 3201, subsection 11-A, in a manner that supports the goals in this section and ensures:

- A. The State's interconnection rules reflect nationally recognized best practices, which may include, but are not limited to, those established by the Interstate Renewable Energy Council, or successor organization, and prioritize interconnection of solar resources and energy storage systems owned by customers of investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities and used to serve an on-site load;
- B. Customers affected by deficiencies in the rules are able to access timely resolution processes that do not place an undue burden on the customer; and
- C. Investments in investor-owned transmission and distribution utility distribution upgrades related to load are coordinated with utility infrastructure upgrades required for the interconnection of renewable capacity resources using solar power and energy storage systems.

Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §3474, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Interconnection ombudsman; fund. The interconnection ombudsman appointed pursuant to section 107, subsection 1 shall assist persons seeking interconnections governed by rules adopted under subsection 3. The commission shall appoint an interconnection ombudsman who possesses technical expertise related to interconnection and interconnection procedures.

A. The duties of the interconnection ombudsman include but are not limited to:

- (1) Tracking interconnection disputes;
- (2) Facilitating the efficient and fair resolution of disputes between customers seeking to interconnect and investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities;
- (3) Reviewing investor-owned transmission and distribution utility interconnection policies to assess opportunities for reducing interconnection disputes;
- (4) Convening stakeholder groups as necessary to facilitate effective communication between interconnection stakeholders; and
- (5) Preparing reports that detail the number, type, resolution timeline and outcome of interconnection disputes.

B. The commission by rule shall establish a fee to be paid by persons seeking interconnections to fund the interconnection ombudsman. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 8071, rules adopted under this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

C. The interconnection ombudsman fund is established within the commission as a nonlapsing fund for the purposes of funding the interconnection ombudsman. The commission shall deposit all fees collected under this subsection into the fund and all money in the fund must be used to fully fund the interconnection ombudsman. In addition to the fees established in accordance with this subsection, the fund may accept federal money and contributions from private and public sources.

Sec. 7. Solar interconnection cost allocation method and rules. The Public Utilities Commission shall:

1. Within 6 months of the effective date of this Act, adopt interconnection rules in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3474, subsection 3 that prioritize interconnection of solar resources and energy storage systems owned by customers of investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities and used to serve an on-site load;

2. Within 12 months of the effective date of this Act, make a good faith effort to appoint an interconnection ombudsman with expertise related to interconnection of distributed generation resources, including solar resources and energy storage systems; and

3. Within 6 months of the effective date of this Act, contract with an expert to evaluate whether treating distributed generation resources that use the tariff rate program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3209-B as load-reducing resources would provide greater value to all ratepayers than the treatment of

those resources as wholesale generation resources. The expert shall also evaluate whether the tariff rate program has been implemented in a way that maximizes the value of the portfolio of the resources to all ratepayers. By September 1, 2024, the commission shall provide a copy of the expert's report and a description of any actions the commission recommends with respect to the findings in the report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 related to the report.

Sec. 8. Interconnection working group. The Public Utilities Commission shall convene a working group, referred to in this section as "the working group," to collaborate to prevent and resolve disputes relating to the implementation of the State's small generator interconnection procedures for Level 1 and Level 2 facilities, as defined in Chapter 324 of the commission's rules.

1. The working group's duties include the identification and discussion of issues related to:

A. Transparency of investor-owned transmission and distribution utility activities in the interconnection process;

B. Current and emerging technical issues resulting in disputes between the State's investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities and customers seeking to interconnect;

C. Circuits and line sections that have been determined to be unsafe for the interconnection of Level 1 facilities; and

D. Topics that would be appropriately included in the duties of the interconnection ombudsman.

2. The working group shall hold monthly meetings for its first year, and thereafter the working group shall meet at least quarterly until the commission submits its final report in 2025.

3. The members of the working group must include:

A. One or more representatives from Central Maine Power Company;

B. One or more representatives from Versant Power;

C. Representatives from 2 or more companies engaged in the development and construction of Level 1 and Level 2 facilities in the Central Maine Power Company service territory;

D. Representatives from 2 or more companies engaged in the development and construction of Level 1 and Level 2 facilities in the Versant Power service territory; and

E. Any other person that the commission determines necessary to ensure that all interests related to interconnection issues are fairly represented.

4. By December 6, 2023, the commission shall submit a report summarizing the working group's activities under this section to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters. The commission shall submit to the committee an additional report by December 6, 2024 and a final report of the working group by December 6, 2025. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature regarding the contents of the final report.

Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Provides one-time allocations for expenditures related to contracted consulting services and related STA-CAP.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$110,210	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$110,210	\$0

PUC - Interconnection Ombudsman Fund N467

Initiative: Provides allocations to establish one Utility Analyst position to serve as the Interconnection Ombudsman and associated All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$118,414	\$122,203
All Other	\$15,391	\$15,391
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$133,805	\$137,594

PUC - Interconnection Ombudsman Fund N467

Initiative: Provides allocations to establish the program and account.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DEPARTMENT TOTALS

2023-24	2024-25
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$244,515	\$138,094
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$244,515	\$138,094

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CHAPTER 308

H.P. 271 - L.D. 438

An Act to Clarify and Amend the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Licensing Laws

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10153, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

C. Four representatives of the public, with no more than 3 holding a license under chapter 927, to be appointed by the Governor for a term of 3 years to reflect a wide diversity of guiding experience. At least 2 members must be chosen for their expertise in outdoor recreation. ~~The public members must be compensated as provided in Title 5, chapter 379; and~~

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10153, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

B. At the request of the commissioner, to conduct oral examinations of applicants for guide licenses; and

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §10153, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

C. To advise the commissioner on granting and revoking guide licenses; ~~and.~~

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §10153, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §10153, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Compensation. All members of the board except state employees are entitled to receive compensation as provided in Title 5, chapter 379.

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §10153, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Examiners. The board shall designate examiners for the purpose of conducting oral examinations pursuant to section 12855, subsection 6. Examiners must

be selected from active or retired members of the Bureau of Warden Service, current or former board members, active or retired members of the marine patrol or currently licensed Maine guides. Designated examiners are entitled to \$150 per day plus per diem.

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §10155, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Examiners. The board shall designate examiners for the purpose of conducting oral examinations pursuant to section 12953. Examiners must be selected from active or retired members of the Bureau of Warden Service, current or former board members or currently licensed Maine taxidermists. Designated examiners are entitled to \$150 per day plus per diem.

Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §11156, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. III, §15, is further amended to read:

4. Fee. The fee for a pheasant hunting permit is ~~\$18~~ ~~\$29~~, ~~\$1~~ ~~\$2~~ of which is retained by the commissioner's authorized agent.

Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §12855, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

5. Fee. The examination fee is ~~\$100~~ ~~\$125~~. ~~An applicant may retake the examination once without paying an additional fee.~~ The fee is nonrefundable.

Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §12855, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

6. Oral examination. If an oral examination is administered, the examination must be conducted by at least 2 trained examiners designated pursuant to section 10153, subsection 2, ~~paragraph D~~ ~~5~~ who are approved by the commissioner or members of the Advisory Board for the Licensing of Guides.

Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §12953, sub-§3, ¶C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 281, Pt. F, §1, is further amended to read:

C. The application must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of ~~\$50~~ ~~\$125~~. This fee also applies to examinations for general classification under department rules.

Sec. 12. 12 MRSA §12953, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2017, c. 72, §4, is further amended to read:

6. License and fee. License applicants who successfully meet the qualifications set forth in this section must be issued a license upon payment of a \$77 fee for a 3-year license. This fee is in addition to the ~~\$50~~ ~~\$125~~ application fee required for a first-time applicant and an application for general classification under department rules.

Sec. 13. 12 MRSA §13104, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 1, §1, is further amended to read:

A. A registration is not required for a snowmobile operated over the snow on land on which the owner lives or ~~on land on which the owner~~ that the snowmobile operator owns or leases, regardless of where that snowmobile operator is domiciled, provided as long as the snowmobile is not operated elsewhere within the jurisdiction of this State.

Sec. 14. Effective date. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 11156, subsection 4 takes effect January 1, 2024.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 309

H.P. 413 - L.D. 636

An Act to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to License and Ensure the Quality of Personal Care Agencies

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1717, as amended by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §15, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§1717. ~~Registration~~ Licensing of personal care agencies and placement agencies

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 196, §2 and c. 299, §2, is further amended to read:

C. "Personal care agency" means a business entity or subsidiary of a business entity that is ~~not otherwise~~ licensed by the ~~Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services~~ department's division of licensing and certification and that hires and employs direct access personnel or individuals who work in direct contact with clients, patients or residents to provide ~~assistance with activities of daily living and related tasks~~ home care services to individuals in the places in which they reside, either permanently or temporarily. An individual who hires and employs direct access personnel or individuals who work in direct contact with clients, patients or residents to provide care for that individual is not a personal care agency, except when permitted by rule of the department. "Personal care agency" does not include a home health care provider licensed under chapter 419.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§1, ¶C-1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 324, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §15, is amended to read:

2. Registration of personal care agencies and placement agencies. ~~Beginning August 1, 1998, until June 30, 2024, a personal care agency not otherwise licensed by the department shall register with the department. Beginning January 1, 2008, a placement agency not otherwise licensed by the department shall register with the department.~~ The department shall adopt rules establishing the annual registration fee, which must be between \$25 and \$250. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

This subsection is repealed July 1, 2025.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Licensing of personal care agencies. Beginning July 1, 2024, an entity may not provide home care services without a personal care agency license issued by the department in accordance with this section. All application fees for a license under this section are nonrefundable and are due upon submission of the application.

A. A personal care agency that holds an unexpired registration issued in accordance with subsection 2 may continue to provide home care services until the registration expires.

This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2025.

B. A personal care agency holding an unexpired registration issued in accordance with subsection 2 is not required to obtain a license until the registration expires.

This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2025.

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

2-B. Licensing standards for personal care agencies. The department shall adopt rules to establish standards and fees for the licensing of personal care agencies. The licensing standards must include, but are not limited to:

- A. General licensing requirements;
- B. Quality measures;
- C. Personnel qualifications;
- D. Mandatory and minimum training requirements;
- E. Home care services;
- F. Services provided and coordination of services;

G. Supervision and organizational structure, including lines of authority;

H. Record-keeping and confidentiality practices;

I. Business records requirements;

J. Licensing fees that are no less than \$200 and no more than \$2,000; and

K. Other aspects of services provided by a personal care agency that may be necessary to protect the public.

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§2-C is enacted to read:

2-C. Types of licenses; terms. Pursuant to subsection 2-A, the department may issue licenses to personal care agencies in accordance with this subsection. The department may issue:

A. A provisional license for an applicant that:

(1) Has not previously operated as a personal care agency;

(2) Complies with all applicable laws and rules, except those that can only be complied with once clients, patients or residents are served by the applicant; and

(3) Demonstrates the ability to comply with all applicable laws and rules by the end of the provisional license term.

A provisional license may be issued for a period of time of at least 3 months and not more than 12 months;

B. A full license for an applicant that has operated a personal care agency or for an applicant renewing a license that complies with all applicable laws and rules. A full license may be issued for a period of time not more than 24 months; and

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.

Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§2-D is enacted to read:

2-D. Licenses not assignable or transferable. A personal care agency may not assign or transfer a license issued under subsection 2-C. A license is immediately void if ownership or control of the personal care agency changes.

Sec. 9. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§2-E is enacted to read:

2-E. Quality assurance and technical assistance for personal care agencies. This subsection governs quality assurance and technical assistance for personal care agencies.

A. The department may conduct the following activities to ensure that quality home care services are provided by personal care agencies:

- (1) Issue notices of deficiency for a personal care agency's failure to comply with applicable federal or state laws, rules or regulations;
- (2) Require personal care agencies to submit acceptable plans of corrective action to remedy deficiencies identified under subparagraph (1);
- (3) Direct personal care agencies to comply with plans of corrective action issued under subparagraph (2);
- (4) Apply sanctions in accordance with subsection 13-A, paragraph A, subparagraph (5); or
- (5) Condition, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a personal care agency's license issued under subsection 2-C on the basis of the agency's noncompliance with plans of corrective action.

B. The provisions of paragraph A apply to a personal care agency that holds a registration during the time the registration is in effect.

This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2025.

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. 10. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2015, c. 196, §5 and repealed and replaced by c. 299, §5, is further amended to read:

3. Prohibited employment based on disqualifying offenses. A personal care agency or a placement agency shall conduct a comprehensive background check for direct access personnel and immediate supervisors of direct access personnel in accordance with state law and rules adopted by the department and is subject to the employment restrictions set out in section 1812-G and other applicable federal and state laws when hiring, employing or placing direct access person-

nel, including, but not limited to, a certified nursing assistant or a direct care worker, and immediate supervisors of direct access personnel.

Sec. 11. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §6 and c. 299, §6, is amended to read:

3-A. Verification of listing on the registry. Prior to hiring a certified nursing assistant or a direct care worker or an immediate supervisor of a certified nursing assistant or direct care worker, a personal care agency or a placement agency shall check the Maine Registry of Certified Nursing Assistants and Direct Care Workers established pursuant to section 1812-G and verify that a the certified nursing assistant or direct care worker or immediate supervisor of a certified nursing assistant or direct care worker listed on the registry has no disqualifying notations.

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. 12. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2015, c. 196, §7 and c. 299, §7, is further amended to read:

4. Penalties. The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

A. A person who An entity that operates a personal care agency or placement agency without registering with the department as required by subsection 2 commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 per day of operation but not more than \$10,000 may be adjudged. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2025.

A-1. An entity that operates a personal care agency without obtaining a license from the department as required by subsection 2-A commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 per day of operation but not more than \$10,000 may be adjudged. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

B. A person who An entity that operates a personal care agency or placement agency in violation of the employment prohibitions in subsection 3 or 3-A commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$500 per day of operation in violation but not more than \$10,000 per day may be adjudged, beginning on the first day that a violation occurs. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense.

Sec. 13. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 324, §2, is amended to read:

6. Enforcement actions by the Office of the Attorney General. The Office of the Attorney General

may file a complaint with the District Court seeking civil penalties or injunctive relief or both for violations of this section.

Sec. 14. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 324, §2, is amended to read:

9. Right of entry. This subsection governs the department's right of entry.

A. An application for ~~registration~~ licensure of a personal care agency ~~or placement agency~~ constitutes permission for entry and inspection to verify compliance with applicable laws and rules.

B. The department has the right to enter and inspect the premises of a personal care agency ~~or placement agency registered~~ licensed by the department at a reasonable time and, upon demand, has the right to inspect and copy any books, accounts, papers, records and other documents in order to determine the state of compliance with applicable laws and rules.

C. To inspect a personal care agency ~~or placement agency~~ that the department knows or believes is being operated without being ~~registered~~ licensed, the department may enter only with the permission of the owner or person in charge or with an administrative inspection warrant issued pursuant to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80E by the District Court authorizing entry and inspection.

D. The provisions of paragraphs A, B and C apply to a personal care agency that holds, is applying for or does not hold a registration during the time registration may be required.

This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2025.

Sec. 15. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 324, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

10. Administrative inspection warrant. This subsection governs administrative inspection warrants.

A. The department and a duly designated officer or employee of the department have the right to enter upon and into the premises of an unlicensed personal care agency with an administrative inspection warrant issued pursuant to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80E by the District Court at a reasonable time and, upon demand, have the right to inspect and copy any books, accounts, papers, records and other documents in order to determine the state of compliance with this section. The right of entry and inspection may extend to any premises and documents of a person, firm, partnership, association, corporation or other entity that the department has reason to believe is operating without being licensed.

B. The provisions of paragraph A apply to a personal care agency that does not hold a registration during the time registration may be required.

This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2025.

Sec. 16. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 324, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

11. Noninterference. This subsection prohibits interfering with department investigations.

A. An owner or operator of an unlicensed personal care agency may not interfere with, impede or obstruct an investigation by the department, including but not limited to interviewing persons receiving home care services or persons with knowledge of the agency.

B. The provisions of paragraph A apply to an owner or operator of a personal care agency that does not hold a registration during the time registration may be required.

This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2025.

Sec. 17. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 324, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

13. Suspension or revocation. This subsection governs suspension or revocation of licenses for personal care agencies.

A. A personal care agency found to be in violation of this section may have its license to operate as a personal care agency suspended or revoked. The department may file a complaint with the District Court requesting suspension or revocation of a license to operate a personal care agency.

B. The provisions of paragraph A apply to a personal care agency that holds a registration during the time the registration is in effect.

This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2025.

Sec. 18. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§13-A is enacted to read:

13-A. Enforcement actions by the department. This subsection governs the department's enforcement authority.

A. If a personal care agency fails to comply with applicable laws and rules, the department may:

- (1) Refuse to issue or renew a license;
- (2) Issue a conditional license in accordance with subsection 2-C;
- (3) File a complaint with the District Court in accordance with Title 4, section 184 or the Maine Administrative Procedure Act to suspend or revoke a license pursuant to subsection 13;

(4) Petition the Superior Court to appoint a receiver to operate the personal care agency in accordance with chapter 1666-A; and

(5) Impose one or more of the following sanctions as necessary and appropriate to ensure compliance with applicable laws and rules or to protect an individual served by the personal care agency:

(a) Direct a personal care agency to stop admissions or intake of new clients, patients or residents regardless of payment source, until the department determines that the personal care agency has taken corrective action;

(b) Direct a personal care agency to correct any deficiencies in a manner and within a time frame that the department determines appropriate to ensure compliance with applicable laws and rules or to protect an individual served by a personal care agency; or

(c) In addition to, or in lieu of, the penalties imposed pursuant to subsection 4, impose a penalty upon a personal care agency for a violation of this section or rules adopted pursuant to this section. The department shall by rule establish a schedule of penalties according to the nature of the violation that are no less than \$500 per day of operation but not more than \$10,000 per day. Each day of a violation constitutes a separate offense. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

B. The provisions of paragraph A apply to a personal care agency that holds, is applying for or does not hold a registration during the time registration may be required.

This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2025.

The department shall engage in monitoring activities on at least a biennial basis to ensure that a personal care agency, regardless of its licensure status, is in compliance with applicable laws and rules.

Sec. 19. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§13-B is enacted to read:

13-B. Appeals. This subsection governs appeals of certain department decisions.

A. An entity aggrieved by the department's decisions on any of the following actions may request an administrative hearing as provided by the Maine Administrative Procedure Act:

(1) Denial of or refusal to renew a full license;

(2) Denial of a provisional license;

(3) Issuance of a conditional license;

(4) Amendment or modification of a license; or

(5) Imposition of sanctions.

B. The provisions of paragraph A apply to a registration during the time the registration is in effect.

This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2025.

Sec. 20. 22 MRSA §1717, sub-§15 is enacted to read:

15. Confidentiality of records. This subsection governs confidentiality.

A. A department record that contains personally identifiable information or health information of clients, patients or residents created or obtained in connection with the department's licensing or quality assurance activities under this section is confidential.

B. The provisions of paragraph A apply to a department record that contains personally identifiable information or health information of clients, patients or residents created or obtained in connection with the department's registration activities.

This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2025.

Sec. 21. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§1-B, ¶G-1 is enacted to read:

G-1. "Immediate supervisor" means an individual who directly supervises a certified nursing assistant or a direct care worker at a personal care agency licensed under section 1717.

Sec. 22. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

2-A. Registry listing. All active certified nursing assistants employed in the State must be listed on the registry. The registry must contain a listing of certified nursing assistants ~~and~~ direct care workers ~~and~~ immediate supervisors that are ineligible for employment based on notations for disqualifying offenses. Direct care workers registered for training, education or compliance purposes may apply for registration and listing on the registry. Direct care workers who may be listed on the registry include but are not limited to the following:

- A. Behavior specialists;
- B. Behavioral health professionals;
- C. Certified residential care aides;
- D. Certified residential medication aides;
- E. Direct support professionals;
- F. Mental health rehabilitation technicians;
- G. Mental health support specialists;

- H. Other qualified mental health professionals;
- I. Personal care or support specialists;
- J. Registered medical assistants;
- K. Residential care specialists;
- L. Community health workers; and
- M. Other direct care workers described in rules adopted by the department pursuant to subsection 18.

Sec. 23. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§2-B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

2-B. Individual information. The registry must include information for each listed certified nursing assistant ~~and~~ direct care worker and immediate supervisor as required by rules adopted by the department pursuant to subsection 18.

Sec. 24. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§2-C, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

2-C. Registry notations. The registry must include for a certified nursing assistant ~~and~~ 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;
- C. Substantiated findings, including but not limited to the following information:
 - (1) Documentation of an investigation of a the certified nursing assistant ~~or a~~ 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 ~~or~~ direct care worker or immediate supervisor appealed the substantiated finding, the date of the hearing; and
 - (4) The statement of the certified nursing assistant ~~or~~ 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 ~~or~~ direct care worker or immediate supervisor submitted such a statement; and

D. Petitions filed by a the certified nursing assistant ~~or~~ direct care worker or immediate supervisor for removal of an employment ban issued by the department that was based on a criminal conviction and the department’s review and determination.

Sec. 25. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is further amended to read:

4. Department verification of credentials and training. The department may verify the credentials and training of certified nursing assistants ~~and~~ registered direct care workers and immediate supervisors listed on the registry.

Sec. 26. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§4-A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is further amended to read:

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 ~~or a~~ registered direct care worker's or an immediate supervisor's credentials and training. Providers may not pass the cost on to the individual certified nursing assistant ~~or~~ registered direct care worker or immediate supervisor. 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. 27. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

6. Prohibited employment based on disqualifying offenses. An individual with a disqualifying offense, including a substantiated complaint or a disqualifying criminal conviction, may not work as a certified nursing assistant ~~or~~ 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. 28. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 494, Pt. A, §§17 and 18, is further amended to read:

6-A. Background check. Certified nursing assistants ~~and~~ 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 ~~or~~ a direct care worker or an immediate supervisor.

C. The department may secure a background check on certified nursing assistants ~~and~~ 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. 29. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

6-B. Convictions within previous 10 years; impact on employment eligibility. The department shall determine the effect of a criminal conviction within the previous 10 years on the employability of an individual as a certified nursing assistant ~~or~~ a direct care worker or an immediate supervisor based on rules adopted by the department pursuant to subsection 18.

Sec. 30. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-C, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

6-C. Table of crimes. Department rules must include a table of crimes. Specific crimes listed on the table must be considered substantive offenses under Title 17-A, Part 2 or crimes identified in federal or state law that prohibit employment of an individual subject to this chapter. Convictions of specific crimes must be categorized in the table of crimes as disqualifying criminal convictions or nondisqualifying criminal convictions. Convictions in other jurisdictions for similar crimes must be identified as disqualifying or nondisqualifying convictions.

A. A disqualifying criminal conviction within the previous 10 years prohibits employment as a certified nursing assistant ~~or~~ a direct care worker or an immediate supervisor.

(1) An individual with a disqualifying criminal conviction is subject to an employment ban of 10 or 30 years. The department shall adopt rules that specify disqualifying criminal convictions that prohibit employment for 10 years and disqualifying criminal convictions that prohibit employment for 30 years.

B. Nondisqualifying criminal convictions do not prohibit employment as a certified nursing assistant ~~or~~ a direct care worker or an immediate supervisor.

Sec. 31. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§6-D, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

6-D. Petition for removal of an employment ban; criminal conviction. Prior to the expiration of an employment ban under subsection 6-C, paragraph A, subparagraph (1), an individual may petition the department for removal of an employment ban that is based on a disqualifying criminal conviction. Unless otherwise prohibited, removal of the employment ban allows the individual to work as a certified nursing assistant ~~or~~ a direct care worker or an immediate supervisor.

A. No sooner than 5 years after an individual is discharged from the legal restraints imposed by the criminal conviction, an individual may petition the department for removal of a 10-year employment ban.

B. No sooner than 15 years after an individual is discharged from the legal restraints imposed by the criminal conviction, an individual may petition the department for removal of a 30-year employment ban.

C. A successful petitioner must meet the criteria established by department rules for removal of an employment ban. Criteria must include but not be limited to an assessment of the risk of reoffending and the conduct of the petitioner since the conviction.

A petition for removal of an employment ban submitted by a certified nursing assistant ~~or~~ a registered direct care worker or an immediate supervisor must be denied if the conduct that led to the conviction would have resulted in a lifetime ban if that conduct had been investigated as a complaint that resulted in a substantiated finding under subsection 13.

D. When the department grants a petition for removal of an employment ban, the individual, unless otherwise prohibited, may work as a certified nursing assistant ~~or~~ a direct care worker or an immediate supervisor. The notation of the criminal conviction remains on the registry.

Sec. 32. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

10. Complaint investigation. The department may investigate complaints and allegations against certified nursing assistants ~~or~~ registered direct care workers or immediate supervisors of abuse, neglect, exploitation or misappropriation of property of a client, patient or resident.

Sec. 33. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§12, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

12. Right to hearing; appeal. In accordance with department rules, a certified nursing assistant ~~or~~ a registered direct care worker or an immediate supervisor may request an administrative hearing to appeal a substantiated finding under subsection 11.

Sec. 34. 22 MRSA §1812-G, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 196, §9, is amended to read:

13. Substantiated finding; lifetime employment ban. A certified nursing assistant ~~or~~ 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 ~~either~~ a certified nursing assistant ~~or~~ a direct care worker or an immediate supervisor.

Sec. 35. 22 MRSA §7931, as amended by PL 1999, c. 384, §5, is further amended to read:

§7931. Policy

It is the purpose of this chapter to develop a mechanism by which the concept of receivership can be utilized for the protection of residents in long-term care facilities, clients of home health care providers and personal care agencies, general and specialty hospitals, critical access hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, hospice agencies and end-stage renal disease units. It is the intent of the Legislature that receivership be a remedy of last resort when all other methods of remedy have failed or when the implementation of other remedies would be futile.

Sec. 36. 22 MRSA §7932, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 1999, c. 384, §6, is further amended to read:

1-A. Client. "Client" means a person who receives services from a home health agency, personal care agency, long-term care facility, general and specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical facility, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit.

Sec. 37. 22 MRSA §7932, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Personal care agency. "Personal care agency" means an organization or other entity licensed under section 1717.

Sec. 38. 22 MRSA §7933, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 384, §14, is further amended to read:

1. Grounds for appointment. The following circumstances are grounds for the appointment of a receiver to operate a long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general and specialty hospitals, critical access hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, hospice agencies and end-stage renal disease units:

A. A long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit intends to close but has not arranged at least 30 days prior to closure for the orderly transfer of its residents or clients;

B. An emergency exists in a long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit that threatens the health, security or welfare of residents or clients; or

C. A long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit is in substantial or habitual violation of the standards of health, safety or resident care established under state or federal regulations to the detriment of the welfare of the residents or clients.

This remedy is in addition to, and not in lieu of, the power of the department to revoke, suspend or refuse to renew a license under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

Sec. 39. 22 MRSA §7934, as amended by PL 1999, c. 384, §15, is further amended to read:

§7934. Powers and duties of the receiver

1. Powers and duties. A receiver appointed pursuant to this chapter has such powers as the court may direct to operate the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit and to remedy the conditions that constituted grounds for the receivership, to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents or clients and to preserve the assets and property of the residents or clients, the owner and the licensee. On notice and hearing, the court may issue a writ of possession in behalf of the receiver, for specified facility property.

The receiver shall make reasonable efforts to notify residents or clients and family that the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit is placed in receivership.

The owner and licensee are divested of possession and control of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit during the period of receivership under such conditions as the court specifies. With the court's approval, the receiver has specific authority to:

- A. Remedy violations of federal and state regulations governing the operation of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit;
- B. Hire, direct, manage and discharge any employees, including the administrator of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit;
- C. Receive and expend in a reasonable and prudent manner the revenues of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit due during the 30-day period preceding the date of appointment and becoming due thereafter;
- D. Continue the business of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit and the care of residents or clients;
- E. Correct or eliminate any deficiency of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit that endangers the safety or health of the residents or clients, if the total cost of the correction does not exceed \$3,000. The court may order expenditures for this purpose in excess of \$3,000 on application from the receiver; and
- F. Exercise such additional powers and perform such additional duties, including regular accountings, as the court considers appropriate.

2. Revenues of the facility. Revenues of the facility must be handled as follows.

- A. The receiver shall apply the revenues of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit to current operating expenses and, subject

to the following provisions, to debts incurred by the licensee prior to the appointment of the receiver. The receiver shall ask the court for direction in the treatment of debts incurred prior to appointment ~~where such~~ when the debts appear extraordinary, of questionable validity, or unrelated to the normal and expected maintenance and operation of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit, or ~~where~~ when payment of the debts will interfere with the purposes of the receivership. Priority must be given by the receiver to expenditures for current direct resident or client care. Revenues held by or owing to the receiver in connection with the operation of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit are exempt from attachment and trustee process, including process served prior to the institution of receivership proceedings.

B. The receiver may correct or eliminate any deficiency of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit that endangers the safety or health of the resident or client, if the total cost of the correction does not exceed \$3,000. On application by the receiver, the court may order expenditures for this purpose in excess of \$3,000. The licensee or owner may apply to the court to determine the reasonableness of any expenditure over \$3,000 by the receiver.

C. In the event that the receiver does not have sufficient funds to cover expenses needed to prevent or remove jeopardy to the residents or clients, the receiver may petition the court for permission to borrow for these purposes. Notice of the receiver's petition to the court for permission to borrow must be given to the owner, the licensee and the department. The court may, after hearing, authorize the receiver to borrow money upon specified terms of repayment and to pledge security, if necessary, if the court determines that the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit should not be closed and that the loan is reasonably necessary to prevent or remove jeopardy or if it determines that the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit should be closed and that

the expenditure is necessary to prevent or remove jeopardy to residents or clients for the limited period of time that they are awaiting transfer. The purpose of this provision is to protect residents or clients and to prevent the closure of long-term care facilities, home health care providers, personal care agencies, general hospitals, specialty hospitals, critical access hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, hospice agencies or end-stage renal disease units that, under proper management, are likely to be viable operations. This section may not be construed as a method of financing major repair or capital improvements to facilities that have been allowed to deteriorate because the owner or licensee has been unable or unwilling to secure financing by conventional means.

3. Avoidance of preexisting leases, mortgages and contracts. A receiver may not be required to honor a lease, mortgage, secured transaction or other contract entered into by the owner or licensee of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit if the court finds that:

- A. The person seeking payment under the agreement has an ownership interest in the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit or was related to the licensee, the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit by a significant degree of common ownership or control at the time the agreement was made; or
- B. The rental, price or rate of interest required to be paid under the agreement is in excess of a reasonable rental, price or rate of interest.

If the receiver is in possession of real estate or goods subject to a lease, mortgage or security interest that the receiver is permitted to avoid and if the real estate or goods are necessary for the continued operation of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit, the receiver may apply to the court to set a reasonable rental, price or rate of interest to be paid by the receiver during the term of the receivership. The court shall hold a hearing on the application within 15 days, and the receiver shall send notice of the application to any known owners and mortgagees of the property at least 10 days before the hearing. Payment by the receiver of the amount determined by the court to be reasonable is a defense to an

action against the receiver for payment or for the possession of the subject goods or real estate by a person who received such notice.

Notwithstanding this subsection, there may not be a foreclosure or eviction during the receivership by any person if the foreclosure or eviction would, in view of the court, serve to defeat the purpose of the receivership.

4. Closing of long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit. The receiver may not close the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit without leave of the court. In ruling on the issue of closure, the court shall consider:

- A. The rights and best interests of the residents or clients;
- B. The availability of suitable alternative placements;
- C. The rights, interest and obligations of the owner and licensee;
- D. The licensure status of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit; and
- E. Any other factors that the court considers relevant.

When a long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit is closed, the receiver shall provide for the orderly transfer of residents or clients to mitigate transfer trauma.

Sec. 40. 22 MRSA §7937, as amended by PL 1999, c. 384, §16, is further amended to read:

§7937. Court order to have effect of license

An order appointing a receiver under section 7933 has the effect of a license for the duration of the receivership. The receiver is responsible to the court for the conduct of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or end-stage renal disease unit during the receivership, and a violation of regulations governing the conduct of the long-term care facility, home health care provider, personal care agency, general hospital, specialty hospital, critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical center, hospice agency or

end-stage renal disease unit, if not promptly corrected, must be reported by the department to the court.

Sec. 41. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§14, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

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; and

Sec. 42. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§17, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

17. Employer. "Employer" means a person or other legal entity that employs or places a direct access worker or otherwise provides direct access services. "Employer" includes a provider, a temporary nurse agency, and a personal care agency and a placement agency.

Sec. 43. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§27, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 299, §25, is amended to read:

27. Personal care agency and placement agency. "Personal care agency," and "placement agency" mean as it pertains to a registered entity, means an entity registered pursuant to section 1717, subsection 2.

This subsection is repealed July 1, 2025.

Sec. 44. 22 MRSA §9053, sub-§27-A is enacted to read:

27-A. Personal care agency. "Personal care agency" means an entity licensed pursuant to section 1717, subsection 2-A.

Sec. 45. Effective date. That section of this Act that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 9053, subsection 27-A takes effect July 1, 2024.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 310
S.P. 275 - L.D. 717**

An Act to Adopt the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA c. 137, sub-c. 5 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 5

AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT

§17501. Short title, legislative intent and declaration of purpose

1. Short title. This subchapter may be known and cited as "the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact."

2. Legislative intent. This compact is the Maine enactment of the "Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact," which is referred to in this subchapter as "the compact." The form, format and text of the compact have been changed minimally so as to conform to the Maine Revised Statutes. The changes to the compact are technical in nature, and this Act must be interpreted as substantively the same as the compact that is enacted by other compact states.

3. Declaration of purpose. The purpose of this compact is to facilitate interstate practice of audiology and speech-language pathology with the goal of improving public access to audiology and speech-language pathology services. The practice of audiology and speech-language pathology occurs in the state where the client is located at the time of the client encounter. The compact preserves the regulatory authority of states to protect public health and safety through the current system of state licensure. The compact is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- A. Increase public access to audiology and speech-language pathology services by providing for the mutual recognition of other member state licenses;
- B. Enhance the states' ability to protect the public's health and safety;
- C. Encourage the cooperation of member states in regulating multistate audiology and speech-language pathology practice;
- D. Support spouses of relocating active duty military personnel;
- E. Enhance the exchange of licensure, investigative and disciplinary information between member states;
- F. Allow a remote state to hold a provider of services with a compact privilege in that state accountable to that state's practice standards; and
- G. Allow for the use of telehealth technology to facilitate increased access to audiology and speech-language pathology services.

§17502. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Active duty military. "Active duty military" means full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 United States Code, Chapter 1209 and 10 United States Code, Chapter 1211.

2. Adverse action. "Adverse action" means any administrative, civil, equitable or criminal action permitted by a state's laws that is imposed by a licensing board or other authority against an audiologist or speech-language pathologist, including actions against an individual's license or privilege to practice such as revocation, suspension, probation, monitoring of the licensee or restriction on the licensee's practice.

3. Alternative program. "Alternative program" means a nondisciplinary monitoring process approved by an audiology or speech-language pathology licensing board to address impaired practitioners.

4. Audiologist. "Audiologist" means an individual who is licensed by a state to practice audiology.

5. Audiology. "Audiology" means the care and services provided by a licensed audiologist as set forth in the member state's statutes and rules.

6. Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission. "Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission" or "commission" means the national administrative body whose membership consists of all states that have enacted the compact.

7. Audiology and speech-language pathology licensing board. "Audiology and speech-language pathology licensing board," "audiology licensing board," "speech-language pathology licensing board" or "licensing board" means the agency of a state that is responsible for the licensing and regulation of audiologists and speech-language pathologists.

8. Client. "Client" means a recipient of audiology or speech-language pathology services.

9. Compact privilege. "Compact privilege" means the authorization granted by a remote state to allow a licensee from another member state to practice as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist in the remote state under its laws and rules. The practice of audiology or speech-language pathology occurs in the member state where the patient, client or student is located at the time of the patient, client or student encounter.

10. Current significant investigative information. "Current significant investigative information" means investigative information that a licensing board, after an inquiry or investigation that includes notification and an opportunity for the audiologist or speech-language pathologist to respond, if required by state law, has reason to believe is not groundless and, if proved true, would indicate more than a minor infraction.

11. Data system. "Data system" means a repository of information about licensees, including, but not limited to, continuing education, examination, licensure, investigative, compact privilege and adverse action.

12. Encumbered license. "Encumbered license" means a license in which an adverse action restricts the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology by the licensee and the adverse action has been reported to the National Practitioners Data Bank.

13. Executive committee. "Executive committee" means a group of members elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to them by, the commission.

14. Home state. "Home state" means the member state that is the licensee's primary state of residence.

15. Impaired practitioner. "Impaired practitioner" means an individual whose professional practice is adversely affected by substance use disorder, addiction or other health-related conditions.

16. Licensee. "Licensee" means an individual who currently holds an authorization from the state licensing board to practice as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist.

17. Member state. "Member state" means a state that has enacted the compact.

18. Privilege to practice. "Privilege to practice" means a legal authorization permitting the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology in a remote state.

19. Remote state. "Remote state" means a member state other than the home state where a licensee is exercising or seeking to exercise the compact privilege.

20. Rule. "Rule" means a regulation, principle or directive promulgated by the commission that has the force of law.

21. Single-state license. "Single-state license" means an audiology or speech-language pathology license issued by a member state that authorizes practice only within the issuing state and does not include a privilege to practice in any other member state.

22. Speech-language pathologist. "Speech-language pathologist" means an individual who is licensed by a state to practice speech-language pathology.

23. Speech-language pathology. "Speech-language pathology" means the care and services provided by a licensed speech-language pathologist as set forth in the member state's statutes and rules.

24. State. "State" means any state, commonwealth, district or territory of the United States of America that regulates the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology.

25. State practice laws. "State practice laws" means a member state's laws, rules and regulations that govern the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology, define the scope of audiology or speech-language pathology practice and create the methods and grounds for imposing discipline.

26. Telehealth. "Telehealth" means the application of telecommunications technology to deliver audiology or speech-language pathology services at a distance for assessment, intervention or consultation.

§17503. State participation in the compact

To participate in the compact, a member state shall meet the requirements of this section.

1. Recognition of compact privilege. A member state shall recognize a license issued to an audiologist or speech-language pathologist by a home state to a resident in that state as authorizing an audiologist or speech-language pathologist to practice audiology or speech-language pathology, under a privilege to practice, in each member state.

2. Home state license. A member state shall require an applicant to obtain or retain a license in the home state and meet the home state's qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure, as well as all other applicable state laws.

3. Audiologist requirements. A member state must require that to be granted a compact privilege, an audiologist must:

A. Meet one of the following educational requirements:

(1) On or before December 31, 2007, have graduated with a master's degree or doctorate in audiology, or equivalent degree, regardless of degree name, from a program that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or its successor, or by the United States Department of Education and operated by a college or university accredited by a regional or national accrediting organization recognized by the board;

(2) On or after January 1, 2008, have graduated with a doctorate in audiology, or equivalent degree, regardless of degree name, from a program that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or its successor, or by the United States Department of Education and operated by a college or university accredited by a regional or national accrediting organization recognized by the board; or

(3) Have graduated from an audiology program that is housed in an institution of higher education outside of the United States;

(a) For which the program and institution have been approved by the authorized accrediting body in the applicable country;

(b) For which the degree program has been verified by an independent credentials review agency to be comparable to a state licensing board-approved program; and

(c) For which the audiologist has completed a supervised clinical practicum experience from an accredited educational institution or its cooperating programs as required by the commission;

B. Have successfully passed a national examination approved by the commission;

C. Hold an active, unencumbered license;

D. Have not been convicted or found guilty, and have not entered into an agreed disposition, of a felony related to the practice of audiology, under applicable state or federal criminal law; and

E. Have a valid social security number or National Practitioner Identification number.

4. Speech-language pathologist requirements. A member state must require that to be granted a compact privilege, a speech-language pathologist must:

A. Meet one of the following educational requirements:

(1) Have graduated with a master's degree from a speech-language pathology program that is accredited by an organization recognized by the United States Department of Education and operated by a college or university accredited by a regional or national accrediting organization recognized by the board; or

(2) Have graduated from a speech-language pathology program that is housed in an institution of higher education outside of the United States:

(a) For which the program and institution have been approved by the authorized accrediting body in the applicable country; and

(b) For which the degree program has been verified by an independent credentials review agency to be comparable to a state licensing board-approved program;

B. Have completed a supervised clinical practicum experience from an educational institution or its cooperating programs as required by the commission;

C. Have completed a supervised postgraduate professional experience as required by the commission;

D. Have successfully passed a national examination approved by the commission;

E. Hold an active, unencumbered license;

F. Have not been convicted or found guilty, and have not entered into an agreed disposition, of a felony related to the practice of speech-language pathology, under applicable state or federal criminal law; and

G. Have a valid social security number or National Practitioner Identification number.

5. Consideration of criminal history records. A member state must implement or utilize procedures for considering the criminal history records of applicants for initial privilege to practice. These procedures must include the submission of fingerprints or other biometric-based information by applicants for the purpose of obtaining an applicant's criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining that state's criminal records.

A. A member state must fully implement a criminal background check requirement, within a time frame established by rule, by receiving the results of the Federal Bureau of Investigation record search on criminal background checks and using the results in making licensure decisions.

B. Communication between a member state and the commission and among member states regarding the verification of eligibility for licensure through the compact may not include any information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to a federal criminal records check performed by a member state under the federal Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, 1973, Title II, Public Law 92-544 (1972).

6. Other state information. Upon application for a privilege to practice, the licensing board in the issuing remote state shall ascertain, through the data system, whether the applicant has ever held, or is the holder of, a license issued by any other state, whether there are any encumbrances on any license or privilege to practice held by the applicant and whether any adverse action has been taken against any license or privilege to practice held by the applicant.

7. Privilege to practice. The privilege to practice is derived from the home state license.

8. Compliance with practice laws; client location. An audiologist or speech-language pathologist practicing in a member state must comply with the state practice laws of the state in which the client is located at the time service is provided. The practice of audiology and speech-language pathology must include all audiology and speech-language pathology practice as defined by the state practice laws of the member state in

which the client is located. The practice of audiology and speech-language pathology in a member state under a privilege to practice subjects an audiologist or speech-language pathologist to the jurisdiction of the licensing board, the courts and the laws of the member state in which the client is located at the time service is provided.

9. Nonresidents. An individual not residing in a member state is able to apply for a member state's single-state license as provided under the laws of that member state. However, the single-state license granted to these individuals may not be recognized as granting the compact privilege in any other member state.

10. No effect on single-state license authority. Nothing in this compact affects the requirements established by a member state for the issuance of a single-state license.

11. Fee. A member state may charge a fee for granting a compact privilege.

§17504. Compact privilege

1. Exercise of compact privilege. To exercise the compact privilege under the terms and provisions of the compact, an audiologist or speech-language pathologist must:

A. Hold an active license in the home state;

B. Have no encumbrance on any state license;

C. Be eligible for a compact privilege in any member state in accordance with section 17503;

D. Have not had any adverse action against any license or compact privilege within the previous 2 years from date of application;

E. Notify the commission that the licensee is seeking the compact privilege within a remote state;

F. Pay any applicable fees, including any state fee, for the compact privilege; and

G. Report to the commission adverse action taken by any nonmember state within 30 days from the date the adverse action is taken.

2. Validity of compact privilege. The compact privilege is valid until the expiration date of the home state license. The licensee must comply with the requirements of subsection 1 to maintain the compact privilege in the remote state.

3. Exercising compact privilege in remote state. A licensee providing audiology or speech-language pathology services in a remote state under the compact privilege shall function within the laws and regulations of the remote state.

4. Regulatory authority of remote state. A licensee providing audiology or speech-language pathology services in a remote state is subject to that state's

regulatory authority. A remote state may, in accordance with due process and that state's laws, remove a licensee's compact privilege in the remote state for a specific period of time, impose fines or take any other necessary actions to protect the health and safety of its citizens. The licensee may be ineligible for a compact privilege in any state until the specific time for removal has passed and all fines are paid.

5. Loss of compact privilege. If a home state license is encumbered, the licensee loses the compact privilege in any remote state until the following occur:

A. The home state license is no longer encumbered; and

B. Two years have elapsed from the date on which the home state license is no longer encumbered in accordance with paragraph A.

6. Restoration of compact privilege. Once an encumbered license in the home state is restored to good standing, the licensee must meet the requirements of subsection 1 to obtain a compact privilege in any remote state.

§17505. Compact privilege to practice telehealth

A member state shall recognize the right of an audiologist or speech-language pathologist, licensed by a home state in accordance with section 17503 and under rules promulgated by the commission, to practice audiology or speech-language pathology in any member state through telehealth under a privilege to practice as provided in the compact and rules promulgated by the commission.

§17506. Active duty military personnel or spouses

Active duty military personnel, or the military member's spouse, shall designate a home state where the individual has a current license in good standing. The individual may retain the home state designation during the period the service member is on active duty. Subsequent to designating a home state, the individual may change the individual's home state only through application for licensure in the new state.

§17507. Adverse actions

1. Authority of home state. A home state has exclusive power to impose adverse action against an audiologist's or speech-language pathologist's license issued by the home state.

2. Authority of remote state. In addition to the other powers conferred by state law, a remote state has the authority, in accordance with existing state due process law, to:

A. Take adverse action against an audiologist's or speech-language pathologist's compact privilege within that member state; and

B. Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that require the attendance and testimony of

witnesses as well as the production of evidence. A subpoena issued by a licensing board in a member state for the attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of evidence from another member state may be enforced in the latter state by any court of competent jurisdiction, according to the practice and procedure of that court applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before it. The issuing authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage and other fees required by the service statutes of the state in which the witnesses or evidence are located.

3. Application of law in home state. For the purposes of taking adverse action, the home state shall give the same priority and effect to reported conduct received from a member state as it would if the conduct had occurred within the home state and shall apply its own state laws to determine appropriate action.

4. Investigations. The home state shall complete any pending investigations of an audiologist or speech-language pathologist who changes the audiologist's or speech-language pathologist's primary state of residence during the course of the investigations. The home state where the investigations were initiated also has the authority to take appropriate action and shall promptly report the conclusions of the investigations to the administrator of the data system. The data system administrator shall promptly notify the new home state of any adverse action.

5. Recovery of costs of investigations. A member state, if otherwise permitted by state law, may recover from the affected audiologist or speech-language pathologist the costs of investigations and disposition of cases resulting from any adverse action taken against that audiologist or speech-language pathologist.

6. Factual findings. A member state may take adverse action based on the factual findings of a remote state, as long as the member state follows its own procedures for taking the adverse action.

7. Joint investigations. The following requirements apply to joint investigations.

A. In addition to the authority granted to a member state by its respective state audiology or speech-language pathology laws and regulations or other applicable state law, any member state may participate with other member states in joint investigations of licensees.

B. Member states shall share any investigative, litigation or compliance materials in furtherance of any joint or individual investigation initiated under the compact.

8. Deactivation of compact privilege. If an adverse action is taken by the home state against an audiologist's or speech-language pathologist's license, the audiologist's or speech-language pathologist's compact

privilege in all other member states must be deactivated until all encumbrances have been removed from the state license. All home state disciplinary orders that impose adverse action against an audiologist's or speech-language pathologist's license must include a statement that the audiologist's or speech-language pathologist's compact privilege is deactivated in all member states during the pendency of the order.

9. Notice of adverse action. If a member state takes adverse action, it shall promptly notify the administrator of the data system. The administrator of the data system shall promptly notify the home state of any adverse actions by remote states.

10. Alternative program. This compact does not override a member state's decision that participation in an alternative program may be used in lieu of adverse action.

§17508. Establishment of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission

1. Commission established. The member states hereby create a joint public agency known as the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Compact Commission as follows.

A. The commission is an instrumentality of the compact states.

B. Venue is proper, and judicial proceedings by or against the commission must be brought solely and exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the commission is located. The commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

C. This compact may not be construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity.

2. Membership, voting and meetings. This subsection governs the membership, voting and meetings of the commission.

A. Each member state has 2 delegates selected by that member state's licensing board.

B. A delegate under paragraph A must be a current member of the member state's licensing board, and one delegate must be an audiologist and one delegate must be a speech-language pathologist.

C. A member state's delegate may be removed or suspended from office as provided by the law of the state from which the delegate is appointed.

D. A member state's licensing board shall fill any vacancy occurring in the commission within 90 days.

E. Each delegate is entitled to one vote with regard to the promulgation of rules and creation of bylaws

and must otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the business and affairs of the commission. A delegate shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for delegates' participation in meetings by telephone or other means of communication.

F. The commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings may be held as set forth in the bylaws.

3. Powers and duties of commission. The commission has the following powers and duties:

A. Establish a code of ethics for the commission;

B. Establish the fiscal year of the commission;

C. Establish bylaws;

D. Maintain the commission's financial records in accordance with the bylaws;

E. Meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this compact and the bylaws;

F. Promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this compact. The rules have the force and effect of law and are binding in all member states;

G. Bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the name of the commission, except that the standing of any state audiology or speech-language pathology licensing board to sue or be sued under applicable law is not affected;

H. Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

I. Borrow, accept or contract for services of personnel, including, but not limited to, employees of a member state;

J. Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the compact and establish the commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel and other related personnel matters;

K. Accept any and all appropriate donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services and receive, use and dispose of the same, as long as at all times the commission avoids any appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest;

L. Lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations of or otherwise own, hold, improve or use any property, real, personal or mixed, as long as at all times the commission avoids any appearance of impropriety;

M. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal or mixed;

N. Establish a budget and make expenditures;

O. Borrow money;

P. Appoint committees, including standing committees, composed of members and other interested persons as may be designated in this compact and the bylaws;

Q. Provide and receive information from, and cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

R. Establish and elect an executive committee; and

S. Perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact consistent with the state regulation of audiology and speech-language pathology licensure and practice.

4. Executive committee. The executive committee has the power to act on behalf of the commission according to the terms of this compact in accordance with this subsection.

A. The executive committee is composed of the following 10 members:

(1) Seven voting members who are elected by the commission from the current membership of the commission;

(2) One ex officio, nonvoting member from a recognized national audiology professional association;

(3) One ex officio, nonvoting member from a recognized national speech-language pathology professional association; and

(4) One ex officio, nonvoting member from the recognized membership organization of the audiology and speech-language pathology licensing boards.

B. The ex officio members under paragraph A must be selected by their respective organizations.

C. The commission may remove any member of the executive committee as provided in the bylaws.

D. The executive committee shall meet at least annually.

E. The executive committee shall:

(1) Recommend to the entire commission changes to the rules or bylaws, changes to this compact, fees paid by member states such as annual dues and any commission compact fee charged to licensees for the compact privilege;

(2) Ensure compact administration services are appropriately provided, contractually or otherwise;

(3) Prepare and recommend the budget;

(4) Maintain financial records on behalf of the commission;

(5) Monitor compact compliance of member states and provide compliance reports to the commission;

(6) Establish additional committees as necessary; and

(7) Perform other duties as provided in the rules or bylaws.

5. Public and nonpublic meetings. This subsection governs the requirements for public and nonpublic meetings of the commission.

A. All meetings must be open to the public, and public notice of meetings must be given in the same manner as required under the rule-making provisions in section 17510.

B. The commission or the executive committee or other committees of the commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic meeting if the commission or executive committee or other committees of the commission must discuss:

(1) Noncompliance of a member state with its obligations under the compact;

(2) The employment, compensation, discipline or other matters, practices or procedures related to specific employees or other matters related to the commission's internal personnel practices and procedures;

(3) Current, threatened or reasonably anticipated litigation;

(4) Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease or sale of goods, services or real estate;

(5) Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person;

(6) Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential;

(7) Disclosure of information of a personal nature if disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(8) Disclosure of investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes;

(9) Disclosure of information related to any investigative reports prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the commission or other committee charged with responsibility of investigation or determination of compliance issues pursuant to the compact; or

(10) Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or member state statute.

C. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant to this subsection, the commission's legal counsel or legal counsel's designee shall certify that the meeting may be closed and shall reference each relevant exempting provision.

D. The commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons for those actions, including a description of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action must be identified in the minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting must remain under seal, subject to release by a majority vote of the commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

6. Financing of commission. This subsection governs the financial operations of the commission.

A. The commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization and ongoing activities.

B. The commission may accept any and all appropriate revenue sources, donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services.

C. The commission may levy on and collect from each member state an annual assessment or impose fees on other parties to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the commission and its staff, which must be in a total amount sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved by the commission each year for which revenue is not provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount must be allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the commission, which shall promulgate a rule binding upon all member states.

D. The commission may not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the obligations, and the commission may not pledge the credit of any of the member states, except by and with the authority of the member state.

E. The commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the commission are subject to the audit and accounting procedures established under its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the commission must be audited yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the report of the audit must be included in and become part of the annual report of the commission.

7. Qualified immunity, defense and indemnification. This subsection governs immunity provisions and defense and indemnification requirements of the commission.

A. The members, officers, executive director, employees and representatives of the commission are immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred, within the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities, except that nothing in this paragraph may be construed to protect any such person from suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury or liability caused by the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

B. The commission shall defend any member, officer, executive director, employee or representative of the commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities, as long as the actual or alleged act, error or omission did not result from that person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct and except that nothing in this paragraph may be construed to prohibit that person from retaining that person's own counsel.

C. The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer, executive director, employee or representative of the commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or that the person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities, as long as the actual or alleged act, error or omission did not result from the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

§17509. Data system

This section governs the requirements for the data system used by the commission.

1. Data system. The commission shall provide for the development, maintenance and utilization of a coordinated database and reporting system containing license, adverse action and investigative information on all licensed individuals in member states.

2. Uniform data set. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary, a member state shall submit a uniform data set to the data system on all individuals to whom this compact is applicable using a

unique identifier as required by the rules of the commission, including:

- A. Identifying information;
- B. Licensure data;
- C. Adverse actions against a license or compact privilege;
- D. Nonconfidential information related to alternative program participation;
- E. Any denial of application for licensure and the reason for the denial; and
- F. Other information that may facilitate the administration of this compact, as determined by the rules of the commission.

3. Availability of investigative information. Current significant investigative information pertaining to a licensee in any member state may be available only to other member states.

4. Notification of adverse action. The commission shall promptly notify all member states of any adverse action taken against a licensee or an individual applying for a license. Adverse action information pertaining to a licensee in any member state must be available to any other member state.

5. Designation of nonpublic information. A member state contributing information to the data system may designate information that may not be shared with the public without the express permission of the contributing member state.

6. Expungement of information. Any information submitted to the data system that is subsequently required to be expunged by the laws of the member state contributing the information must be removed from the data system.

§17510. Rulemaking

1. Rule-making authority. The commission shall exercise its rule-making powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in this section and the rules adopted pursuant to this section. Rules and amendments become binding as of the date specified in each rule or amendment.

2. Rejection of rules. If a majority of the legislatures of the member states rejects a rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt the compact within 4 years of the date of adoption of the rule, the rule has no further force and effect in any member state.

3. Adoption at meeting. Rules or amendments to the rules must be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the commission.

4. Notice. Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or rules by the commission, and at least 30 days in advance of the meeting at which the rule will be

considered and voted upon, the commission shall file a notice of proposed rulemaking:

- A. On the publicly accessible website of the commission or other publicly accessible platform; and
- B. On the publicly accessible website of each member state audiology or speech-language pathology licensing board or other publicly accessible platform or the publication in which each state would otherwise publish proposed rules.

5. Notice requirements. The notice of proposed rulemaking under subsection 4 must include:

- A. The proposed time, date and location of the meeting at which the rule will be considered and voted upon;
- B. The text of the proposed rule and the reason for the proposed rule;
- C. A request for comments on the proposed rule from any interested person; and
- D. The manner in which interested persons may submit notice to the commission of their intention to attend the public hearing and any written comments.

6. Comments. Prior to adoption of a proposed rule, the commission shall allow persons to submit written data, facts, opinions and arguments, which must be made available to the public.

7. Opportunity for public hearing. The commission shall grant an opportunity for a public hearing before it adopts a rule or amendment if a hearing is requested by:

- A. At least 25 persons;
- B. A state or federal governmental subdivision or agency; or
- C. An association or organization having at least 25 members.

8. Notice of hearing. If a hearing is held on the proposed rule or amendment, the commission shall publish the place, time and date of the scheduled public hearing. If the hearing is held via electronic means, the commission shall publish the mechanism for access to the electronic hearing.

- A. A person wishing to be heard at the hearing shall notify the executive director of the commission or other designated member in writing of the person's desire to appear and testify at the hearing not less than 5 business days before the scheduled date of the hearing.
- B. A hearing must be conducted in a manner that provides each person who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable opportunity to comment orally or in writing.

C. All hearings must be recorded. A copy of the recording must be made available on request.

D. Nothing in this subsection may be construed as requiring a separate hearing on each rule. Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the commission at hearings required by this section.

9. Consideration of comments. Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close of business on the scheduled hearing date if the hearing was not held, the commission shall consider all written and oral comments received.

10. No public hearing. If no written notice of intent to attend the public hearing by interested persons is received, the commission may proceed with promulgation of the proposed rule without a public hearing.

11. Final action. The commission shall, by majority vote of all members, take final action on the proposed rule and shall determine the effective date of the rule, if any, based on the rule-making record and the full text of the rule.

12. Emergency rules. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule without prior notice, opportunity for comment or hearing, as long as the usual rule-making procedures provided in the compact and in this section are retroactively applied to the rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than 90 days after the effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this subsection, an emergency rule is a rule that must be adopted immediately in order to:

A. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety or welfare;

B. Prevent a loss of commission or member state funds; or

C. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative rule that is established by federal law or regulation.

13. Revisions. The commission or an authorized committee of the commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted rule or amendment for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format, errors in consistency or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions must be posted on the publicly accessible website of the commission. The revision is subject to challenge by any person for a period of 30 days after posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a material change to a rule. A challenge must be made in writing and delivered to the chair of the commission prior to the end of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision takes effect without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision may not take effect without the approval of the commission.

§17511. Oversight, dispute resolution and enforcement

1. Dispute resolution. This subsection governs dispute resolution under the compact.

A. Upon request by a member state, the commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the compact that arise among member states and between member and nonmember states.

B. The commission shall promulgate a rule providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as appropriate.

2. Enforcement. This subsection governs enforcement under the compact.

A. The commission, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of the compact.

B. By majority vote, the commission may initiate legal action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the commission has its principal offices against a member state in default to enforce compliance with the provisions of the compact and its promulgated rules and bylaws. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. If judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing member must be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

C. The remedies in this chapter are not the exclusive remedies of the commission. The commission may pursue any other remedies available under federal or state law.

§17512. Date of implementation of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact and associated rules, withdrawal and amendment

1. Effective date. This compact becomes effective on the date on which the compact statute is enacted into law in the 10th member state. The provisions, which become effective at that time, are limited to the powers granted to the commission relating to assembly and the promulgation of rules. Thereafter, the commission shall meet and exercise rule-making powers necessary to the implementation and administration of the compact.

2. Effect of rules adopted by compact on member states. A state that joins the compact subsequent to the commission's initial adoption of the rules is subject to the rules as they exist on the date on which the compact becomes law in that state. Any rule that has been previously adopted by the commission has the full force and effect of law on the date the compact becomes law in that state.

3. Withdrawal. A member state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the compact.

A. A member state's withdrawal does not take effect until 6 months after enactment of the repealing statute.

B. Withdrawal does not affect the continuing requirement of the state's audiology or speech-language pathology licensing board to comply with the investigative and adverse action reporting requirements of this compact prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

4. Construction. Nothing in this compact may be construed to invalidate or prevent any audiology or speech-language pathology licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a member state and a nonmember state that does not conflict with the provisions of this compact.

5. Amendments. This compact may be amended by the member states. An amendment to this compact does not become effective and binding upon any member state until it is enacted into the statutes of all member states.

§17513. Construction and severability

This compact must be liberally construed so as to effectuate its purposes. The provisions of this compact are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any member state or of the United States or the applicability of this compact to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability of this compact to any government, agency, person or circumstance are not affected. If this compact is held to be contrary to the constitution of any member state, the compact remains in full force and effect as to the remaining member states and in full force and effect as to the member state affected as to all severable matters.

§17514. Binding effect of compact and other laws

Nothing in this compact prevents the enforcement of any other law of a member state that is not inconsistent with the compact. Any laws in a member state in conflict with the compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict. Any lawful actions of the commission, including all rules and bylaws promulgated by the commission, are binding upon the member states. All agreements between the commission and the member states are binding in accordance with their terms. If any provision of the compact exceeds the constitutional limits imposed on the legislature of any member state, the provision is ineffective to the extent of the conflict with the constitutional provision in question in that member state.

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: Provides ongoing funds for the technology and other administrative costs associated with adding one Comprehensive Health Planner II position to support the anticipated increase in workload associated with joining the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,285	\$4,325
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,285	\$4,325

Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 0352

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one Comprehensive Health Planner II position and related All Other costs to support the anticipated increase in workload associated with joining the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$73,946	\$104,273
All Other	\$12,267	\$8,834
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$86,213	\$113,107

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$89,498	\$117,432

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 311

S.P. 342 - L.D. 783

An Act to Protect Certain Private Emergency Services Personnel from Liability Under the Maine Tort Claims Act

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §8102, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2003, c. 489, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Employee. "Employee" means a person acting on behalf of a governmental entity in any official capacity, whether temporarily or permanently, and whether with or without compensation from local, state or federal funds, including:

- A. Elected or appointed officials;
- B. Volunteer firefighters as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 4;
- C. Emergency medical services personnel;
- D. Members of the Maine National Guard but only while performing state active service pursuant to Title 37-B;
- E. Sheriff's deputies as described in Title 30-A, section 381 when they are serving orders pursuant to section 3135;
- F. Persons while performing a search and rescue activity when requested by a state, county or local governmental entity; and
- G. Mutual aid emergency response personnel.

"Employee" does not mean a person or other legal entity acting in the capacity of an independent contractor under contract to the governmental entity.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §8102, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Mutual aid emergency response employer. "Mutual aid emergency response employer" means the Bath Iron Works Corporation or its successor solely with respect to mutual aid emergency response personnel acting pursuant to a mutual aid agreement with a state or municipal entity or in response to a request for aid from a state or municipal entity.

Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §8102, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:

1-C. Mutual aid emergency response personnel. "Mutual aid emergency response personnel" means the professionally trained firefighting, emergency medical service or rescue personnel employed by the Bath Iron Works Corporation or its successor when acting pursuant to a mutual aid agreement with a state or municipal entity or in response to a request for aid from a state or municipal entity.

Sec. 4. 14 MRSA §8102, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2011, c. 520, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Political subdivision. "Political subdivision" means any city, town, plantation, county, administrative entity or instrumentality created pursuant to Title 30-A, chapters 115 and 119, incorporated fire-fighting unit that is organized under Title 13-B and is officially recognized by any authority created by statute, quasi-municipal corporation and special purpose district, including, but not limited to, any water district, sanitary district, hospital district, school district of any type, an

airport authority established pursuant to Title 6, chapter 10, any volunteer fire association as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, a transit district as defined in Title 30-A, section 3501, subsection 1, a regional transportation corporation as defined in Title 30-A, section 3501, subsection 2, a transit district or regional transportation corporation formed under the laws of another state that would qualify as a transit district or regional transportation corporation under Title 30-A, chapter 163 if formed under the laws of this State and, any emergency medical service and a mutual aid emergency response employer.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 312
H.P. 508 - L.D. 819

An Act to Reduce the Penalty for Operating a Motor Vehicle Under a Suspended License in Certain Situations

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2412-A, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2009, c. 493, §3, is further amended to read:

8. Traffic infraction. A person commits a traffic infraction operating while license suspended as described in subsection 1-A, paragraph A if the person has not been convicted or adjudicated of a prior offense under this section and the sole basis for the suspension is:

- A. Failure to pay a fine;
- B. Failure to pay a license reinstatement fee; or
- C. Suspension for a dishonored check;
- D. Failure to provide proof of insurance to the Secretary of State;
- E. Failure to pay child support;
- F. Failure to appear in court; or
- G. Failure to submit to an examination or to provide information as requested by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 1258, subsection 5.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 313
S.P. 504 - L.D. 1223**

**An Act to Clarify Insurance in
the Joint Use of Public Utility
Equipment**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §2524, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Insurance requirements. The owner of a shared-use pole may require a municipality, as a condition of the municipality's attachment to the owner's shared-use pole, to purchase and maintain a general liability insurance policy meeting the pole owner's insurance requirements. The pole owner may not require that the general liability insurance have a coverage limit in excess of \$5,000,000 per occurrence. In accordance with Title 14, section 8116, if the limits provided in the insurance policy are in excess of the limit imposed by Title 14, section 8105, the limits in the policy will replace the limit imposed by Title 14, section 8105 and if the insurance policy provides coverage in areas where the municipality is immune, the municipality is liable in those substantive areas but only to the limits of the insurance coverage.

This subsection is repealed October 1, 2028.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 314
H.P. 850 - L.D. 1336**

**An Act to Increase
Transparency in Municipal
Ballot Referenda Expenditures**

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1053-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 217, §5, 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 in towns or cities with a population of 15,000 or more, that organization must 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 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 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 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. 2. 30-A MRSA §2502, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 389, §60 and affected by §62, is further amended to read:

2. Municipal referenda campaigns. ~~Municipal referenda campaigns in towns or cities with a population of 15,000 or more are campaign finance reporting is governed by Title 21-A, chapter 13, subchapter 4. The registrations and reports of political action committees and ballot question committees must be filed with the municipal clerk. A town or city with a population of less than 15,000 may choose to be governed by Title 21-A, chapter 13, subchapter 4 by vote of its legislative body at least 90 days before a referendum election. 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 that subchapter.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 315
H.P. 895 - L.D. 1400**

**An Act to Allow Certain Social
Workers to Diagnose Organic
Mental Illnesses**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §7001-A, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 736, §2, is amended to read:

10. Psychosocial evaluation. "Psychosocial evaluation" includes the determination and examination by social workers of the psychosocial situation of an indi-

vidual or group related to interpersonal and intrapersonal stress, family background, family interaction, living arrangements and socioeconomic problems and treatment, evaluation, plans and goals, including the diagnosis of mental illness and emotional disorders for the purpose of treatment and therapeutic intervention, but excluding the ~~diagnosis of organic mental illness or treatment of any illness by organic therapy, to the extent permitted by the licensure provision of this chapter. In the process of making a diagnosis and formulating a treatment plan for mental illness or emotional disorder, the social worker shall assure, consistent~~ comply with rules to be promulgated adopted by the board, that the person is examined by a physician and may take into account the physician's opinion in forming the psychosocial evaluation. When a person has been seen by a physician within 3 months prior to seeking mental health treatment, a telephone conversation between that physician and the social worker may be held in lieu of the examination required by this subsection. The medical visit or the telephone conversation shall be documented in the clinical records of the person. This requirement shall apply only in cases where there is a presence of psychopathology. The board shall define standards by rule, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, for implementation of this subsection.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §7031, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 584, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §7053-A, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 736, §12, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A person licensed under this chapter may act in accordance with the following requirements.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 316

H.P. 931 - L.D. 1435

An Act to Reduce Commercial Sexual Exploitation

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3360-I, first ¶, as amended by PL 2013, c. 607, §1, is further amended to read:

As part of the sentence or fine imposed, the court shall impose an assessment of \$35 on any person convicted of murder, a Class A crime, a Class B crime or a Class C crime and \$20 on any person convicted of a Class D crime or a Class E crime, except that the court shall impose an assessment of \$1,000 on any person convicted of aggravated sex trafficking as described in Title 17-A, section 852, an assessment of \$500 on any person convicted of sex trafficking as described in Title

17-A, section 853, an assessment of \$500 on any person for the first conviction and \$1,000 for each subsequent conviction of engaging a ~~prostitute person for prostitution~~ as described in Title 17-A, section 853-B and an assessment of \$500 on any person for the first conviction and \$1,000 for each subsequent conviction of ~~patronizing prostitution commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or patronizing prostitution commercial sexual exploitation of a mentally disabled person with a mental disability~~ as described in Title 17-A, section 855. Notwithstanding any other law, 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.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §151, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the objective of the conspiracy is a violation of section 853-B and the actor's participation was engaging or agreeing to personally engage in a sexual act or sexual contact for pecuniary benefit.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §259-B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 135, §1, is amended to read:

§259-B. Solicitation of a child to engage in prostitution for commercial sexual exploitation

1. A person is guilty of soliciting a child ~~to engage in prostitution for commercial sexual exploitation~~ if the actor knowingly solicits directly or indirectly by any means a person the actor knows or believes is under 18 years of age to engage in an act of prostitution, as defined in section 851.

2. Violation of this section is a Class ~~D~~ C crime.

Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §851, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1995, c. 638, §1, is further amended to read:

1. "Prostitution" means engaging in, or agreeing to engage in, or offering to engage in a sexual act or sexual contact, as those terms are defined in section 251, in return for a pecuniary benefit to be received by the person ~~engaging in prostitution being prostituted or~~ engaging in prostitution being prostituted or a 3rd person;

Sec. 5. 17-A MRSA §851, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 638, §2, is further amended to read:

1-A. "Engages a ~~prostitute person for prostitution~~" means providing, ~~offering to provide or agreeing to provide, either to the person whose prostitution who is~~

sought for an act of prostitution or to a 3rd person, pecuniary benefit in return for a sexual act or sexual contact as those terms are defined in section 251;

Sec. 6. 17-A MRSA §853, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2015, c. 360, §1, is further amended to read:

B. The person violates paragraph A and has 2 or more prior convictions in this State for any combination of the Maine offenses listed in this paragraph or for engaging in substantially similar conduct to that of the Maine offenses listed in this paragraph in another jurisdiction. The Maine offenses are any violation of this section or section 852, ~~853-A~~, 853-B or 855 or attempts to commit any of these crimes. Section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime.

Sec. 7. 17-A MRSA §853, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the act alleged to constitute sex trafficking consisted of the person publicly soliciting a patron to engage in prostitution only with the person.

Sec. 8. 17-A MRSA §853-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 315, §§1 and 2, is repealed.

Sec. 9. 17-A MRSA §853-B, as amended by PL 2013, c. 407, §4, is further amended to read:

§853-B. Engaging a prostitute person for prostitution

1. A person is guilty of engaging a prostitute person for prostitution if:

A. The person engages a prostitute person for prostitution within the meaning of section 851, subsection 1-A. Violation of this paragraph is a Class E crime; or

B. The person violates paragraph A and, at the time of the offense, the person has one or more prior convictions under this section or for engaging in substantially similar conduct to that contained in this section in another jurisdiction. Section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence, except that, for the purposes of this paragraph, the date of the prior conviction may not precede the commission of the offense by more than 2 years. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime.

Sec. 10. 17-A MRSA §855, as amended by PL 2021, c. 447, §§2 and 3, is further amended to read:

§855. Patronizing prostitution Commercial sexual exploitation of minor or person with mental disability

1. A person is guilty of patronizing prostitution commercial sexual exploitation of a minor if:

A. The person, in return for another's an act of prostitution, gives, offers to give or agrees to give a pecuniary benefit either to the person whose prostitution is sought being prostituted or to a 3rd person and the person whose prostitution is sought being prostituted has not in fact attained 18 years of age or the person knows or believes that the person whose prostitution is sought being prostituted has not attained 18 years of age. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime; or

3. A person is guilty of patronizing prostitution commercial sexual exploitation of a mentally disabled person with a mental disability if:

A. The person, in return for another's an act of prostitution, gives, offers to give or agrees to give a pecuniary benefit either to the person whose prostitution is sought being prostituted or to a 3rd person and the person whose prostitution is sought being prostituted suffers from a mental disability that is reasonably apparent or known to the actor and that in fact renders the other person with a mental disability substantially incapable of appraising the nature of the conduct or conduct involved. Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime.

Sec. 11. 17-A MRSA §1111-B, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 724, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (16) to read:

(16) ~~Patronizing prostitution~~ Commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or person with a mental disability as described in section 855;

Sec. 12. 17-A MRSA §1604, sub-§5, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

B. If the State pleads and proves that, at the time any crime, excluding murder, under chapter 9, 11, 12, 13, 27 or 35, ~~excluding section 853-A~~; section 402-A, subsection 1, paragraph A; or section 752-A or 752-C was committed, or an attempt of any such crime was committed, the individual had 2 or more prior convictions under chapter 9, 11, 12, 13, 27 or 35, ~~excluding section 853-A~~; section 402-A, subsection 1, paragraph A; or section 752-A or 752-C, or for an attempt of any such crime, or for engaging in substantially similar conduct in another jurisdiction, the sentencing class for the crime is one class higher than it would otherwise be.

(1) In the case of a Class A crime, the sentencing class is not elevated, but the prior record must be assigned special weight by the court when imposing a sentence.

(2) Section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence, except

that, for the purposes of this paragraph, for violations under chapter 11, the dates of prior convictions may have occurred at any time.

This paragraph does not apply to section 210-A if the prior convictions have already served to elevate the sentencing class under section 210-A, subsection 1, paragraph C or E or any other offense in which prior convictions have already served to elevate the sentencing class.

Sec. 13. 17-A MRSA §1902, sub-§6, as corrected by RR 2019, c. 2, Pt. A, §21, is repealed.

Sec. 14. 18-C MRSA §9-401, sub-§4, ¶F, as amended by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. A, §106, is further amended to read:

F. Has in that child's family background factors such as severe mental illness, substance use disorder, prostitution, commercial sexual exploitation, genetic or medical conditions or illnesses that place the child at risk for future problems.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 317

S.P. 571 - L.D. 1453

An Act to Amend the Physical Therapist Practice Laws

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §3111, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 555, §2, is amended to read:

3. Physical therapist. "Physical therapist" means a person who ~~practices~~ is licensed pursuant to this chapter to practice physical therapy.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3111, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 555, §2, is amended to read:

4. Physical therapist assistant. "Physical therapist assistant" means a person who is licensed pursuant to this chapter and who assists a physical therapist in specific components of treatment, prevention and educational interventions within the practice of physical therapy.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §3111, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. N, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Physical therapy or physiotherapy. "Physical therapy" ~~is or "physiotherapy" means the practice provision of services in the scope of which practice that is set forth in section 3111-A.~~

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §3111, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 555, §2, is amended to read:

6. Practice of physical therapy. "Practice of physical therapy" means the rendering of or offering to render any service involving physical therapy ~~for a fee, salary or other compensation, monetary or otherwise, paid directly or indirectly to detect, assess, prevent, correct, alleviate or limit physical disability, bodily malfunction and pain from injury, disease or any other bodily condition.~~

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §3111, sub-§7, as amended by PL 1983, c. 468, §9, is further amended to read:

7. Referral. "Referral" means the request of ~~a~~ an advanced practice registered nurse, certified nurse midwife, physician assistant, naturopathic doctor or doctor of medicine, surgery, osteopathy, podiatry or dentistry or any other health care provider acting within the scope of that health care provider's license to a physical therapist to accept one of his ~~that health care provider's~~ patients for treatment.

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §3113-A, as amended by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. E, §41 and affected by §47, is further amended to read:

§3113-A. License required; limitations and exceptions

A person may not practice or profess to be authorized to practice physical therapy or physiotherapy as a physical therapist in this State or use the words "physical therapist" or "physiotherapist" or the letters "P.T." or other words or letters to indicate that the person using those words or letters is a licensed physical therapist unless that person is licensed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

~~After one year from the effective date of this chapter, a~~ A person may not act or profess to be able to act as a physical therapist assistant or physiotherapist assistant in this State or use the words "physical therapist assistant" or the letters "P.T.A." or other words or letters to indicate that the person using those words or letters is a licensed physical therapist assistant unless that person is licensed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

Nothing in this chapter may be construed as authorizing a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant, licensed or not licensed, to practice medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, chiropractic or any other form of healing, except that physical therapists may utilize manipulative techniques if practiced within the scope of their profession. ~~Physical therapists may not apply manipulative thrust to the vertebrae of the spine except upon consultation with, and referral by, a duly licensed doctor of medicine, surgery, chiropractic or osteopathy.~~ A licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant may not administer drugs except upon the referral of a duly licensed doctor of medicine, surgery, osteopathy, podiatry or dentistry, ~~and~~ or other licensed health care provider who has authority to prescribe drugs. A licensed physical therapist may not use roentgen rays or

radium or use electricity for surgical purposes. A licensed physical therapist assistant may act only under the direction of a physical therapist licensed to practice in this State.

When treating a patient without referral from ~~a~~ an advanced practice registered nurse, certified nurse midwife, physician assistant, naturopathic doctor or doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, dentistry or chiropractic, the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant is subject to the following requirements.

1. No medical diagnosis. A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant may not make a medical diagnosis. The physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall refer to an advanced practice registered nurse, certified nurse midwife, physician assistant, naturopathic doctor or a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, dentistry or chiropractic a patient whose physical condition, either at the initial evaluation or during subsequent treatment, the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant determines to be beyond the scope of the practice of the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant.

2. No improvement. If no improvement in the patient is documented by the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant within 30 days of initiation of treatment and the condition the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant is treating has not been medically diagnosed in the last 90 days, the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall consult with or refer the patient to an advanced practice registered nurse, certified nurse midwife, physician assistant, naturopathic doctor or a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, dentistry or chiropractic.

3. Length of treatment. For treatment required beyond 120 days for a condition that has not been medically diagnosed, the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall consult with, or refer the patient to, an advanced practice registered nurse, certified nurse midwife, physician assistant, naturopathic doctor or a licensed doctor of medicine, surgery, osteopathy, podiatry, dentistry or chiropractic. The physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall document the action taken.

4. Exception. The requirements to refer a patient in subsections 2 and 3 do not apply to:

A. Services provided for purposes of health promotion, injury prevention, wellness, fitness, athletic performance or maintenance therapy;

B. Patients diagnosed within the previous 9 months with a chronic neuromuscular or developmental condition when the services are being provided for problems or symptoms associated with that previously diagnosed condition; or

C. Services provided pursuant to an individualized education plan or individual family service plan under federal law.

~~Am~~ In accordance with this section and except as provided in subsection 4, an employer is not liable under Title 39-A, section 206 for charges for services of a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant unless the employee has been referred to that practitioner by an advanced practice registered nurse, certified nurse midwife, physician assistant, naturopathic doctor or a licensed doctor of medicine, surgery, osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry or dentistry.

Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §3113-B, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 178, §3, is amended to read:

3. Persons employed by licensed doctors. Any person employed by and under the control of a duly licensed doctor in that doctor's office from administering ~~physical therapy~~ modalities, ~~providing as long as~~ that person does not profess to be a physical therapist ~~or,~~ physiotherapist, physical therapist assistant or physiotherapist assistant or use words or letters to indicate that the person is a licensed physical therapist or physical therapist assistant;

Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §3116, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. N, §8, is further amended to read:

§3116. License renewal

All licenses must be renewed ~~biennially on or before March 31st of each even numbered year or at such other times as the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation may designate upon application by the licensee accompanied by the renewal fee as set under section 3116-A. Any license not renewed by March 31st~~ the date set by the commissioner automatically expires. The board may renew an expired license if the renewal notice is returned within 90 days of the expiration date and upon payment of a late fee in addition to the renewal fee as set under section 3116-A. A person who submits an application for renewal more than 90 days after the license expiration date is subject to all requirements governing new applicants under this chapter, except that the board may in its discretion, giving due consideration to the protection of the public, waive examination if the renewal application is made within 2 years from the date of that expiration.

Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §3116-B is enacted to read:

§3116-B. Continuing education requirements for license renewal

The board shall establish by rule continuing education requirements as a condition of renewal of a license as authorized under Title 10, section 8003, subsection 5-A, paragraph D.

Sec. 10. 32 MRSA §3121 is enacted to read:

§3121. 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 under this chapter. The background check must include criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System and, once approved and authorized by the federal Department of Justice, from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The following provisions apply.

A. The criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System must include a record of 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 State Police, upon payment of a fee established by the board by rule by the applicant, shall take or cause to be taken the applicant's fingerprints and shall forward the fingerprints to the State Bureau of Identification so that the bureau 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 State Police for purposes of this paragraph must be paid over to the Treasurer of State. The money must be applied to the expenses of administration incurred by the Department of Public Safety.

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 may be used by the board for the purpose of screening each 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 any other person or entity.

G. An applicant whose license has expired and who has not applied for renewal may request in writing that the State Bureau of Identification remove the applicant's fingerprints from the bureau's finger-

print file. In response to a written request, the bureau shall remove the applicant's fingerprints from the fingerprint file and provide written confirmation of that removal.

2. Rules. The board, following consultation with the State Bureau of Identification, 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.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 318

H.P. 991 - L.D. 1539

**An Act to Promote a Diverse,
More Experienced Workforce
and Ensure High-quality
Careers by Increasing
Registered Apprenticeship
Programs**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §3201, sub-§23-A is enacted to read:

23-A. Total package value. "Total package value" means the hourly sum of the following:

A. Wages;

B. The dollar value of employer-paid health insurance; and

C. The dollar value of employer-paid retirement contribution benefits, except those retirement contribution benefits that require the employee to match the employer-paid contributions for the employee to access the retirement fund offered by the employer.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §3203, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 491, §13, is amended to read:

E. A schedule of progressively increasing wages to be paid to an apprentice consistent with the skill acquired. The entry wage may not be less than the minimum wage prescribed by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 for student preapprentices and not less than ~~\$10 per hour~~ or 50% of the journeyman rate, ~~whichever is highest,~~ for adult registered apprentices, unless a higher wage is required by other applicable federal law or regulation or state law or rule or by collective bargaining agreement. For purposes of this paragraph, "journeyman rate" is the rate of pay established by the sponsor for an apprentice who has met all of the skill, knowledge and competency requirements for that occupation;

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §3203, sub-§1, ¶T, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 491, §13, is amended to read:

T. The name, address, telephone number and e-mail address, if appropriate, for the appropriate individual with authority under the apprenticeship program to receive, process and make disposition of complaints; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §3203, sub-§1, ¶U, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 491, §13, is amended to read:

U. Provision for recording and maintenance of all records concerning apprenticeship as may be required by the Maine Apprenticeship Program and other applicable law; ~~;~~

Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §3203, sub-§1, ¶V is enacted to read:

V. The dollar value of employer-paid health insurance; and

Sec. 6. 26 MRSA §3203, sub-§1, ¶W is enacted to read:

W. The dollar value of employer-paid retirement contribution benefits, except those retirement contribution benefits that require the employee to match the employer-paid contributions for the employee to access the retirement fund offered by the employer.

Sec. 7. 26 MRSA §3204, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 491, §13, is amended to read:

2. Evaluation. The Maine Apprenticeship Program shall evaluate the performance of a registered apprenticeship program. The tools and factors to be used must include, but are not limited to:

- A. Quality assurance assessments;
- B. Equal employment opportunity compliance reviews; ~~and~~
- C. Completion rates. The cancellation of an apprenticeship agreement during the probationary period under section 3205, subsection 8 does not have an adverse impact on an apprenticeship program's completion rate; ~~and~~
- D. The total package value of a registered apprenticeship program.

Sec. 8. 26 MRSA §3204, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Registered apprenticeship programs not in compliance. The department shall identify and act to remedy registered apprenticeship programs that are:

- A. Not in compliance with quality assurance assessments;
- B. Experiencing low rates of retention or completion; or

C. Not providing an adequate total package value to apprentices completing an apprenticeship program as determined by the department.

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. 9. 26 MRSA §3204, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Department to perform assessment annually. Beginning January 1, 2024, the department shall annually perform an assessment on the Maine Apprenticeship Program. The assessment must include, but is not limited to, the following:

- A. A summary of performance data collected from program sponsors;
- B. Best practices being used and areas for improvement, as determined by the department; and
- C. Steps taken by the department to ensure continuous improvement on key performance metrics.

Sec. 10. 26 MRSA §3209, sub-§4, ¶J, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 491, §13, is amended to read:

J. Ensuring an annual report is provided by March 1st of each year to the Governor, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor and economic development matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs that includes the following:

- (1) The name and location of each sponsor;
- (2) The number of apprentices registered into and completing apprenticeship; ~~and~~
- (3) The return on investment; ~~;~~
- (4) Data on wages and benefits for apprentices enrolled in apprenticeship programs and for apprentices who complete an apprenticeship program;
- (5) Actions taken by the council to ensure apprenticeships are leading to well-paying jobs and careers; and
- (6) The assessment required under section 3204, subsection 6.

Sec. 11. 26 MRSA §3211, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Monetary incentive program; historically underrepresented populations. To the extent that funding is available, the Maine Apprenticeship Council shall, in coordination with the department, establish a financial incentive program for registered apprenticeships to recruit historically underrepresented populations. No more than 50% of the funds granted under this

program may be allocated to the registered apprenticeship sponsor, and the remaining 50% of the funds must be reserved for stipends for registered apprentices who meet the criteria established under this program.

Sec. 12. 26 MRSA §3211, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Department, Maine Apprenticeship Council to establish criteria for funding registered apprenticeships. The Maine Apprenticeship Council shall, in coordination with the department, establish criteria for funding registered apprenticeship programs. The criteria must establish benchmarks and consider the total package value that a registered apprentice graduate earns upon transitioning to journeyman status.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 319

H.P. 1004 - L.D. 1559

An Act to Advance the State's Public Transit Systems by Reinvigorating the Public Transit Advisory Council

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §73, sub-§3, ¶E, as corrected by RR 1991, c. 2, §88, is amended to read:

E. Meet the diverse transportation needs of the people of the State, including rural and urban populations and the unique mobility needs of ~~the elderly older adults and disabled persons with disabilities, including the employment of alternative modes of transportation;~~

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §73, sub-§3, ¶F, as corrected by RR 1991, c. 2, §88, is amended to read:

F. Be consistent with the purposes, goals and policies of the Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Regulation Act; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §73, sub-§3, ¶G, as corrected by RR 1991, c. 2, §88, is amended to read:

G. Incorporate a public participation process in which local governmental bodies and the public have timely notice and opportunity to identify and comment on concerns related to transportation planning decisions, capital investment decisions and project decisions. The department and the Maine Turnpike Authority shall take the comments and concerns of local citizens into account and must be responsive to them; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 23 MRSA §73, sub-§3, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. Facilitate and support the public transportation systems in the State to achieve accessibility, affordability and convenience for the average person's mobility needs.

Sec. 5. 23 MRSA §4209-A, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 182, §8, is amended to read:

B. The following individuals appointed by the commissioner:

- (1) One representative each from the federally designated planning organizations for the Bangor, Kittery, Lewiston and Auburn and Portland regions;
- (2) One representative of private bus operators;
- (3) One representative of a statewide non-profit organization advocating on behalf of ~~the elderly~~ older adults;
- (4) One representative of a medical provider;
- (5) One representative of ~~a business that relies on public transportation~~ an organization representing the business community with an interest in improving public transportation;
- (6) One representative of a statewide association of planning and development agencies;
- (7) One representative of an organization representing persons with disabilities;
- (8) ~~One representative of a nonprofit transit provider~~ Four representatives of 2 separate public or nonprofit transit agencies, 2 of whom represent an urban agency and 2 of whom represent a rural agency;
- (9) One representative of an economic development organization; ~~and~~
- (10) One representative of an organization representing low-income persons;
- (11) One representative of an organization from one of the State's immigrant communities;
- (12) One representative of the State's un-housed community; and
- (13) One representative representing youth interests who is 16 years of age or older and under 25 years of age.

In making appointments, the commissioner shall ensure that rural and urban areas are represented.

Sec. 6. 23 MRSA §4209-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 211, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Terms, vacancies and council chair. A member of the council appointed pursuant to subsection 2,

paragraph B serves for a term of 3 years. Terms must be staggered so that approximately ~~one-third~~ 1/3 of the council is renewed each calendar year. If a member is unable to complete the term, the commissioner shall appoint a member from the same category of members listed in subsection 2, paragraph B as the member who vacated the council to serve out the unexpired portion of the term. ~~The commissioner shall determine how the council is to choose a chair and for how long the chair is to serve.~~ The council shall annually elect a chair and vice chair from among its members, each of whom serves a term of one year.

Sec. 7. 23 MRSA §4209-A, sub-§4-A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 211, §2, is amended to read:

4-A. Meetings and deliberations. The council shall meet ~~at the call of the chair~~ no less than ~~once~~ 3 times per year ~~at the call of the chair~~. The council may form subcommittees and adopt bylaws and other policies to effectively govern its the council's proceedings.

Sec. 8. 23 MRSA §4209-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2019, c. 211, §2, is further amended to read:

5. Report. The council shall report on its deliberations and any recommendations by March 1st of each odd-numbered year to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters and health and human services matters. The report must include:

A. An assessment of the level of public transportation services and infrastructure provided to the public in each geographic region;

B. Recommendations for the level of service and supporting infrastructure that should be provided and, an estimate of the cost of providing those services and supporting infrastructure and a recommendation for any necessary additional funding; and

D. A progress report on ~~recommendations contained in~~ the implementation of the most recent statewide strategic transit plan for the department as well as the quinquennial locally coordinated plan for regional transit under section 4209, subsection 2.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 320

H.P. 1013 - L.D. 1568

An Act to Protect Access to Absentee Ballot Drop Boxes

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §674, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2003, c. 447, §14, is further amended to read:

B. Interferes with a voter attempting to cast a vote, including by knowingly blocking or attempting to block a voter's access to a secured drop box;

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §752-B, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Access to secured drop box. During the absentee voting period, to the extent possible, a municipality shall ensure that a path to each secured drop box is clear of all barriers.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 321

S.P. 622 - L.D. 1591

An Act to Promote Economic Reuse of Contaminated Land Through Clean Energy Development

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 477, §1, is amended to read:

11. Report; ~~Class IA resource and thermal renewable energy credit portfolio requirements.~~ By March 31, 2024 and every 3 years thereafter, the ~~commission~~ 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 ~~Governor's Energy Office commission~~, of the status and impacts of the implementation of the portfolio requirements for ~~Class IA resources under subsection~~ subsections 3, 3-A, 3-B and thermal renewable energy credits under subsection 3-C. 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. ~~The report required under this subsection may be submitted in conjunction with the report required under subsection 3-A, paragraph C.~~ After reviewing the report required under this subsection, the committee may report out legislation regarding renewable portfolio requirements.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Standard-offer service provider. In accordance with section 3210-J, subsection 4, a standard-offer service provider may satisfy the requirements of this section using renewable energy credits procured

pursuant to section 3210-J and assigned by the commission to that standard-offer service provider for the purposes of satisfying the requirements of this section.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3210-J is enacted to read:

§3210-J. Renewable energy procurement; reuse of contaminated lands

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Combined project" means an eligible Class IA resource paired and collocated with an energy storage system connected to the State's electricity grid, whether metered jointly or separately from the eligible Class IA resource.

B. "Contaminated land" means agricultural land contaminated by perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances as defined in Title 38, section 1614, subsection 1, paragraph F that may no longer be used for its current or historical agricultural purposes as determined by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry in accordance with applicable state and federal food safety standards.

C. "Eligible Class IA resource" means a Class IA resource, as defined in section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph A-3:

(1) That begins commercial operation on or after September 19, 2023; and

(2) For which a system impact study required by the New England independent system operator has been filed.

D. "Energy storage system" has the same meaning as in section 3481, subsection 6.

2. Competitive procurement. The commission shall direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into one or more contracts for energy and 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 competitive solicitations for contracts under this paragraph for energy and 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.

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, the commission shall initiate a 2nd competitive solicitation within 12 months of the conclusion of the first solicitation. The commission shall 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; 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.

3. Contract terms. A contract entered into pursuant to this section must be for a term of no more than 20 years, unless the commission finds a contract for a longer term to be prudent.

4. Renewable energy credits. The commission shall by rule establish a process to assign renewable energy credits procured pursuant to subsection 2 to a standard-offer service provider in order to satisfy that standard-offer service provider's renewable resource portfolio requirements under section 3210.

5. Rules. The commission shall 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.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 322

S.P. 623 - L.D. 1592

An Act to Amend the Law Governing Special Motions to Dismiss to Include Workplace and Title IX Claims

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §556, 6th ¶, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 413, §1, is amended to read:

As used in this section, "a party's exercise of its right of petition" means any written or oral statement made before or submitted to a legislative, executive or judicial body, or any other governmental proceeding; any written or oral statement made in connection with an issue under consideration or review by a legislative, executive or judicial body, or any other governmental proceeding; any statement reasonably likely to encourage consideration or review of an issue by a legislative, executive or judicial body, or any other governmental proceeding; any statement reasonably likely to enlist public participation in an effort to effect such consideration; any written or oral statement made in connection with a discrimination complaint pursuant to the Maine

Human Rights Act; 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 any other statement falling within constitutional protection of the right to petition government.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 323

H.P. 1049 - L.D. 1624

An Act to Clarify the Procedure for Amending the Birth Certificate of an Adult to Recognize a Parent Not Known or Listed at the Time of Birth

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2705, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2021, c. 49, §4, is further amended to read:

6. Amendment of birth certificate of adult. Amendment of a birth certificate of a person 18 years of age or older born in this State for the purpose of identifying ~~or replacing~~ a genetic parent who was not known or listed at the time of birth is governed by section 2767-A.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2767-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 49, §6, is further amended to read:

§2767-A. Amendment of birth certificate of adult

1. ~~Amendment~~ Addition of parent to birth certificate based on genetic testing. The State Registrar of Vital Statistics shall amend the birth certificate of a person 18 years of age or older born in this State for the purpose of identifying ~~or replacing~~ a genetic parent who was not known or listed at the time of birth when the state registrar has received the following:

A. A signed, notarized request to amend the birth certificate from the adult subject of the birth certificate ~~that the birth certificate be amended~~;

B. Either the written, notarized consent of the genetic parent to be named on the amended birth certificate or a certified copy of the death certificate of the genetic parent to be named on the amended birth certificate; and

C. Evidence of genetic parentage based on testing of deoxyribonucleic acid, DNA, that includes:

(1) A notarized report of the results of the DNA testing; and

(2) Notarized documentation of the chain of custody of the blood and tissue samples examined in the testing.

The testing must be of a type generally acknowledged as reliable by accreditation bodies designated by the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services, and it must be performed by a laboratory approved by an accreditation body designated by the federal Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The process for amending a birth certificate under this subsection may not be used to replace a parent listed on the birth certificate. A genetic parent who was not known or listed at the time of birth may be added to a birth certificate under this subsection even if more than 2 parents will be listed on the birth certificate as a result of the amendment.

2. Effect. If the request submitted pursuant to subsection 1 does not contain the written, notarized consent of the genetic parent to be named on the amended birth certificate, amendment of the birth certificate pursuant to this section does not affect the rights of inheritance and descent. ~~A birth certificate amended without the written, notarized consent of the genetic parent to be named on and the amended birth certificate must contain the following words in a conspicuous place: "This birth certificate has been amended to identify or replace a genetic parent not known or listed at the time of birth. This amendment does not affect the rights of inheritance or descent of the subject of the birth certificate."~~

3. Amendment of birth certificate based on voluntary acknowledgment of parentage. The State Registrar of Vital Statistics shall amend the birth certificate of a person 18 years of age or older born in this State for the purpose of identifying a parent who was not known or listed at the time of birth if the birth certificate lists only one parent or if a parent listed on the birth certificate will be replaced with a new parent when the state registrar has received the following:

- A. A signed, notarized request to amend the birth certificate from the adult subject of the birth certificate;
- B. A properly executed voluntary acknowledgment of parentage that complies with the requirements of Title 19-A, chapter 61, subchapter 3; and
- C. If the acknowledged parent will replace a parent listed on the birth certificate, a properly executed denial of parentage from the parent to be replaced that meets the requirements of Title 19-A, chapter 61, subchapter 3.

4. Amendment of birth certificate based on adoption or parentage action. The State Registrar of Vital Statistics shall amend the birth certificate of a person 18 years of age or older born in this State in response to a request by the adult that the adult's birth certificate reflect the adult's parentage as set forth in:

- A. A court order adjudicating parentage pursuant to Title 19-A, chapter 61; or

B. An adoption decree pursuant to Title 18-C, article 9.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 324

S.P. 647 - L.D. 1630

**An Act Regarding Campaign
Finance and Lobbying
Disclosure and Enforcement of
Income Source Reporting
Requirements**

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §1016-C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 132, §1, is further amended 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.

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §1016-G, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2019, c. 534, §5, is further amended to read:

3. Penalties. Penalties for violations of this section are as follows.

A. Failing to file a statement within 15 days of having been notified by the commission is subject to a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$100 may be adjudged ~~penalty not to exceed \$250 for a Legislator or \$100 for a candidate payable to the commission.~~ A statement is not considered filed unless it substantially conforms to the requirements of this subchapter and is properly signed. The commission shall determine whether a statement substantially conforms to the requirements of this subchapter.

B. The intentional filing of a false statement is a Class E crime. If the commission concludes that it appears that a Legislator has willfully filed a false statement, it shall refer its findings of fact to the Attorney General. If the commission determines that a Legislator has willfully failed to file a statement required by this subchapter or has willfully

filed a false statement, the Legislator is presumed to have a conflict of interest on every question.

Within 3 business days of a filing deadline, the commission shall mail a notice to a Legislator or candidate who has failed to file a statement required under this subchapter. If a Legislator or candidate does not file the statement within 15 days of the notice, the commission shall mail a notice of a preliminary penalty of \$250 for a Legislator or \$100 for a candidate pursuant to paragraph A. The Legislator or candidate may request a waiver of the penalty within 15 days of the penalty notice. If no request is made, the preliminary penalty of \$250 for a Legislator or \$100 for a candidate is final. If the Legislator or candidate requests a waiver, the commission shall consider the request at its next meeting for a determination of the final penalty, if any. The commission staff shall confirm a final penalty in a written determination to the Legislator or candidate who did not file the statement on time. The commission's determination 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. Penalties assessed pursuant to this subsection may be enforced in accordance with Title 21-A, section 1004-B.

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §319, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 179, §7, is amended to read:

1. Failure to file registration or report. Any person who fails to file a registration or report as required by this chapter ~~may be assessed a fine~~ is subject to a civil penalty, payable to the commission, of \$100 for every month the person fails to register or is delinquent in filing a report pursuant to section 317. If a registration or report is filed late, the commission shall send a notice of the finding of violation and preliminary penalty. The notice must provide the lobbyist with an opportunity to request a waiver of the preliminary penalty. If a lobbyist files a report required pursuant to section 317 within 24 hours after the deadline, the amount of the preliminary penalty is \$50. The preliminary penalty is increased by \$50 for each successive violation during a lobbying year. The commission may waive the ~~fine~~ or penalty in whole or in part if the commission determines the failure to register or report was due to mitigating circumstances or the ~~fine~~ or penalty is disproportionate to the level of experience of the lobbyist or the harm suffered by the public from the late registration or report. For purposes of this subsection, "mitigating circumstances" means:

- A. A valid emergency determined by the commission, in the interest of the sound administration of justice, to warrant the waiver of the ~~fine~~ or penalty in whole or in part;
- B. An error by the commission; or
- C. Circumstances determined by the commission to warrant the waiver of the ~~fine~~ or penalty in whole or in part, based upon relevant evidence presented

that a bona fide effort was made to file the report in accordance with this chapter, including, but not limited to, unexplained delays in Internet service.

Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §1002, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 389, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 21-A MRSA §1002, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2011, c. 389, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 21-A MRSA §1003, sub-§3-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 323, §3, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The commission may disclose investigative working papers or discuss them at a public meeting, except for the information or records subject to a privilege against discovery or use as evidence, if the information or record is ~~materially~~ relevant to a memorandum or interim or final report by the commission staff or a decision by the commission concerning an audit, investigation or other enforcement matter. A memorandum or report on the audit or investigation prepared by staff for the commission may be disclosed at the time it is submitted to the commission, as long as the subject of the audit or investigation has an opportunity to review it first to identify material that the subject of the audit or investigation considers privileged or confidential under some other provision of law.

Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §1004-B, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 302, §3, is amended to read:

§1004-B. Enforcement of penalties assessed by the commission

The commission staff shall collect the full amount of any penalty and the return of Maine Clean Election Act funds required by the commission to be returned for a violation of the statutes or rules administered by the commission and has all necessary powers to carry out these duties. Failure to pay the full amount of any penalty assessed by the commission or return of Maine Clean Election Act funds is a civil violation by the candidate, treasurer, party committee, political action committee or other person. Thirty days after issuing the notice of penalty or order for the return of funds, the commission shall report to the Attorney General the name of any person who has failed to pay the full amount of any penalty or to return Maine Clean Election Act funds unless the commission has provided an extended deadline for payment. ~~The Attorney General shall enforce the violation in a civil action to collect the full outstanding amount of the penalty or order for the return of Maine Clean Election Act funds. The Attorney General shall enforce the violation in a civil action to collect up to 3 times the outstanding amount of the penalty or unreturned Maine Clean Election Act funds.~~ This action must be brought in the Superior Court for Kennebec County or the District Court, 7th District, Division of Southern Kennebec.

Sec. 8. 21-A MRSA §1014, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

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.

Sec. 9. 21-A MRSA §1015, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2007, c. 443, Pt. A, §12, is repealed.

Sec. 10. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 132, §7, 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 ~~was not intended to influence~~ 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 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. 11. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 132, §8, is further amended to read:

2. Commission determination. A person, party committee or political action committee may request a determination that an expenditure that otherwise meets the definition of an independent expenditure under subsection 1, paragraph B is not an independent expenditure by filing a signed written statement with the commission within 7 days of disseminating the communication stating that the cost was not incurred with ~~the intent to influence~~ a purpose of influencing the nomination, election or defeat of a candidate, supported by any additional evidence the person, party committee or political action committee chooses to submit. The commission may gather any additional evidence it determines relevant and material ~~and. The commission shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether the cost was incurred with intent to influence a purpose of, or had the effect of, influencing~~ the nomination, election or defeat of a candidate. In order to make this determination, the commission shall consider whether the language and other elements of the communication would lead a reasonable person to conclude that the communication had a purpose of, or had the effect of, influencing an election. The commission may consider

other factors, including, but not limited to, the timing of the communication, the recipients of the communication or, if the communication is a digital communication, any links to publicly accessible websites related to the nomination, election or defeat of a candidate. The commission's executive director shall make an initial determination on the request, which must be posted on the commission's publicly accessible website. Any person may appeal the initial determination, which must be considered by the commission at the next public meeting that is feasible.

Sec. 12. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 2015, c. 350, §6, is further amended to read:

B. A report required by this subsection must contain an itemized account of 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 ~~perjury~~ unsworn falsification, as provided in Title 17-A, section ~~454~~ 453, a statement ~~under oath or affirmation~~ 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. 13. 21-A MRSA §1019-B, sub-§4, ¶C, as amended by PL 2013, c. 334, §16, is further amended to read:

C. A report required by this subsection must be on a form prescribed and prepared by the commission. A person filing this report may use additional pages if necessary, but the pages must be the same size as the pages of the form. The commission may adopt procedures requiring the electronic filing of an independent expenditure report, as long as the commission ~~receives the statement made under oath or affirmation set out in paragraph B by the filing deadline and the commission~~ adopts an exception for persons who lack access to the required technology or the technological ability to file reports electronically. ~~The commission may adopt procedures allowing for the signed statement to be provisionally filed by facsimile or electronic mail, as long as the report is not considered complete without the filing of the original signed statement.~~

Sec. 14. 21-A MRSA §1020-A, sub-§4-A, as amended by IB 2015, c. 1, §7, is further amended to read:

4-A. Basis for penalties. The penalty for late filing of a report required under this subchapter is a percentage of the total contributions or expenditures for the filing period, whichever is greater, multiplied by the number of calendar days late, as follows:

- A. For the first violation, 2%;
- B. For the 2nd violation, 4%; and
- C. For the 3rd and subsequent violations, 6%.

Any penalty of less than ~~\$40~~ \$25 is waived.

Violations accumulate on reports with filing deadlines in a 2-year period that begins on January 1st of each even-numbered year. Waiver of a penalty does not nullify the finding of a violation.

A report required to be filed under this subchapter that is sent by certified or registered United States mail and postmarked at least 2 days before the deadline is not subject to penalty.

~~A registration or report may be provisionally filed by transmission of a facsimile copy of the duly executed report to the commission, as long as the facsimile copy is filed by the applicable deadline and an original of the same report is received by the commission within 5 calendar days thereafter.~~

Sec. 15. 21-A MRSA §1055-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 323, §21, is further amended to read:

1. Communications to influence ballot question elections. Whenever a person makes an expenditure exceeding \$500 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 communication must clearly and conspicuously state the name and address of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the communication, except that telephone calls must clearly state only the name of the person who made or financed the expenditure for the communication. A digital communication costing more than \$500 that includes a link to a publicly accessible website expressly advocating for or against an initiative or referendum that is on the ballot 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. 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. 16. 21-A MRSA §1062-A, sub-§3, as amended by IB 2015, c. 1, §9, is further amended to read:

3. Basis for penalties. The penalty for late filing of a report required under this subchapter is a percentage of the total contributions or expenditures for the filing period, whichever is greater, multiplied by the number of calendar days late, as follows:

- A. For the first violation, 2%;
- B. For the 2nd violation, 4%; and
- C. For the 3rd and subsequent violations, 6%.

Any penalty of less than ~~\$40~~ \$25 is waived.

Violations accumulate on reports with filing deadlines in a 2-year period that begins on January 1st of each even-numbered calendar year. Waiver of a penalty does not nullify the finding of a violation.

A report required to be filed under this subchapter that is sent by certified or registered United States mail and postmarked at least 2 days before the deadline is not subject to penalty.

~~A required report may be provisionally filed by transmission of a facsimile copy of the duly executed report to the commission, as long as an original of the same report is received by the commission within 5 calendar days thereafter.~~

Sec. 17. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§3, ¶J, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 323, §29, is amended to read:

J. A payment, gift or anything of value may not be given in exchange for a qualifying contribution. It is a violation of this chapter for a participating candidate or an agent of the participating candidate to misrepresent the purpose of soliciting qualifying contributions and obtaining the contributor's signed acknowledgment or submit any fraudulent contributions to the commission, as defined by the rules of the commission.

Sec. 18. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§12-A, ¶C, as amended by PL 2013, c. 334, §34, is further amended to read:

C. A record proving that a vendor received payment for every expenditure in excess of \$50 in the form of a cancelled check, cash receipt from the vendor or bank or credit card statement identifying the vendor as the payee; ~~and~~

Sec. 19. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§12-A, ¶E, as amended by PL 2013, c. 334, §34, is further amended to read:

E. A contemporaneous document such as an invoice, contract or timesheet that specifies in detail the services provided by a vendor who was paid in excess of \$500 for the election cycle for providing campaign staff or consulting services to a candidate; and

Sec. 20. 21-A MRSA §1125, sub-§12-A, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. If a candidate for the Legislature pays at least \$3,000 to a member of the campaign staff, records for the number of hours and type of work performed by the member each day. The candidate or treasurer shall submit those records to the campaign at least once per month.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 325

S.P. 660 - L.D. 1655

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Governing Consumer-owned
Water Utilities**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §505, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 586, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Consumer-owned water utilities. Except as provided in this subsection, the commission may not require under this section that a qualified small water utility cause to be conducted an annual audit of its accounts. For purposes of this subsection, "qualified small water utility" means a consumer-owned water utility with gross annual revenues ~~that do not exceed \$250,000~~ of less than \$500,000.

A. A qualified small water utility with gross annual revenues of ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000 or less shall for any year used as a test year for rate-making purposes cause to be conducted, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, an audit of its accounts by an independent certified public accountant licensed to practice in the State. ~~The commission, for good cause shown by the qualified small water utility, may waive the requirements of this paragraph.~~

B. A qualified small water utility with gross annual revenues greater than ~~\$50,000~~ \$100,000:

(1) Shall cause to be conducted, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, an annual review of its accounts by an independent certified public accountant licensed to practice in the State; and

(2) Not less than once every 5 years and for any year used as a test year for rate-making purposes, shall cause to be conducted, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, an audit of its accounts by an independent certified public accountant licensed to practice in the State.

Nothing in this subsection limits or affects any other reporting, review, auditing or other requirement imposed by a creditor of the qualified small water utility or by

any other applicable law or government authority. The commission, for good cause shown by the qualified small water utility, may waive the requirements of this subsection.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §901, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The requirements of this chapter do not apply to a consumer-owned water utility as defined in section 6101, subsection 1-A.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §6104, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1995, c. 255, §9, is further amended to read:

3. Notice of proposed rate change and hearing. The consumer-owned water utility shall, at least 14 days prior to the hearing, ~~publish a notice of the proposed rate change and the hearing, including the date, time, place and purpose of the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the area encompassed by the consumer-owned water utility and give one~~ provide notice of the proposed rate change and the date, time, place and purpose of the hearing to ~~each of its customers in a manner prescribed by the commission. The published and individual notices~~ Any such notice must include a statement describing the amount of the rate change and the percentage change for each customer class, the customer's right to request information relating to the present and proposed rates, the right to an open and fair hearing and the right to further hearings before the commission, and the availability of assistance from the Public Advocate. ~~The published and individual notices~~ Any such notice must inform customers that they can petition the commission to investigate the proposed rate change and must include a statement that signatures on petitions filed pursuant to subsection 7 are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and addresses of the signers. ~~The published and individual notices~~ Any such notice must also inform customers that the utility will, upon request, provide customers with petition forms that include space for signatures and the printed names and addresses of the signers. Copies of ~~the notice~~ all notices must be sent to the commission and the Public Advocate at least 14 days prior to the hearings.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §6104, sub-§10, as amended by PL 1987, c. 490, Pt. B, §12, is further amended to read:

10. Review of rates under section 310. Nothing in this section prohibits a consumer-owned water utility from petitioning the commission for review pursuant to section 310 ~~in the first instance.~~

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §6104-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 237, §2, is amended to read:

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Large consumer-owned water utility" means a consumer-owned water utility with total annual revenues of at least ~~\$750,000~~ \$1,000,000 during the most recent fiscal year.

B. "Medium consumer-owned water utility" means a consumer-owned water utility with total annual revenues of less than ~~\$750,000~~ \$1,000,000 and at least ~~\$250,000~~ \$500,000 during the most recent fiscal year.

C. "Small consumer-owned water utility" means a consumer-owned water utility with total annual revenues of less than ~~\$250,000~~ \$500,000 during the most recent fiscal year.

Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §6104-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2011, c. 106, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Notice of proposed rate increase and public meeting. The consumer-owned water utility shall, at least 14 days prior to the public meeting required under subsection 4, ~~publish a~~ provide notice of the proposed rate increase and the meeting, including the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting, ~~in a newspaper of general circulation in the area encompassed by the consumer-owned water utility and give one notice of the proposed rate change and the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting to each of its customers in a manner prescribed by the commission. The published and individual notices~~ Any such notice must include a statement describing the amount of the rate increase and the percentage change for each customer class, the customer's right to request information relating to the present and proposed rates and the availability of assistance from the Public Advocate. Copies of the notice all notices must be sent to the commission and the Public Advocate at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §6104-A, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 237, §2, is amended to read:

9. Review of rates under section 310. Nothing in this section prohibits a consumer-owned water utility from petitioning the commission for review pursuant to section 310 or filing a rate change pursuant to section 6104 ~~in the first instance.~~

Sec. 8. 35-A MRSA §6104-B is enacted to read:

§6104-B. Consumer-owned water utilities; expedited rate adjustments

1. Application of this section. Notwithstanding section 310, 6104 or 6104-A, a consumer-owned water utility may elect to adjust rates pursuant to this section.

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. A consumer-owned water utility may

not propose a rate adjustment under this section more than once every 11 months.

3. Notice of proposed rate increase. The consumer-owned water utility shall, at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the rate adjustment, ~~provide notice of the proposed rate change to the commission, to the Public Advocate and to its customers in a manner prescribed by the commission. Any such notice must include a statement describing the amount of the rate adjustment, the percentage change for each customer class and a brief explanation of the reason for the rate adjustment. A consumer-owned water utility that elects to adjust rates pursuant to this section and has been granted an exemption from sections 6104 and 6104-A by the commission in accordance with section 6114 is exempt from the requirement to file the notice of the proposed rate change with the commission and the Public Advocate under this subsection.~~

4. Filing changed rates. The consumer-owned water utility shall file, in a manner prescribed by the commission, its adjusted rates with the commission and the Public Advocate at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the rate change.

5. Effective date established for rate change. Subject to the notice and waiver requirements of section 307, a consumer-owned water utility electing to adjust rates under this section may establish an effective date for a rate adjustment of at least one month, but not more than 9 months, from the date the rates are filed with the commission under subsection 3.

6. Investigation of rates. Nothing in this section prohibits a consumer-owned water utility from petitioning the commission for investigation pursuant to section 310 or filing a rate change pursuant to section 6104 or 6104-A.

7. Correction of errors. Upon review of a rate filing made pursuant to this section, the commission may order the consumer-owned water utility to correct mathematical or clerical errors.

8. Suspension of the adjustment. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the commission may at any time within the period preceding the effective date of the rate adjustment suspend the adjustment by filing with the proposed adjustment and delivering to the consumer-owned water utility a statement of its reasons for the suspension. The suspension may not be for a period longer than 12 months from the effective date of the order of suspension.

Sec. 9. 35-A MRSA c. 64-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 64-A
CONSUMER-OWNED WATER UTILITY
CONSOLIDATION

§6431. Consolidation of consumer-owned water utilities into a single consumer-owned water utility

1. Petition. Upon a petition of 2 or more consumer-owned water utilities for the consolidation of the consumer-owned water utilities into a single consumer-owned water utility, the commission shall initiate a proceeding to determine whether the proposed consolidation is in the public interest.

2. Differing rates request. Two or more consumer-owned water utilities may request in the petition submitted in accordance with subsection 1 to have differing geographically based rate structures consistent with the service areas serviced by the petitioning utilities if the commission approves consolidation into a single consumer-owned water utility. The commission may disallow the use of differing rate structures if the commission finds it is not in the best interest of ratepayers.

3. Notice to customers; public meeting. Prior to the filing of a petition pursuant to subsection 1, the consumer-owned water utilities seeking consolidation must first hold a public meeting at which any customer may provide comment and may question the officials present regarding the proposed consolidation. The consumer-owned water utilities shall, at least 14 days prior to the public meeting required under this subsection, provide notice of the proposed consolidation and the meeting in a manner prescribed by the commission, including the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting to each of its customers. The notice must include a statement describing the consolidation. A public meeting held pursuant to this subsection must include a public comment period prescribed by the commission. After the public meeting, the governing bodies of the consumer-owned water utilities shall hold a meeting to deliberate and vote on the proposed consolidation, which may be modified on the basis of public comments received during the public meeting. The consumer-owned water utilities shall take minutes of the public meeting and the subsequent meeting of the governing bodies. Upon good cause shown, the commission may waive one or more of the requirements of this subsection.

4. Proceeding; approval. Upon a petition filed pursuant to subsection 1, the commission shall provide in a proceeding customers of the petitioning consumer-owned water utilities and other interested persons the opportunity to comment on or object to the proposed consolidation. Upon the conclusion of the proceeding, the commission shall issue a written decision. The commission may approve the consolidation petition or modifications of the petition upon a finding that the consolidation is in the public interest, subject to any reasonable conditions imposed by the commission.

5. Rulemaking. 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.

§6432. Consolidated consumer-owned water utility charter requirements; commission authority

1. Commission responsibility; charter creation. If the commission approves a petition of 2 or more consumer-owned water utilities for consolidation into a single consumer-owned water utility in accordance with section 6431, the commission shall provide the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities matters a report on the consolidation of the utilities that includes a draft charter created in accordance with this section for the approved consumer-owned water utility. The committee may report out a bill for each approved water utility listed in the report.

2. Charter requirements. A consolidated consumer-owned water utility charter drafted by the commission pursuant to subsection 1 must:

A. Meet the requirements for a standard district in accordance with chapter 64; and

B. Specify that the consolidated consumer-owned water utility shall acquire all, and not less than all, of the plants, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges owned by the consumer-owned water utilities being consolidated, 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 or useful in supplying water for domestic, sanitary, commercial, industrial and municipal purposes. The consideration to be paid for the plants, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges is the assumption by the consolidated consumer-owned water utility of all of the outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities of the consumer-owned water utilities being consolidated, including, without limitation, the assumption by the consolidated consumer-owned water utility of any outstanding notes or bonds of the consumer-owned water utilities being consolidated that are due on or after the date of the assumption.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 326

H.P. 1098 - L.D. 1709

An Act to Update the Elevator and Tramway Safety Laws Regarding Construction Hoists

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §15202, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Construction hoist. "Construction hoist" means a hoist that is not an integral part of a building or structure; is installed inside or outside the building or structure during the construction, alteration or demolition of the building or structure; and is used to raise and lower workers, other personnel and materials. "Construction hoist" does not include:

- A. An elevator that is temporarily installed in a hoistway during the construction of a building or structure and that incorporates a part of a permanent elevator that will be installed later;
- B. A hoist for raising and lowering materials that is not designed to carry workers or other personnel;
- C. A manlift that operates through a counterbalance mechanism or through the use of a continuous belt;
- D. A mine hoist;
- E. A wire rope hoist, whether guided or unguided; or
- F. A transport platform.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §15202, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:

3-B. Construction hoist operator. "Construction hoist operator" means a person who operates or is responsible for the operation of a construction hoist.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §15230 is enacted to read:
§15230. Construction hoist operators; rules

The director shall adopt rules regarding the proper operation of construction hoists and training requirements for construction hoist operators. After adoption of the rules, a person may not operate a construction hoist except as in accordance with the rules adopted by the director. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 327

H.P. 1102 - L.D. 1713

An Act to Update Electrical Education and Other Licensure Requirements for Electricians

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1202-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 261, §1 and c. 503, Pt. B, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1202-B is enacted to read:

§1202-B. Issuance and scope of licenses

A person licensed under this chapter must produce a copy of the license upon request of the state electrical inspector.

The board may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

1. Apprentice electrician. Licensing for an apprentice electrician is governed by this subsection.

A. An apprentice electrician who is licensed in accordance with this subsection and registered with an apprenticeship program may perform electrical installations under the direct supervision of a master electrician, journeyman electrician or limited electrician.

B. The board may issue an apprentice electrician license to an individual who submits an application with the required fee and provides evidence of enrollment in a registered apprenticeship program that has been approved and validated by the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship or by a State Apprenticeship Agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship.

2. Helper electrician. Licensing for a helper electrician is governed by this subsection.

A. A helper electrician who is licensed in accordance with this subsection may make electrical installations under the direct supervision of a master electrician, journeyman electrician or limited electrician. A helper electrician must be employed by a supervising master electrician, limited electrician or electrical company.

B. The board may issue a helper electrician license to an individual who submits an application with the required fee.

3. Journeyman-in-training electrician. Licensing for a journeyman-in-training electrician is governed by this subsection.

A. A journeyman-in-training electrician may make electrical installations while employed by a supervising master electrician, limited electrician or electrical company. A journeyman-in-training electrician may not supervise other electricians.

B. An applicant for a journeyman-in-training license must first pass an examination approved by the board. To qualify for the examination, an applicant must submit an examination application with the required fee and provide evidence of one of the following:

- (1) Completion of at least 2,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed

helper electrician and an electrical program at an accredited community college consisting of a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the board;

(2) Completion of at least 6,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed apprentice electrician and a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the board or a course of study approved by the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship or by a state apprenticeship agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship;

(3) Completion of at least 2,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician and a vocational-electrical program of a state department of corrections; or

(4) Comparable work experience, education or training, or any combination of comparable work experience, education or training, completed within the State or outside the State, that is acceptable to the board.

C. Upon passage of the examination, the board may issue the journeyman-in-training license to an applicant who submits a license application with the required fee and evidence of completion of a 45-hour course in the National Electrical Code within the 2 years prior to application for licensure.

4. Journeyman electrician. Licensing for a journeyman electrician is governed by this subsection.

A. A journeyman electrician may make electrical installations while employed by a supervising master electrician, limited electrician or electrical company. A person licensed under this subsection may supervise:

(1) Two helper electricians who are enrolled in, or have completed, a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the board;

(2) Two apprentice electricians; or

(3) One helper electrician.

B. An applicant for a journeyman electrician license must first pass an examination approved by the board. To qualify for the examination, an applicant must submit an examination application with the required fee and provide evidence of one of the following:

(1) Completion of at least 8,000 work hours in electrical installations as a licensed apprentice electrician and completion of a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the board or a course of study approved by the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship

or by a state apprenticeship agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship.

An individual applying pursuant to this subparagraph who has completed a 576-hour course of study adopted by the board or a course of study approved by the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Apprenticeship or by a state apprenticeship agency recognized by the Office of Apprenticeship and at least 4,000 of the 8,000 required work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed apprentice electrician may take the examination prior to completing the remaining required work hours;

(2) Completion of at least 8,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician or completion of at least 8,000 work hours in electrical installations as permitted under this chapter and completion of a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the board;

(3) Completion of a secondary school career and technical education electrical program approved pursuant to Title 20-A, section 8306-B and completion of at least 8,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations. An individual applying pursuant to this subparagraph may take the examination upon graduating from the program and is credited 1,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations. The individual must complete any remaining work hours prior to applying for a journeyman electrician license;

(4) Completion of an electrical program at an accredited community college consisting of a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the board and completion of at least 8,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician. An individual applying pursuant to this subparagraph may take the examination upon completion of the electrical program and is credited 4,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations. The individual must complete any remaining work hours prior to applying for a journeyman license;

(5) Completion of a vocational-electrical program of a state department of corrections and completion of at least 8,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician. An individual applying pursuant to this subparagraph may take the examination upon completion of the vocational-electrical program and is credited 4,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations. The individual must complete any remaining

work hours prior to applying for a journeyman license; or

(6) Comparable work experience, education or training, or a combination of comparable work experience, education or training, completed within the State or outside the State, that is acceptable to the board.

C. Upon passage of the examination, the board may issue the journeyman license to an individual who submits a license application with the required fee, demonstrates proof of any required work hours in the field of electrical installations and provides evidence of completion of a 45-hour course in the National Electrical Code within the 2 years prior to application for licensure.

5. Master electrician. Licensing for a master electrician is governed by this subsection.

A. A master electrician may make electrical installations without limitation. A master electrician is responsible for verifying the current licensure of all of that master electrician's employees, if licensure is applicable, prior to and during employment. A master electrician is responsible for any electrical installation that master electrician performs and for the electrical installations of individuals that master electrician supervises at the time of the electrical installations.

A master electrician may supervise:

(1) Two helper electricians who are enrolled in, or have completed, a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the board;

(2) Two apprentice electricians employed by the master electrician; or

(3) One helper electrician employed by the master electrician.

A master electrician may supervise an unlimited number of licensed journeyman electricians, journeyman-in-training electricians or limited electricians.

B. An applicant for a master electrician license must first pass an examination approved by the board. To qualify for the examination, an applicant must submit an examination application with the required fee and provide evidence of one of the following:

(1) Completion of at least 12,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper or apprentice electrician and completion of a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the board;

(2) Completion of at least 4,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a journeyman electrician and completion of a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the board;

(3) Completion of at least 6,000 work hours in the field of electrical installations as a journeyman-in-training electrician and completion of a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the board; or

(4) Comparable work experience, education or training, or a combination of comparable work experience, education or training, completed within the State or outside the State, that is acceptable to the board. The board may exercise its discretion to determine if a limited electrician license holder applying for a master electrician's license has adequate experience in all phases of electrical installation to take the examination.

A person who holds a journeyman or limited electrician license issued prior to July 1, 1987 is eligible to take the examination for a master electrician license if the person has completed the number of hours of work experience required by this paragraph.

C. Upon passage of the examination, the board may issue the master electrician license to a person who submits a license application with the required fee and provides evidence of completion of a 45-hour course in the National Electrical Code within the 2 years prior to application for licensure.

6. Limited electrician. Licensing for a limited electrician is governed by this subsection.

A. A limited electrician may make electrical installations authorized by the specific limited electrician license category without limitation. A limited electrician may supervise helper electricians or apprentice electricians only in the performance of electrical installations authorized by the limited electrician's specific limited license category.

A limited electrician may supervise:

(1) Two helper electricians who are enrolled in, or have completed, a 576-hour course of study as adopted by the board;

(2) Two apprentice electricians; or

(3) One helper electrician.

A limited electrician is responsible for verifying the current licensure of all employees, if licensure is applicable, prior to and during employment. A limited electrician is responsible for any electrical installation work that limited electrician performs and for work of individuals that limited electrician supervises at the time of electrical installation.

B. A limited electrician may make only electrical installations authorized by the specific limited license category, as follows:

(1) A limited electrician in water pumps is restricted to performing electrical work between the branch circuit overcurrent device, the water pump and associated controls;

(2) A limited electrician in outdoor signs, including sign lighting, may not perform electrical work on branch circuit wiring;

(3) A limited electrician in gasoline dispensing is restricted to performing electrical work between the branch circuit overcurrent device, the dispenser and associated controls;

(4) A limited electrician in traffic signals, including outdoor lighting of traffic signals, is restricted to performing electrical work on traffic signals, including outdoor lighting of traffic signals and the traffic signal electrical service;

(5) A limited electrician in house wiring is restricted to performing electrical work in one-family dwellings and 2-family dwellings, including manufactured homes;

(6) A limited electrician in refrigeration is restricted to performing electrical work between the branch circuit overcurrent device, the refrigeration equipment and associated controls;

(7) A limited electrician in low-energy electronics is restricted to performing electrical work on low-energy electronics as supplied by Class I, II and III limited energy systems, all fire alarm systems and the dedicated branch circuit wiring; and

(8) A limited electrician in crane wiring is restricted to the installation of electrical equipment and wiring used in connection with cranes, monorail hoists, hoists and runways.

C. The board may require an applicant for a limited electrician license to first pass an examination approved by the board. When an examination is required, an applicant must submit an examination application with the required fee and provide evidence of one of the following, as applicable to the listed limited license category:

(1) For water pumps, completion of at least 135 hours of electrical education and 2,000 hours of work experience approved in rules adopted by the board;

(2) For outdoor signs, including sign lighting, completion of at least 135 hours of electrical education and 2,000 hours of work experience approved in rules adopted by the board;

(3) For gasoline dispensing, completion of at least 135 hours of electrical education and 2,000 hours of work experience approved in rules adopted by the board;

(4) For traffic signals, including outdoor lighting of the traffic signals, completion of at least 135 hours of electrical education and 2,000 hours of work experience approved in rules adopted by the board;

(5) For house wiring, completed at least 225 hours of electrical education and 4,000 hours of work experience approved in rules adopted by the board;

(6) For refrigeration, completion of:

(a) At least 270 hours of electrical education and 6,000 hours of work experience approved in rules adopted by the board; or

(b) An electrical program in refrigeration from an accredited institution and 6,000 hours of work experience approved in rules adopted by the board. Graduates of an electrical program in refrigeration from an accredited institution are credited with 4,000 hours work experience upon graduation;

(7) For low-energy electronics, including fire alarms, completion of at least 270 hours of electrical education and 4,000 hours of work experience approved in rules adopted by the board; or

(8) For crane wiring, completion of at least 135 hours of electrical education and 2,000 hours of work experience approved in rules adopted by the board.

A person may be eligible for examination under this paragraph by providing evidence of comparable work experience, education or training, or a combination of comparable work experience, education or training, completed within the State or outside the State, that is acceptable to the board.

D. The board may issue a limited electrician license to an applicant who submits a license application with the required fee, passes any required examination and provides evidence of completion of a 45-hour course in the National Electrical Code within the 2 years prior to application for licensure.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1206, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2017, c. 198, §18, is further amended to read:

Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the board, upon receiving an application for a reciprocal license, may waive the 576 hours of study required for a journeyman or master license pursuant to section 1202-A 1202-B. The board may require the applicant

to submit such written evidence as it determines necessary to support the application.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 328
S.P. 688 - L.D. 1724**

**An Act to Enact the Beneficial
Electrification Policy Act**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA c. 38 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 38

**BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION POLICY
ACT**

§3801. Short title

This chapter may be known and cited as "the Beneficial Electrification Policy Act."

§3802. Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Beneficial electrification. "Beneficial electrification" has the same meaning as in section 10102, subsection 3-A.

2. Office. "Office" means the Governor's Energy Office.

3. Renewable resource. "Renewable resource" has the same meaning as in section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph C.

4. Trust. "Trust" means the Efficiency Maine Trust.

§3803. Support for policy of beneficial electrification

1. Petition for renewable resources procurement. The office may petition the commission to procure energy from renewable resources to achieve the emission reduction and renewable energy goals of the State and to meet reasonably expected growth in electric demand.

A. In developing a petition for procurement of energy from renewable resources, the office shall consult with relevant departments and agencies.

B. The commission shall evaluate a petition submitted by the office in accordance with section 3804 and may through a competitive procurement process established by the commission by rule procure energy from one or more renewable resources. The commission may direct a transmission and distribution utility to enter into a long-term contract

for the energy procured. Rules adopted to implement this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

2. Plan for promoting beneficial electrification for end uses of energy. The trust shall develop a 3-year beneficial electrification plan for end uses of energy as part of the trust's triennial plan in accordance with section 10104, subsection 4 and provide annual updates to the plan in accordance with section 10104, subsection 6. In developing its beneficial electrification plan for end uses, the trust shall consult with relevant departments and agencies.

3. Funding and reporting. Notwithstanding sections 116 and 117, at the request of the office, 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.

4. Monitoring beneficial electrification trends and opportunities. To the extent possible through readily available information, the office, the commission and the trust shall coordinate to monitor:

A. All beneficial electrification activity in the State and the effect of the commission's actions under section 3804;

B. Trends in beneficial electrification in the State and in other jurisdictions; and

C. The estimated costs and benefits for ratepayers of beneficial electrification programs occurring as a result of this chapter and other programs that have been implemented in the State.

§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.

§3805. Reporting

1. Commission report. The commission shall include in its annual report under section 120, subsection 7 a summary of its activities in accordance with this chapter.

2. Office report. The office shall include in its annual report under Title 2, section 9, subsection 3, paragraph C-1 a summary of its activities in accordance with this chapter.

3. Trust report. The trust shall include in its annual report under section 10104, subsection 5 a summary of its activities in accordance with this chapter.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10102, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 365, §1, is amended to read:

3-A. Beneficial electrification. "Beneficial electrification" means electrification of a technology or process that results in reduction in the use of a fossil fuel, including electrification of a technology or process that would otherwise require energy from a fossil fuel, and that provides a benefit to a utility, a ratepayer or the environment, without causing harm to utilities, ratepayers or the environment, by improving the efficiency of the electricity grid or reducing consumer costs or emissions, including carbon emissions.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §10104, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 372, Pt. B, §3, is amended to read:

C. The efficiency with which programs are planned, designed, overseen and delivered is maximized; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §10104, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 372, Pt. B, §3, is amended to read:

D. Sufficient checks and balances are provided to ensure consistency with public policy and accountability for meeting the principles set out in paragraphs A to C ~~and E~~ so that energy efficiency programs in the State are sustainable for the long term; ~~and~~

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §10104, sub-§2, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Programs are planned and implemented to advance the policy of beneficial electrification as described in chapter 38.

Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §10110, sub-§4-A, ¶B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 313, §8, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The trust shall use, and the commission shall give deference to, values for each element of avoided

energy cost from a regional avoided energy supply cost study as long as the analysis has been developed through a transparent process, with input from state agencies, public advocates, utilities or energy efficiency administrators from at least 3 other states in New England and the analysis has been published not more than 24 months prior to the trust's filing of the plan. When values specific to the State are not available in the regional study, the trust may use, and the commission shall give deference to, regional values provided in that regional study or values determined from other sources when supported by evidence in the record; ~~and~~

Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §10110, sub-§4-A, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 369, Pt. A, §20 and affected by §30, is amended to read:

C. Maximize total electricity savings for all ratepayers; ~~and~~

Sec. 8. 35-A MRSA §10110, sub-§4-A, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Include all beneficial electrification measures that are cost-effective and reliably reduce electricity rates over the life of the measures. In determining whether a measure is cost-effective, the commission shall account for all net energy costs, including savings from avoided heating, transportation or industrial process fuels displaced by the measure.

Sec. 9. Study; report required. The Public Utilities Commission shall conduct a study on how to cost-effectively provide consumer financing of beneficial electrification products, including products for energy efficiency, home or business energy storage, electric vehicle charging equipment and other distributed energy products through methods including, but not limited to, on-bill financing by standard-offer service providers or competitive electricity providers, or through some combination thereof. The study must provide analysis of the relative advantages and disadvantages of each financing method considered by the commission compared to existing and planned offerings of other finance initiatives in the State, including but not limited to the offerings of the Efficiency Maine Trust, the Maine State Housing Authority and the Finance Authority of Maine. The study must also review consumer protection provisions used by other jurisdictions that permit on-bill financing. By January 5, 2024, the commission shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology a report on the study required by this section. The committee may report out a bill during the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature concerning the subject matter of the report.

Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Provides allocations for expenditures related to contracted consulting services.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$202,042	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$202,042	\$0

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 329

S.P. 694 - L.D. 1749

An Act to Establish the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA c. 149 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 149

PHYSICAL THERAPY LICENSURE COMPACT

§18701. Short title

This chapter may be known and cited as "the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact," referred to in this chapter as "the compact."

§18702. Purpose

The purpose of this compact is to facilitate interstate practice of physical therapy with the goal of improving public access to physical therapy services. The practice of physical therapy occurs in the state where the patient is located at the time of the physical therapy services. The compact preserves the regulatory authority of states to protect public health and safety through the current system of state licensure.

This compact is designed to achieve the following objectives:

1. License recognition. Increase public access to physical therapy services by providing for the mutual recognition of other member state licenses;

2. State powers. Enhance the states' ability to protect the public's health and safety;

3. Multistate practice. Encourage the cooperation of member states in regulating multistate physical therapy practice;

4. Military spouses. Support spouses of relocating active duty military personnel;

5. Information exchange. Enhance the exchange of licensure, investigative and disciplinary information among member states; and

6. Compact privilege. Allow a remote state to hold a provider of services with a compact privilege in that state accountable to that state's practice standards.

§18703. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Active duty military. "Active duty military" means full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserves of the United States Armed Forces on active duty orders pursuant to 10 United States Code, Chapters 1209 and 1211.

2. Adverse action. "Adverse action" means disciplinary action taken by a physical therapy licensing board based upon misconduct, unacceptable performance or a combination of both.

3. Alternative program. "Alternative program" means a nondisciplinary monitoring or practice remediation process approved by a physical therapy licensing board, including, but not limited to, addressing substance use disorder issues.

4. Compact privilege. "Compact privilege" means the authorization granted by a remote state to allow a licensee from another member state to practice as a physical therapist or work as a physical therapist assistant in the remote state under its laws and rules. The practice of physical therapy occurs in the member state where the patient is located at the time of the physical therapy services.

5. Continuing competence. "Continuing competence" means a requirement, as a condition of license renewal, to provide evidence of participation in, or completion of, educational and professional activities relevant to practice or area of work.

6. Data system. "Data system" means a repository of information about licensees, including examination, licensure, investigative, compact privilege and adverse action information.

7. Encumbered license. "Encumbered license" means a license that a physical therapy licensing board has limited in any way.

8. Executive board. "Executive board" means a group of directors elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to them by, the commission.

9. Home state. "Home state" means the member state that is the licensee's primary state of residence.

10. Investigative information. "Investigative information" means information, records and documents

received or generated by a physical therapy licensing board pursuant to an investigation.

11. Jurisprudence requirement. "Jurisprudence requirement" means the assessment of an individual's knowledge of the laws and rules governing the practice of physical therapy in a state.

12. Licensee. "Licensee" means an individual who currently holds an authorization from a state to practice as a physical therapist or to work as a physical therapist assistant.

13. Member state. "Member state" means a state that has enacted the compact.

14. Party state. "Party state" means any member state in which a licensee holds a current license or compact privilege or is applying for a license or compact privilege.

15. Physical therapist. "Physical therapist" means an individual who is licensed by a state to practice physical therapy.

16. Physical therapist assistant. "Physical therapist assistant" means an individual who is licensed or certified by a state and who assists a physical therapist in selected components of physical therapy.

17. Physical therapy, physical therapy practice or the practice of physical therapy. "Physical therapy," "physical therapy practice" or "the practice of physical therapy" means the care and services provided by or under the direction and supervision of a licensed physical therapist.

18. Physical therapy compact commission or commission. "Physical therapy compact commission" or "commission" means the national administrative body whose membership consists of all states that have enacted the compact pursuant to section 18708.

19. Physical therapy licensing board or licensing board. "Physical therapy licensing board" or "licensing board" means the agency of a state that is responsible for the licensing and regulation of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants.

20. Remote state. "Remote state" means a member state other than the home state where a licensee is exercising or seeking to exercise the compact privilege.

21. Rule. "Rule" means a regulation, principle or directive promulgated by the commission that has the force of law.

22. State. "State" means any state, commonwealth, district or territory of the United States that regulates the practice of physical therapy.

§18704. State participation in the compact

1. Participation requirements. To participate in the compact, a state must:

A. Participate fully in the commission's data system, including using the commission's unique identifier as defined in rules;

B. Have a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about licensees;

C. Notify the commission, in compliance with the terms of the compact and rules, of any adverse action or the availability of investigative information regarding a licensee;

D. Fully implement a criminal background check requirement, within a time frame established by rule, by receiving the results of the Federal Bureau of Investigation record search on criminal background checks and use the results in making licensure decisions in accordance with subsection 2;

E. Comply with the rules of the commission;

F. Utilize a recognized national examination as a requirement for licensure pursuant to the rules of the commission; and

G. Have continuing competence requirements as a condition for license renewal.

2. Biometric-based information. Upon adoption of this compact, the member state has the authority to obtain biometric-based information from each physical therapy licensure applicant and submit this information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a criminal background check in accordance with 28 United States Code, Section 534 and 42 United States Code, Section 14616.

3. Compact privilege. A member state shall grant the compact privilege to a licensee holding a valid unencumbered license in another member state in accordance with the terms of the compact and rules.

4. Fees. Member states may charge a fee for granting a compact privilege.

§18705. Compact privilege

1. Compact privilege. To exercise the compact privilege under the terms and provisions of the compact, the licensee:

A. Must hold a license in the home state;

B. May not have an encumbrance on any state license;

C. Must be eligible for a compact privilege in any member state in accordance with subsections 4, 7 and 8;

D. May not have an adverse action against any license or compact privilege within the previous 2 years;

E. Must notify the commission that the licensee is seeking the compact privilege within a remote state;

F. Must pay any applicable fees, including any state fee, for the compact privilege;

G. Must meet any jurisprudence requirements established by the remote state in which the licensee is seeking a compact privilege; and

H. Must report to the commission adverse action taken by any nonmember state within 30 days from the date the adverse action is taken.

2. Validity. The compact privilege is valid until the expiration date of the home state license. The licensee must comply with the requirements of subsection 1 to maintain the compact privilege in the remote state.

3. Laws and regulations. A licensee providing physical therapy in a remote state under the compact privilege shall function within the laws and regulations of the remote state.

4. Regulation. A licensee providing physical therapy in a remote state is subject to that state's regulatory authority. A remote state may, in accordance with due process and that state's laws, remove a licensee's compact privilege in the remote state for a specific period of time, impose fines or take any other necessary actions to protect the health and safety of its citizens. The licensee is not eligible for a compact privilege in any member state until the specific time for removal has passed and all fines are paid.

5. Encumbrance. If a home state license is encumbered, the licensee must lose the compact privilege in any remote state until the following occur:

A. The home state license is no longer encumbered; and

B. Two years have elapsed from the date of the adverse action.

6. Restoration after encumbrance. Once an encumbered license in the home state is restored to good standing, the licensee must meet the requirements of subsection 1 to obtain a compact privilege in any remote state.

7. Removal. If a licensee's compact privilege in any remote state is removed, the individual must lose the compact privilege in any remote state until the following occur:

A. The specific period of time for which the compact privilege was removed has ended;

B. All fines have been paid; and

C. Two years have elapsed from the date of the adverse action.

8. Restoration after removal. Once the requirements of subsection 7 have been met, the licensee must meet the requirements in subsection 1 to obtain a compact privilege in a remote state.

§18706. Active duty military personnel or their spouses

A licensee who is active duty military or is the spouse of an individual who is active duty military may designate one of the following as the home state:

1. Home of record. Home of record;

2. Permanent change of station. Permanent change of station; or

3. Current residence. State of current residence if it is different than the permanent change of station state or home of record.

§18707. Adverse actions

1. Adverse action authority. A home state has exclusive power to take adverse action against a license issued by the home state.

2. Remote state investigative information. A home state may take adverse action based on the investigative information of a remote state, as long as the home state follows the home state's procedures for taking adverse action.

3. Alternative program. Nothing in this compact overrides a member state's decision that participation in an alternative program may be used in lieu of adverse action and that such participation remains nonpublic if required by the member state's laws. Member states must require licensees who enter any alternative programs in lieu of discipline to agree not to practice in any other member state during the term of the alternative program without prior authorization from such other member state.

4. Member state authority. Any member state may investigate actual or alleged violations of the laws and rules authorizing the practice of physical therapy in any other member state in which a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant holds a license or compact privilege.

5. Remote state authority. A remote state has the authority to:

A. Take adverse actions as set forth in section 18705, subsection 4 against a licensee's compact privilege in the state;

B. Issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that require the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a physical therapy licensing board in a party state for the attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of evidence from another party state must be enforced in the latter state by any court of competent jurisdiction according to the practice and procedure of that court applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before it. The issuing authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage and other fees required by

the service laws of the state where the witnesses or evidence are located; and

C. If otherwise permitted by state law, recover from the licensee the costs of investigations and disposition of cases resulting from any adverse action taken against that licensee.

6. Joint investigations. In addition to the authority granted to a member state by its respective physical therapy practice act or other applicable state law, a member state may participate with other member states in joint investigations of licensees.

Member states shall share any investigative, litigation or compliance materials in furtherance of any joint or individual investigation initiated under the compact.

§18708. Establishment of physical therapy compact commission

1. Commission established. The member states hereby create and establish a joint public agency known as the physical therapy compact commission.

A. The commission is an instrumentality of the compact states.

B. Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the commission must be brought solely and exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the commission is located. The commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to participate in alternative dispute resolution proceedings.

C. Nothing in this compact may be construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity.

2. Membership; voting; meetings. Membership, voting and meetings are governed by this subsection.

A. Each member state has and is limited to one delegate selected by that member state's licensing board.

B. The delegate must be either:

(1) A current member of the licensing board, who is a physical therapist, physical therapist assistant or public member; or

(2) An administrator of the licensing board.

C. Any delegate may be removed or suspended from office as provided by the law of the state from which the delegate is appointed.

D. The member state licensing board shall fill any vacancy occurring on the commission.

E. Each delegate is entitled to one vote with regard to the promulgation of rules and creation of bylaws and must otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the business and affairs of the commission.

F. A delegate shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for delegates' participation in meetings by telephone or other means of communication.

G. The commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings must be held as set forth in the bylaws.

3. Powers and duties. The commission has the following powers and duties:

A. Establish the fiscal year of the commission;

B. Establish bylaws;

C. Maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws;

D. Meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this compact and the bylaws;

E. Promulgate uniform rules to facilitate and coordinate implementation and administration of this compact. The rules have the force and effect of law and are binding in all member states;

F. Bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the name of the commission, as long as the standing of any state physical therapy licensing board to sue or be sued under applicable law is not affected;

G. Purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

H. Borrow, accept or contract for services of personnel, including, but not limited to, employees of a member state;

I. Hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties and grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the compact and establish the commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel and other related personnel matters;

J. Accept appropriate donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services and receive, utilize and dispose of the same, as long as at all times the commission avoids any appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest;

K. Lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations of or otherwise own, hold, improve or use any property, real, personal or mixed, as long as at all times the commission avoids any appearance of impropriety;

L. Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon or otherwise dispose of any property, real, personal or mixed;

M. Establish a budget and make expenditures;

N. Borrow money;

O. Appoint committees, including standing committees composed of members, state regulators,

state legislators or their representatives and consumer representatives and such other interested persons as may be designated in this compact and the bylaws;

P. Provide and receive information from, and cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

Q. Establish and elect an executive board; and

R. Perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact consistent with the state regulation of physical therapy licensure and practice.

4. Executive board. The establishment of an executive board is governed by this subsection.

A. The executive board has the power to act on behalf of the commission according to the terms of this compact.

B. The executive board is composed of 9 members:

(1) Seven voting members who are elected by the commission from the current membership of the commission;

(2) One ex officio, nonvoting member from a recognized national physical therapy professional association; and

(3) One ex officio, nonvoting member from a recognized membership organization of physical therapy licensing boards.

C. The ex officio members are selected by their respective organizations.

D. The commission may remove any member of the executive board as provided in the bylaws.

E. The executive board shall meet at least annually.

F. The executive board has the following duties and responsibilities:

(1) Recommend to the entire commission changes to the rules or bylaws, changes to this compact legislation, fees paid by compact member states such as annual dues and any commission compact fee charged to licensees for the compact privilege;

(2) Ensure compact administration services are appropriately provided, contractual or otherwise;

(3) Prepare and recommend the budget;

(4) Maintain financial records on behalf of the commission;

(5) Monitor compact compliance of member states and provide compliance reports to the commission;

(6) Establish additional committees as necessary; and

(7) Other duties as provided in rules or the bylaws.

5. Meetings of the commission. Meetings of the commission are governed by this subsection.

A. All meetings must be open to the public and public notice of meetings must be given in the same manner as required under the rule-making provisions in section 18710.

B. The commission or the executive board or other committees of the commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic meeting if the commission or executive board or other committees of the commission must discuss:

(1) Noncompliance of a member state with its obligations under the compact;

(2) The employment, compensation, discipline or other matters, practices or procedures related to specific employees or other matters related to the commission's internal personnel practices and procedures;

(3) Current, threatened or reasonably anticipated litigation;

(4) Negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease or sale of goods, services or real estate;

(5) Accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person;

(6) Disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential;

(7) Disclosure of information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(8) Disclosure of investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes;

(9) Disclosure of information related to any investigative reports prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the commission or other committee charged with responsibility of investigation or determination of compliance issues pursuant to the compact; or

(10) Matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or member state law.

C. If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant to paragraph B, the commission's legal counsel or designee shall certify that the meeting may be closed and shall reference each relevant exempting provision.

D. The commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary

of actions taken, and the reasons therefore, including a description of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action must be identified in the minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting must remain under seal, subject to release by a majority vote of the commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

6. Financing of the commission. Financing of the commission is governed by this subsection.

A. The commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization and ongoing activities.

B. The commission may accept any appropriate revenue sources, donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials and services.

C. The commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each member state or impose fees on other parties to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the commission and its staff, which must be in a total amount sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved each year for which revenue is not provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount must be allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the commission, which shall promulgate a rule binding upon all member states.

D. The commission may not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same, and the commission may not pledge the credit of any of the member states, except by and with the authority of the member state.

E. The commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the commission are subject to the audit and accounting procedures established under its bylaws; however, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the commission must be audited yearly by a certified or licensed public accountant, and the report of the audit must be included in and become part of the annual report of the commission.

7. Qualified immunity; defense; indemnification. Qualified immunity, defense and indemnification are governed by this subsection.

A. The members, officers, executive director, employees and representatives of the commission are immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred, within

the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities, except that nothing in this paragraph may be construed to protect any such person from suit or liability for any damage, loss, injury or liability caused by the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

B. The commission shall defend any member, officer, executive director, employee or representative of the commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities, except that nothing in this paragraph may be construed to prohibit that person from retaining that person's own counsel, as long as the actual or alleged act, error or omission did not result from that person's intentional or willful or wanton misconduct.

C. The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer, executive director, employee or representative of the commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties or responsibilities, as long as the actual or alleged act, error or omission did not result from the intentional or willful or wanton misconduct of that person.

§18709. Data system

1. Database and reporting system. The commission shall provide for the development, maintenance and utilization of a coordinated database and reporting system containing licensure, adverse action and investigative information on all licensed individuals in member states.

2. Uniform data set submission. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary, a member state shall submit a uniform data set to the data system on all individuals to whom this compact is applicable as required by the rules of the commission, including:

A. Identifying information;

B. Licensure data;

C. Adverse actions against a licensee or compact privilege;

D. Nonconfidential information related to alternative program participation;

E. Any denial of application for licensure and the reasons for that denial; and

F. Other information that may facilitate the administration of this compact, as determined by the rules of the commission.

3. Investigative information availability. Investigative information pertaining to a licensee in any member state may be made available only to other party states.

4. Adverse action information. The commission shall promptly notify all member states of any adverse action taken against a licensee or an individual applying for a license. Adverse action information pertaining to a licensee in any member state must be available to any other member state.

5. Confidential information. Member states contributing information to the data system may designate information that may not be shared with the public without the express permission of the contributing state.

6. Information expungement. Any information submitted to the data system that is subsequently required to be expunged by the laws of the member state contributing the information must be removed from the data system.

§18710. Rulemaking

1. Powers. The commission shall exercise its rule-making powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in this section and the rules adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments become binding as of the date specified in each rule or amendment.

2. Rule rejection. If a majority of the legislatures of the member states rejects a rule, by enactment of a law or resolution in the same manner used to adopt the compact within 4 years of the date of adoption of the rule, then that rule has no further force and effect in any member state.

3. Rule adoption procedure. Rules or amendments to the rules must be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the commission.

4. Notice. Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or rules by the commission, and at least 30 days in advance of the meeting at which the rule will be considered and voted upon, the commission shall file a notice of proposed rulemaking:

A. On the website of the commission or other publicly accessible platform; and

B. On the website of each member state physical therapy licensing board or other publicly accessible platform or the publication in which each state would otherwise publish proposed rules.

5. Notice requirements. The notice of proposed rulemaking must include:

A. The proposed time, date and location of the meeting in which the rule will be considered and voted upon;

B. The text of the proposed rule or amendment and the reason for the proposed rule;

C. A request for comments on the proposed rule from any interested person; and

D. The manner in which interested persons may submit notice to the commission of their intention to attend the public hearing and any written comments.

6. Public comment. Prior to adoption of a proposed rule, the commission shall allow persons to submit written data, facts, opinions and arguments, which must be made available to the public.

7. Public hearing. The commission shall grant an opportunity for a public hearing before it adopts a rule or amendment if a hearing is requested by:

A. At least 25 persons;

B. A state or federal governmental subdivision or agency; or

C. An association having at least 25 members.

8. Hearing notice. If a hearing is held on the proposed rule or amendment, the commission shall publish the place, time and date of the scheduled public hearing. If the hearing is held via electronic means, the commission shall publish the mechanism for access to the electronic hearing.

A. All persons wishing to be heard at the hearing must notify the executive director of the commission or other designated member in writing of their desire to appear and testify at the hearing not less than 5 business days before the scheduled date of the hearing.

B. Hearings must be conducted in a manner providing each person who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable opportunity to comment orally or in writing.

C. All hearings must be recorded. A copy of the recording must be made available on request.

D. Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring a separate hearing on each rule. Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the commission at hearings required by this section.

9. Consideration. Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close of business on the scheduled hearing date if the hearing was not held, the commission shall consider all written and oral comments received.

10. Proceeding without public hearing. If no written notice of intent to attend the public hearing by

interested parties is received, the commission may proceed with promulgation of the proposed rule without a public hearing.

11. Final action. The commission shall, by majority vote of all members, take final action on the proposed rule and shall determine the effective date of the rule, if any, based on the rule-making record and the full text of the rule.

12. Emergency rulemaking. Upon determination that an emergency exists, the commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule without prior notice, opportunity for comment or hearing, as long as the usual rule-making procedures provided in the compact and in this section are retroactively applied to the rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than 90 days after the effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this subsection, "emergency rule" means a rule that must be adopted immediately in order to:

- A. Meet an imminent threat to public health, safety or welfare;
- B. Prevent a loss of commission or member state funds;
- C. Meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative rule that is established by federal law or rule; or
- D. Protect public health and safety.

13. Rule revisions. The commission or an authorized committee of the commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted rule or amendment for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format, errors in consistency or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions must be posted on the website of the commission. The revision is subject to challenge by any person for a period of 30 days after posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a material change to a rule. A challenge must be made in writing and delivered to the chair of the commission prior to the end of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision takes effect without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision may not take effect without the approval of the commission.

§18711. Oversight; dispute resolution; enforcement

1. Oversight. Oversight of the compact is governed by this subsection.

A. The executive, legislative and judicial branches of state government in each member state shall enforce this compact and take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the compact's purposes and intent. The provisions of this compact and the rules promulgated hereunder have standing as statutory law.

B. All courts shall take judicial notice of the compact and the rules in any judicial or administrative

proceeding in a member state pertaining to the subject matter of this compact that may affect the powers, responsibilities or actions of the commission.

C. The commission is entitled to receive service of process in any proceeding under paragraph B and has standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide service of process to the commission renders a judgment or order void as to the commission, this compact or promulgated rules.

2. Default; technical assistance; termination. Default, technical assistance and termination are governed by this subsection.

A. If the commission determines that a member state has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this compact or the promulgated rules, the commission shall:

- (1) Provide written notice to the defaulting state and other member states of the nature of the default, the proposed means of curing the default and any other action to be taken by the commission; and
- (2) Provide remedial training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.

B. If a state in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting state may be terminated from the compact upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the member states, and all rights, privileges and benefits conferred by this compact may be terminated on the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the offending state of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of default.

C. Termination of membership in the compact may be imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate must be given by the commission to the governor, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting state's legislature and each of the member states.

D. A state that has been terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination, including obligations that extend beyond the effective date of termination.

E. The commission may not bear any costs related to a state that is found to be in default or that has been terminated from the compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the commission and the defaulting state.

F. The defaulting state may appeal the action of the commission by petitioning the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the commission has its principal

offices. The prevailing member must be awarded all costs of that litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

3. Dispute resolution. Dispute resolution is governed by this subsection.

A. Upon request by a member state, the commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the compact that arise among member states and between member and nonmember states.

B. The commission shall promulgate a rule providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as appropriate.

4. Enforcement. Enforcement of the compact is governed by this subsection.

A. The commission, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of this compact.

B. By majority vote, the commission may initiate legal action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the commission has its principal offices against a member state in default to enforce compliance with the provisions of the compact and its promulgated rules and bylaws. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing member must be awarded all costs of that litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

C. The remedies under this subsection are not the exclusive remedies of the commission. The commission may pursue any other remedies available under federal or state law.

§18712. Date of implementation of compact; associated rules; withdrawal; amendment

1. Effective date. The compact takes effect on the date on which the compact statute is enacted into law in the 10th member state. The provisions of the compact that become effective at that time are limited to the powers granted to the commission relating to assembly and the promulgation of rules. After the effective date of the compact, the commission shall meet and exercise rule-making powers necessary to the implementation and administration of the compact.

2. Subsequent member states. Any state that joins the compact subsequent to the commission's initial adoption of the rules is subject to the rules as they exist on the date on which the compact becomes law in that state. Any rule that has been previously adopted by the commission has the full force and effect of law on the day the compact becomes law in that state.

3. Withdrawal. Any member state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the same.

A. A member state's withdrawal does not take effect until 6 months after enactment of the repealing statute.

B. Withdrawal does not affect the continuing requirement of the withdrawing state's physical therapy licensing board to comply with the investigative and adverse action reporting requirements of this chapter prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

4. Other agreements or arrangements. Nothing contained in this compact may be construed to invalidate or prevent any physical therapy licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a member state and a nonmember state that does not conflict with the provisions of this compact.

5. Amendment. This compact may be amended by the member states. An amendment to this compact does not become effective and binding upon any member state until it is enacted into the laws of all member states.

§18713. Construction and severability

This compact may be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact must be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any party state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person or circumstance is not affected thereby. If this compact is held contrary to the constitution of any party state, the compact remains in full force and effect as to the remaining party states and in full force and effect as to the party state affected as to all severable matters.

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: Provides ongoing funds for the technology and other administrative costs associated with adding one Comprehensive Health Planner II position to support the anticipated increase in workload associated with joining the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$2,245
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$2,245

Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 0352

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for one Comprehensive Health Planner II position and related All Other costs to support the anticipated increase in workload associated with joining the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$49,297
All Other	\$0	\$12,539

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$61,836
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PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$64,081
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$64,081

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

CHAPTER 330

H.P. 796 - L.D. 1248

An Act to Ensure the Quality of Bottled Water

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 601, sub-c. 9 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 9

BOTTLED WATER

§2660-AA. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Bottler. "Bottler" means a person that extracts water in this State to be sold as bottled water.

2. Community water system. "Community water system" has the same meaning as in section 2660-B, subsection 2.

3. Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances or PFAS. "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.

4. Regulated PFAS contaminants. "Regulated PFAS contaminants" means perfluorooctanoic acid, perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, perfluorohexane sulfonic acid, perfluorononanoic acid, perfluoroheptanoic acid and perfluorodecanoic acid.

§2660-BB. Bottled water testing, reporting and sale requirements

A bottler shall comply with the provisions of this section.

1. Initial testing. A bottler shall conduct initial testing for the level of PFAS applicable to a community water system detectable using standard laboratory methods established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in effect at the time of sampling. A bottler shall conduct testing under this subsection for all regulated PFAS contaminants and additional PFAS included in the list of analytes in the standard laboratory methods established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency applicable to community water systems in effect at the time of sampling.

2. Subsequent monitoring. After completion of initial testing as required by subsection 1, a bottler shall conduct continued monitoring for the presence of regulated PFAS contaminants in water bottled by the bottler according to this subsection.

A. If initial testing under subsection 1 or testing under this paragraph detects the presence of any regulated PFAS contaminants individually or in combination at or above the standard applicable to a community water system, the bottler shall conduct continued quarterly testing until regulated PFAS contaminants are mitigated to the standard applicable to a community water system.

B. If initial testing under subsection 1 detects the presence of any regulated PFAS contaminants at or above each analyte's lowest concentration minimum reporting level as specified in the standard laboratory methods established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency applicable to community water systems in effect at the time of sampling, either individually or in combination with other detected regulated PFAS contaminants, the bottler shall conduct continued testing annually.

3. Reporting. A bottler shall:

A. Report the results of testing required by this section to the department in the same manner as a community water system is required to report under department rule; and

B. Post the results of testing required by this section on a publicly accessible website. The posted

information must include the source of the water tested, the date the water was tested and the level of regulated PFAS contaminants present in the water or a statement that the water is free from regulated PFAS contaminants.

4. Sale of bottled water. A bottler may not sell bottled water in this State that contains a regulated PFAS contaminant in an amount that exceeds the standard applicable to a community water system, either under a standard set by this State or a federal standard, whichever requires a lower level of the contaminant.

5. Enforcement. The department may enforce the requirements of this section in the same manner as for a violation of subchapter 2. A bottler may appeal the acts or decisions of the department under this section in the same manner as described in subchapter 2-A.

6. Department website. The department shall post the testing results received as required by subsection 2 on a publicly accessible website.

7. Rules. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Rules. The Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2660-BB not later than 30 days after the date of adoption of rules required under Resolve 2021, chapter 82.

Sec. 3. Compliance. A person that extracts water or a person who sells bottled water in this State to be sold as bottled water is not required to comply with the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2660-BB until the Department of Health and Human Services has adopted rules as required under Resolve 2021, chapter 82 and Title 22, section 2660-BB.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 331

H.P. 744 - L.D. 1172

An Act to Reestablish Annual Reporting on Solid Waste in Maine

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §2124-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 291, Pt. B, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2124-A. Solid waste generation and disposal capacity report

On or before January 15, 2026 and annually thereafter, the department shall submit a report to the joint

standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters setting forth information on statewide generation of solid waste, statewide recycling rates and available disposal capacity for solid waste as provided in subsection 1.

1. Content of report. A report submitted pursuant to this section must include, but is not limited to:

A. Information on the total amount and disposition of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris generated in the State, including information on the total amount and disposition of any such waste exported from the State;

B. Information on the total amount and disposition of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris generated outside the State and imported into the State;

C. Information on the total amount of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris diverted from disposal;

D. Information on the total amount of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris disposed of at each waste disposal facility in the State;

E. A summary of the volume of licensed capacity at each waste disposal facility in the State that is authorized and, of that authorized volume, the amount of licensed capacity that is in use and the amount not in use; and

F. Any recommendations for necessary legislative or regulatory changes regarding the management of solid waste in the State.

2. Authority for legislation. After reviewing the report submitted by the department pursuant to this section, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters may report out legislation related to the report.

Sec. 2. Department of Environmental Protection; modernization of waste data collection, consolidation and reporting. The Department of Environmental Protection shall take all actions necessary to modernize, streamline and improve the efficiency of the data collection, consolidation and reporting systems, procedures and processes it uses or intends to use to satisfy the reporting requirement of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 2124-A. In taking such actions, the department may as necessary consult, coordinate and contract with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology; InforME, as established in Title 1, section 533; and any other entities.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 332
H.P. 792 - L.D. 1244**

**An Act to Define Undisputed
Health Insurance Claims**

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2436, sub-§2-A, as repealed and replaced by PL 2009, c. 613, §9, is amended to read:

2-A. For a claim submitted by a health care provider or health care facility with respect to a ~~health plan carrier~~ as defined in section 4301-A, subsection 7 ~~3~~, for purposes of this section, ~~"undisputed claim" means a~~ timely claim for payment of covered health care expenses ~~that is must be~~ submitted to a carrier in conformity with the ~~following~~ requirements for standardized claim forms set forth in section 2753.

~~A. The claim must be submitted on one of the following claims forms:~~

~~(1) For a health care facility claim submitted on paper, the standard claim form, using standards approved by a national uniform billing committee;~~

~~(2) For a health care provider claim submitted on paper, the standard claim form, using standards approved by a national uniform claim committee; and~~

~~(3) For health care facility and health care provider claims submitted electronically, an electronic form using standards approved by an accredited standards committee of the American National Standards Institute.~~

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2436, sub-§2-B, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 613, §10, is amended to read:

2-B. If a claim does not conform to the requirements specified in ~~subsection~~ subsections 2-A and 2-C and payment is denied to a health care provider or health care facility by a carrier, the health care provider or health care facility may not request payment from the insured or beneficiary and shall attempt to rectify the deficiencies with the claim and resubmit the claim to the carrier.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2436, sub-§2-C is enacted to read:

2-C. For a claim submitted by a health care provider or health care facility with respect to a carrier as defined in section 4301-A, subsection 3, for purposes of this section, "undisputed claim" means a manually or electronically submitted claim from a health care provider or health care facility that:

A. Contains all the required data elements necessary for accurate adjudication without the need for additional information;

B. Is not materially deficient or improper, including lacking substantiating documentation required by the carrier; and

C. Has no particular or unusual circumstances requiring special treatment that prevent payment from being made by the carrier.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 333
H.P. 915 - L.D. 1419**

**An Act to Inform Fair
Minimum Rates of Wages and
Benefits in Bids for Public
Contracts Using State and
Federal Data**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1308, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 545, §1, is 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; ~~and~~

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.

The bureau shall use the ~~higher~~ highest wage and benefits information of the ~~2 3~~ data sets collected pursuant to paragraphs A ~~and~~ 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 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.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 334
S.P. 210 - L.D. 456**

**An Act to Support the Safe Use
of Bicycles and Roller Skis**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2060, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 241, §3, is further amended by amending the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

An operator intending to turn to the left must yield the right-of-way to traffic and any person operating a bicycle or roller skis approaching from the opposite direction that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2060, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Left turns near bicyclists or roller skiers. A person operating a motor vehicle near a person operating a bicycle or roller skis and proceeding in the opposite direction may not make a left turn unless the turn can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with the safe and legal operation of the bicycle or roller skis.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 335
H.P. 446 - L.D. 677**

**An Act to Ensure Consumer
Protection from Resale Ticket
Vendors**

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA c. 37 is enacted to read:

**CHAPTER 37
RESALE OF TICKETS**

§1301. 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 a performance, concert, exhibit, game or contest.

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.

C. "Ticket" means documentation of a right to attend an entertainment event.

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:

(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.

2. Refunds required. A ticket reseller that engages in the resale of a ticket in the State to a place of entertainment shall, upon the request of the customer, refund the amount paid by the customer for the ticket in any of the following circumstances:

A. The entertainment event is cancelled;

B. The ticket is not accepted by the entity holding the event because it is counterfeit or does not conform with the requirements established by the entity holding the entertainment event;

C. The ticket is cancelled by the entity holding the entertainment event for any reason; or

D. The person who purchased the ticket does not receive the ticket in time to attend the entertainment event.

3. Penalty. Violation of this section is an unfair trade practice as prohibited by Title 5, section 207.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 336
H.P. 448 - L.D. 679**

**An Act Regarding Animals
Abandoned by Tenants**

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3919-B, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 405, §9, is amended to read:

Notwithstanding sections 3913 and 3919-A and except as provided in Title 17, section 1021, when a person brings a pet to an animal shelter because the owner of that pet is incarcerated or hospitalized or under the process described in Title 14, section 6025-A, that person shall provide the animal shelter with the name and last known address of the pet's owner and the name and address of the a facility where the person is incarcerated or hospitalized. The person bringing the pet to the shelter shall also provide the shelter with that person's name and address and that person's relationship to the owner or the official capacity in which that person is acting to enforce the animal welfare laws. The animal shelter may accept the pet unless the shelter is in quarantine. An animal shelter accepting a pet under this section shall comply with the provisions of this section.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §6025, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 428, §10, is amended to read:

2. Landlord obligations. Except in the case of emergency or if it is impracticable to do so, the landlord shall give the tenant reasonable notice of his the landlord's intent to enter and shall enter only at reasonable times. Twenty-four hours is presumed to be a reasonable notice in the absence of evidence to the contrary. An emergency when the welfare of an animal is at risk as described in section 6025-A is grounds for permitting entry without 24 hours' notice.

Sec. 3. 14 MRSA §6025-A is enacted to read:

§6025-A. Access to care for animals

A landlord may require a tenant to provide information about any animal present in a rental unit and also require the name and contact information of one or more persons the tenant authorizes to enter the rental unit to retrieve the animal if the tenant has vacated the premises and abandoned the animal or the tenant is unable to care for the animal due to death or disability. The landlord may also require, as a condition of tenancy, that the tenant allow the landlord to enter the rental unit in the case of an emergency when the welfare of the animal is at risk to determine whether the animal has been abandoned or is in need of care.

If the landlord determines that a tenant with an animal has vacated the premises or is unable to care for the animal due to death or disability, the landlord may contact a person authorized by the tenant, a humane agent, an animal control officer or an animal shelter to pick up and care for the animal. If the landlord contacts a person identified under this paragraph to pick up and care for the animal and the landlord, within 5 days, sends by first-class mail to the tenant's last known address a notice containing the name, phone number and address of the person taking custody of the animal, the landlord is not liable in a civil action brought by the tenant for personal injury, death, property damage or other damages resulting from or arising out of an occurrence involving the animal.

If an animal shelter accepts an animal at the request of a person the landlord contacted to pick up and care for the animal under this section, the animal shelter shall comply with the provisions of Title 7, section 3919-B.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 337

H.P. 871 - L.D. 1357

An Act to Impose an Expanded Prohibition on Lobbying for Former Executive Branch Employees

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §318-A, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 288, §1, is amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

This section is repealed December 4, 2024.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §318-B is enacted to read:

§318-B. Former executive branch employee lobbying prohibited

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Classified service" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 7032, subsection 3.

B. "Compensated lobbying" means lobbying conducted by an individual who is specifically employed by another person other than the State or an agency of the State for that purpose or lobbying conducted by an individual as a regular employee of another person other than the State or an agency of the State. "Compensated lobbying" does not include activities for which the individual receives no compensation other than reimbursement for lobbying-related travel within the State and reimbursement for other out-of-pocket expenditures made by the individual for printing, postage and food and lodging connected with lobbying activities paid for by the individual. For the purposes of this paragraph, "reimbursement for other out-of-pocket expenditures" does not include reimbursement for the individual's time spent lobbying that would have been otherwise compensated by an employer or in the course of the individual's employment.

C. "Employee from the executive branch in the unclassified service" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 7032, subsection 6-A.

D. "Lobbying" has the same meaning as in section 312-A, subsection 9.

2. Lobbying prohibited. Beginning December 4, 2024, a former officer or employee in the classified service or a former employee from the executive branch in the unclassified service of this State or a person who was employed in a position for which the salary is subject to adjustment by the Governor under Title 2, section 6 or that is described as a major policy-influencing position under Title 5, chapter 71 may not engage in compensated lobbying until one year after the termination of the employee's executive branch employment.

3. Complaints and investigations. A person may file a complaint with the commission specifying an alleged violation of this section. The commission staff shall notify the person against whom the complaint has been filed and may undertake an investigation of the alleged violation if directed by the commission. The commission may direct commission staff to undertake an investigation of an alleged violation of this section on its own motion.

4. Penalty. A person who intentionally violates this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$1,000, payable to the State and recoverable in a civil action.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 338

H.P. 1168 - L.D. 1836

An Act Regarding Insurance Coverage for Diagnostic and Supplemental Breast Examinations

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2745-A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 153, §1 and affected by §5, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§2745-A. Screening Coverage for screening mammograms and diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2745-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 153, §1 and affected by §5, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §2745-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Cost-sharing requirements" means a deductible, coinsurance, copayment or out-of-pocket expense and any maximum limitation on the deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other out-of-pocket expense.

B. "Diagnostic breast examination" means a medically necessary examination of the breast, including an examination using diagnostic mammography, magnetic resonance imaging or ultrasound, that is:

(1) Used to evaluate an abnormality seen on or suspected from a screening mammogram; or

(2) Used to evaluate an abnormality detected by another means of examination.

C. "Screening mammogram" means a radiologic procedure that is provided to an asymptomatic individual for the purpose of early detection of breast cancer and that consists of 2 radiographic views per breast. A screening mammogram also includes an additional radiologic procedure recommended by a provider when the results of an initial radiologic procedure are not definitive.

D. "Supplemental breast examination" means a medical examination of the breast, including an examination using diagnostic mammography, magnetic resonance imaging or ultrasound, to screen for breast cancer when there is no abnormality seen or suspected, but, based on personal or family medical history or other additional factors, the individual has an increased risk of breast cancer.

Sec. 4. 24-A MRSA §2745-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. No cost-sharing requirements. An individual insurance policy may not impose any cost-sharing requirements on a screening mammogram, diagnostic breast examination or supplemental breast examination 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 federal Internal Revenue Service determines that the requirements in this subsection are permissible in a high deductible health plan as defined in the federal Internal Revenue Code, Section 223(c)(2).

Sec. 5. 24-A MRSA §2837-A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 153, §2 and affected by §5, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§2837-A. Screening Coverage for screening mammograms and diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations

Sec. 6. 24-A MRSA §2837-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 153, §2 and affected by §5, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 24-A MRSA §2837-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Cost-sharing requirements" means a deductible, coinsurance, copayment or out-of-pocket expense and any maximum limitation on the deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other out-of-pocket expense.

B. "Diagnostic breast examination" means a medically necessary examination of the breast, including an examination using diagnostic mammography, magnetic resonance imaging or ultrasound, that is:

- (1) Used to evaluate an abnormality seen on or suspected from a screening mammogram; or
- (2) Used to evaluate an abnormality detected by another means of examination.

C. "Screening mammogram" means a radiologic procedure that is provided to an asymptomatic individual for the purpose of early detection of breast cancer and that consists of 2 radiographic views per breast. A screening mammogram also includes an additional radiologic procedure recommended by a provider when the results of an initial radiologic procedure are not definitive.

D. "Supplemental breast examination" means a medical examination of the breast, including an examination using diagnostic mammography, magnetic resonance imaging or ultrasound, to screen for breast cancer when there is no abnormality seen or suspected, but, based on personal or family medical history or other additional factors, the individual has an increased risk of breast cancer.

Sec. 8. 24-A MRSA §2837-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. No cost-sharing requirements. A group insurance policy may not impose any cost-sharing requirements on a screening mammogram, diagnostic breast examination or supplemental breast examination performed by a provider in accordance with this section. This subsection does not apply to a group policy offered for use with a health savings account unless the federal Internal Revenue Service determines that the requirements in this subsection are permissible in a high deductible health plan as defined in the federal Internal Revenue Code, Section 223(c)(2).

Sec. 9. 24-A MRSA §4237-A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 153, §3 and affected by §5, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§4237-A. Screening Coverage for screening mammograms and diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations

Sec. 10. 24-A MRSA §4237-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 153, §3 and affected by §5, is repealed.

Sec. 11. 24-A MRSA §4237-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Cost-sharing requirements" means a deductible, coinsurance, copayment or out-of-pocket expense and any maximum limitation on the deductible, coinsurance, copayment or other out-of-pocket expense.

B. "Diagnostic breast examination" means a medically necessary examination of the breast, including an examination using diagnostic mammography, magnetic resonance imaging or ultrasound, that is:

- (1) Used to evaluate an abnormality seen on or suspected from a screening mammogram; or
- (2) Used to evaluate an abnormality detected by another means of examination.

C. "Screening mammogram" means a radiologic procedure that is provided to an asymptomatic individual for the purpose of early detection of breast cancer and that consists of 2 radiographic views per breast. A screening mammogram also includes an additional radiologic procedure recommended by a provider when the results of an initial radiologic procedure are not definitive.

D. "Supplemental breast examination" means a medical examination of the breast, including an examination using diagnostic mammography, magnetic resonance imaging or ultrasound, to screen for breast cancer when there is no abnormality seen or suspected, but, based on personal or family medical history or other additional factors, the individual has an increased risk of breast cancer.

Sec. 12. 24-A MRSA §4237-A, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. No cost-sharing requirements. All individual and group coverage subject to this chapter may not impose any cost-sharing requirements on a screening mammogram, diagnostic breast examination or supplemental breast examination performed by a provider in accordance with this section. This subsection does not apply to individual or group coverage offered for use with a health savings account unless the federal Internal Revenue Service determines that the requirements in this subsection are permissible in a high deductible health plan as defined in the federal Internal Revenue Code, Section 223(c)(2).

Sec. 13. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2024. For purposes of this Act, all policies, contracts and certifi-

ates are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 339
H.P. 152 - L.D. 231**

**An Act to Support the Maine
Pediatric and Behavioral
Health Partnership 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, youth in Maine are experiencing increased behavioral and mental health challenges as evidenced by increased rates of depression, suicidal ideation and suicide attempts; and

Whereas, the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services' 2022 annual report on children's behavioral health services acknowledged that service availability and accessibility are a significant issue; and

Whereas, programs featuring child psychiatry telehealth consultation services for primary care physicians support diagnosis, care coordination and medication management and have demonstrated increased access for child and adolescent populations to mental health services; and

Whereas, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration funded the establishment of these programs in over 50 states and territories to support child and adolescent mental health, and Maine's Department of Health and Human Services, along with private partners, developed the Maine Pediatric and Behavioral Health Partnership Program as the State's child psychiatry telehealth consultation service; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to timely address the expiration of funding for these programs; 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-B MRSA §15003, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Statewide child psychiatry telehealth consultation service. The department shall, to the extent

funding allows, establish a statewide child psychiatry telehealth consultation service known as the Maine Pediatric and Behavioral Health Partnership Program, referred to in this subsection as "the program," to support primary care physicians who are treating children and adolescent patients and need assistance with diagnosis, care coordination, medication management and any other necessary behavioral health questions to serve their patients. The program must include the following:

A. Oversight by a team consisting of at least one primary care provider and one child and adolescent psychiatrist serving part-time as medical directors to provide assistance to primary care physicians with questions regarding behavioral health services when treating children and adolescents;

B. Regional community teams that use all of the State's child and adolescent psychiatric and behavioral health resources and disseminate resources across the State to primary care physicians with child and adolescent patients;

C. An advisory board of key stakeholders, appointed by the department. The advisory board shall meet at least 4 times a year to assist the medical directors under paragraph A and continually review and evaluate the need for the program;

D. Working agreements with other social service and educational agencies that support primary care physicians; and

E. A system for the appropriate collection and sharing of data as required by the relevant state and federal laws, rules and regulations and as determined appropriate by the medical directors' team under paragraph A.

The department shall seek funding, including public and private grant funds and federal funds, to support the program.

Sec. 2. Funding; reports. The Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 31, 2024 on the funding sources and financial sustainability of the Maine Pediatric and Behavioral Health Partnership Program established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 15003, subsection 11. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the program to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: Provides allocations to establish a statewide child psychiatry telehealth consultation service to support primary care physicians who are treating children

and adolescent patients and need assistance with diagnosis, care coordination and medication management or other necessary behavioral health questions to serve their patients.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$525,000	\$700,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$525,000	\$700,000

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 28, 2023.

**CHAPTER 340
S.P. 244 - L.D. 576**

**An Act to Facilitate
Communication Between Pro
Se Defendants and Prosecutors
While Protecting the Rights of
Those Defendants**

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 enactment of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, section 815, which prohibits most communication between prosecutors and unrepresented defendants, has contributed to a backlog of criminal cases in the judicial system; and

Whereas, this legislation authorizes prosecutors to send written plea offers to unrepresented defendants, to inform unrepresented defendants of diversion programs or steps they can take to avoid pursuit of pending criminal charges and, after unrepresented defendants have been informed of their rights by the court, to negotiate with unrepresented defendants when they appear for dispositional conferences and to communicate with unrepresented defendants who initiate such communications; and

Whereas, the intent of authorizing these forms of communication is to decrease delays in the judicial system while continuing to recognize the fundamental nature of criminal defendants' right to counsel; 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. 15 MRSA §815, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 668, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §815, sub-§1, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Either the defendant initiates the communication or the communication takes place at a dispositional conference and is required by Rule 18(b) of the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure.

Sec. 3. 15 MRSA §815, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 668, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Exception. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a prosecutor may communicate with an unrepresented defendant ~~to~~ **at any time to:**

A. Offer the defendant an opportunity to participate in ~~an established precharge~~ a diversion program or explain steps that the defendant can take, including obtaining reinstatement of the defendant's driver's license or registration or engaging in a certain amount and type of community service, the successful completion of which would result in the prosecutor not prosecuting the charge or charges against the defendant or recommending a dismissal of or filing of the charge or charges. A defendant's failure to successfully complete a diversion program or to successfully undertake any other steps that the prosecutor informed the defendant of under this subsection may not form the basis for imposing any term of imprisonment, suspended or unsuspended, on that defendant if that defendant is later convicted of the charge or charges that were the subject of the discussion; ~~or~~

B. Notify the defendant that a pending criminal matter is being dismissed;

C. Notify the defendant in writing of a plea offer; or

D. Request the defendant's position on a motion to continue or a motion to correct a typographical error in a document filed with the court.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 28, 2023.

**CHAPTER 341
S.P. 34 - L.D. 42**

**An Act Regarding Training for
Corrections Officers**

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2801-A, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Adult corrections officer. "Adult corrections officer" means a person who is responsible for the custody or direct supervision of a person confined in a county or regional jail or state adult correctional facility pursuant to an order of a court or as a result of an arrest and who possesses a current and valid certificate issued by the board pursuant to section 2803-A, subsection 5.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §2801-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 147, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Corrections officer. "Corrections officer" means an adult corrections officer or juvenile corrections officer.

Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §2801-A, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

2-B. Juvenile corrections officer. "Juvenile corrections officer" means a person who is responsible for the custody or direct supervision of a person confined in a state juvenile correctional facility pursuant to an order of a court or as a result of an arrest and who possesses a current and valid certificate issued by the board pursuant to section 2803-A, subsection 5-B.

Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §2803-A, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2013, c. 147, §8, is further amended to read:

5. Training and certification of adult corrections officers in State. In accordance with this chapter, to establish training and certification standards for all adult corrections officers, set requirements for board-approved courses, prescribe curriculum and certify graduates of board-approved courses and persons for whom the board has waived the training requirements of this chapter. Certification must be based on the officer's demonstration of having acquired specific knowledge and skills directly related to job performance; as a corrections officer who is responsible for the custody or direct supervision of persons confined in a county or regional jail or state adult correctional facility.

A corrections officer who is certified and an employee of a county or regional jail or state adult correctional facility on the date the board establishes a separate basic training course and certification standards for juvenile corrections officers pursuant to subsection 5-B must be certified as an adult corrections officer pursuant to this subsection;

Sec. 5. 25 MRSA §2803-A, sub-§5-B is enacted to read:

5-B. Training and certification of juvenile corrections officers in State. In accordance with this chapter, to establish training and certification standards for all juvenile corrections officers, set requirements for board-approved courses, prescribe curriculum and certify graduates of board-approved courses and persons

for whom the board has waived the training requirements of this chapter. Certification must be based on the officer's demonstration of having acquired specific knowledge and skills directly related to job performance as a corrections officer who is responsible for the custody or direct supervision of persons confined in a state juvenile correctional facility.

A corrections officer who is certified and an employee of a state juvenile correctional facility on the date the board establishes a separate basic training course and certification standards for juvenile corrections officers pursuant to this subsection must be certified as a juvenile corrections officer pursuant to this subsection;

Sec. 6. 25 MRSA §2804-D, as amended by PL 2017, c. 436, §1, is further amended to read:

§2804-D. Basic corrections training

1. Required. As a condition to the continued employment of any person as a corrections officer, that person must successfully complete, within the first 12 months of employment, a basic training course as approved by the board. The board may approve a separate basic training course and certification standards for juvenile corrections officers. Thereafter, as a condition of continued employment as a corrections officer, the officer must satisfactorily maintain the basic certification. The board, under extenuating and emergency circumstances in individual cases, may extend the 12-month period for not more than 180 days. The board, in individual cases, may waive basic training requirements when the facts indicate that an equivalent course has been successfully completed in another state or federal jurisdiction. A full-time correctional trade instructor must meet the training requirements established under this subsection for corrections officers. Beginning January 1, 2018, the basic training course must include 8 hours of training in how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorder that is provided by a trainer who is certified by a nationally recognized organization that provides evidence-based mental health ~~first-aid~~ training.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 342

H.P. 154 - L.D. 233

**An Act to Ensure Efficiency in
the Review of Petitions by the
Secretary of State by
Clarifying Deadlines Related to
Those Petitions**

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §905, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 277, §6, is further amended to read:

1. Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall review all petitions filed in the Department of the Secretary of State for a people's veto referendum under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 17, or for a direct initiative under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18.

The Secretary of State shall determine the validity of the petition and issue a written decision stating the reasons for the decision within 30 business days from the date of filing of a written petition in the Department of the Secretary of State under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 17 or 18, except as provided in paragraph A.

A. In an even-numbered general election year, if a written petition is filed in the Department of the Secretary of State under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 17 or 18 within the 30 calendar days preceding the general election or within the 30 calendar days following the general election, the Secretary of State shall determine the validity of the petition and issue a written decision stating the reasons for the decision within 30 business days after the 30th calendar day following the general election.

The Secretary of State may invalidate a petition if the Secretary of State is unable to verify the notarization of that petition.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 343
H.P. 168 - L.D. 263**

**An Act to Ensure Access to
Family Planning Services**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §332, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 440, §7, is amended to read:

1. Subsequent review following approval. When the commissioner has approved an application filed unconditionally or subject to conditions pursuant to section 335, subsection 8, the commissioner may conduct a subsequent review to ensure compliance with any terms or conditions of approval within 3 years after the approved activity is undertaken. The 3-year time limitation does not apply to a subsequent review to ensure that the requirement set forth in section 335, subsection 1, paragraph G continues to be met. In ~~this~~ any subsequent review, the commissioner may hold a public hearing and may consider any material or significant changes in factors or circumstances relied upon by the commissioner in approving the application and significant and relevant information that either is new or was

withheld by the applicant at the time of the process under section 335. If, upon review, the commissioner determines that any terms or conditions of the approval have not been met, the commissioner may take enforcement action consistent with subsection 3 and other applicable provisions of this Act.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §335, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2011, c. 424, Pt. B, §15 and affected by Pt. E, §1, is further amended to read:

D. Does not result in inappropriate increases in service utilization, according to the principles of evidence-based medicine adopted by the Maine Quality Forum, as established in Title 24-A, section 6951, when the principles adopted by the Maine Quality Forum are directly applicable to the application; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §335, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 424, Pt. B, §15 and affected Pt. E, §1, is amended to read:

F. In the case of a nursing facility project that proposes to add new nursing facility beds to the inventory of nursing facility beds within the State, is consistent with the nursing facility MaineCare funding pool and other applicable provisions of sections 333-A and 334-A; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §335, sub-§1, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. In the case of a project requiring a certificate of need pursuant to section 329, subsection 1 or section 329, subsection 4-A, paragraph B, will not cause a reduction in access to, geographic proximity of, timeliness of or quality of any family planning services, as defined in section 1902, subsection 4, or any abortion services, except that the commissioner may approve a project that will cause such a reduction if the commissioner finds:

(1) That the project is economically and financially feasible only if an obstetrical care service is closed or reduced in capacity; and

(2) After considering all reasonable alternatives, that access to other health care services will be substantially reduced if the project is not approved.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §335, sub-§5-A, ¶H, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 440, §18, is amended to read:

H. Except with regard to a project related to nursing facility services, a written assessment by the Director of the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention of the impact of the project on the health of ~~Maine citizens~~ persons living in the State, including without limitation an assessment of the impact of the project on access to, geographic proximity of, timeliness of and quality of any family

planning services, as defined in section 1902, subsection 4, and any abortion services; and

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §336, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2011, c. 648, §12, is further amended by enacting at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

The commissioner may not find that a project primarily involves day-to-day operation of the facility in its current form if the commissioner finds that the project would result in a reduction of access to, geographic proximity of, timeliness of or quality of any family planning services, as defined in section 1902, subsection 4, or any abortion services unless the commissioner determines that the exceptions described in section 335, subsection 1, paragraph G are met.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 344

S.P. 236 - L.D. 565

An Act to Improve Maine's System for Protecting Sixth Amendment Rights

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 720, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Standards Rulemaking. The commission shall develop standards adopt rules governing the delivery of indigent legal services, including by assigned counsel, contract counsel and public defenders. The rules adopted by the commission must include:

- A. Standards governing eligibility for indigent legal services. The eligibility standards must take into account the possibility of a defendant's or civil party's ability to make periodic installment payments toward counsel fees and the cost of private legal services in the relevant geographic area;
- B. Standards prescribing minimum experience, training and other qualifications for contract counsel and, assigned counsel and public defenders;
- C. Standards for assigned counsel and, contract counsel and public defender case loads;
- D. Standards for the evaluation of assigned counsel and, contract counsel and public defenders. The commission shall review the standards developed pursuant to this paragraph at least every 5 years, or earlier upon the earlier recommendation of the executive director;
- E. Standards for independent, quality high-quality and efficient representation of clients whose cases present conflicts of interest;

F. Standards for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by assigned counsel and, contract counsel and public defenders, including attendance at training events provided by the commission; and

G. Other standards considered necessary and appropriate to ensure the delivery of adequate indigent legal services.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 481, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Develop and maintain a system that ~~may employ attorneys, use~~ employs public defenders, uses appointed private attorneys and contract contracts with individual attorneys or groups of attorneys. The commission shall consider other programs necessary to provide quality and efficient indigent legal services;

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§3, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 419, §2, is amended to read:

F. Establish rates of compensation for assigned counsel and contract counsel;

Sec. 4. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§3, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 419, §2, is amended to read:

G. Establish a method for accurately tracking and, monitoring and enforcing case ~~loads of~~ load standards for assigned counsel and, contract counsel and public defenders;

Sec. 5. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§3, ¶H, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. UUUU, §4, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) An evaluation of: contracts; services provided by contract counsel and, assigned counsel and public defenders; any contracted professional services; and cost containment measures; and

Sec. 6. 4 MRSA §1806, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Rules of professional conduct. Nothing in this section prohibits the executive director or the executive director's designee from reporting potential professional misconduct under the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct to the Board of Overseers of the Bar or from disclosing information and records related to potential professional misconduct to the board.

Sec. 7. 30-A MRSA §1662, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 214, §2, is amended to read:

3. Pretrial detention. ~~Beginning November 1, 2017, a~~ A county jail or regional jail shall report twice per month to the Unified Criminal Docket in the judicial region in which the jail is located and to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services on the pretrial

detention population in the jail. The jail shall report on the form provided by the Unified Criminal Docket.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 345
H.P. 393 - L.D. 616**

An Act to Protect Health Care Professionals Providing Reproductive Health Care Services

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2159-F is enacted to read:

§2159-F. Discrimination based solely on provision of reproductive health care services in medical malpractice insurance

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Adverse action" means revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action against a health care professional's license.

B. "Health care professional who provides reproductive health care services" means a health care professional who provides, authorizes, recommends, aids, assists, refers for or otherwise participates in an abortion or any other reproductive health care services provided for the purpose of an abortion performed on an individual.

2. Discrimination prohibited. An insurer that provides medical malpractice insurance in this State may not refuse to issue or renew coverage, cancel or restrict coverage or require the payment of additional charges by a health care professional who provides reproductive health care services on the sole basis that the health care professional is acting in violation of another state's law or is subject to an adverse action against the health care professional's license in another state for a violation of that state's law.

3. Action based on adverse action in another state prohibited. An insurer that provides medical malpractice insurance in this State may not refuse to issue or renew coverage, cancel or restrict coverage or require the payment of additional charges by a health care professional who provides reproductive health care services as a result of an adverse action against the health care professional's license in another state if the adverse action is solely based on a violation of the other state's law that prohibits abortion and any related reproductive

health care services in that state or for a resident of that state.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 346
H.P. 460 - L.D. 691**

An Act to Reduce Barriers to Housing by Limiting Tenant Application Fees

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6030-H is enacted to read:

§6030-H. Fees charged to applicants for lease of residential dwelling unit

1. Definition. As used in this section, "dwelling unit" has the same meaning as in section 6021, subsection 1.

2. Fees prohibited generally. Except as provided in this section, a landlord may not require an applicant to pay a fee to submit an application to enter into an agreement for rental of a dwelling unit or require an applicant to pay a fee for the landlord to review or approve an application to enter into an agreement for rental of a dwelling unit.

3. Exceptions. Subject to the requirements of this subsection, a landlord, in connection with an application to enter into an agreement for rental of a dwelling unit, may require an applicant to pay the actual cost of only one of the following:

A. A background check;

B. A credit check; or

C. A screening process other than those in paragraphs A and B.

A landlord shall provide an applicant with a complete copy of the information obtained pursuant to a background check, credit check or other screening process. A landlord may not charge an applicant any fee under this subsection unless the landlord has notified the applicant that the landlord is required by law to provide the applicant a complete copy of the information obtained pursuant to the background check, credit check or other screening process.

A landlord may not charge an applicant more than one fee for a background check, credit check or other screening process in any 12-month period.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 347
H.P. 582 - L.D. 935**

**An Act to Remove Barriers to
Abortion Coverage in Private
Insurance**

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4320-M, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 274, §5, is amended to read:

2. Limits; ~~deductible; copayment; coinsurance.~~ A health plan that provides coverage for the services required by this section may contain provisions for maximum benefits and ~~coinsurance and~~ reasonable limitations, ~~deductibles~~ and exclusions to the extent that these provisions are not inconsistent with the requirements of this section.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4320-M, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Cost sharing prohibited. Notwithstanding subsection 2, a health plan with an effective date on or after January 1, 2024 may not impose any deductible, copayment, coinsurance or other cost-sharing requirement for the costs of abortion services. This subsection does not apply to a health plan offered for use with a health savings account unless the federal Internal Revenue Service determines that the requirements in this subsection are permissible in a high deductible health plan as defined in the federal Internal Revenue Code, Section 223(c)(2).

Sec. 3. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2024. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 348
H.P. 630 - L.D. 995**

**An Act to Enhance Access to a
Second Opinion for Health
Care Services or Treatment**

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§25 is enacted to read:

25. Second opinion. An enrollee in a health plan may not be required to obtain a 2nd opinion from a provider that practices in the same office location as the enrollee's provider. Notwithstanding any provision of

this Title to the contrary, if the 2nd opinion is obtained from an out-of-network provider because a network provider is not available in accordance with section 4303, subsection 1 and Bureau of Insurance Rule Chapter 850: Health Plan Accountability, a carrier may not apply a deductible, coinsurance or copayment for the 2nd opinion in an amount greater than the deductible, coinsurance or copayment that would apply to the same health care service if the service were obtained from a network provider, and the amount of any coinsurance or copayment must be applied to the enrollee's in-network deductible.

Sec. 2. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2024. For purposes of this Act, all policies, contracts and certificates are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 349
H.P. 718 - L.D. 1132**

**An Act Regarding the
Provision of Liquor at Taste-
testing Events Held at an Off-
premises Retail Licensee's
Premises**

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§2, ¶M-1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 404, §6, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §460, sub-§2, ¶M-2 is enacted to read:

M-2. Spirits served at a taste-testing event 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. A record of the transaction under this subparagraph must be maintained and made available to the bureau. After the taste-testing event is concluded, the licensed sales representative or spirits supplier shall remove all products supplied for the taste-testing event from the licensee's premises.

Sec. 3. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶K, as amended by PL 2019, c. 79, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 28-A MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶K-1 is enacted to read:

K-1. Wine served at a taste-testing event must be:

(1) Purchased by the retail licensee from a wholesale licensee;

(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 retail licensee's premises; or

(3) Provided by a licensed sales representative participating in the taste-testing event or by a manufacturer licensed under section 1355-A participating in the taste-testing event and purchased in the State at the retail price. A record of a transaction under this subparagraph must be maintained and made available to the bureau. After the taste-testing event is concluded, the licensed sales representative or manufacturer shall remove all products supplied for the taste-testing event from the licensee's premises;

Sec. 5. 28-A MRSA §1207, sub-§2, ¶K, as amended by PL 2019, c. 79, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 28-A MRSA §1207, sub-§2, ¶K-1 is enacted to read:

K-1. Malt liquor served at a taste-testing event must be:

(1) Purchased by the retail licensee from a wholesale licensee;

(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 retail licensee's premises; or

(3) Provided by a licensed sales representative participating in the taste-testing event or by a manufacturer licensed under section 1355-A participating in the taste-testing event and purchased in the State at the retail price. A record of a transaction under this subparagraph must be maintained and made available to the bureau. After the taste-testing event is concluded, the licensed sales representative or manufacturer shall remove all products supplied for the taste-testing event from the licensee's premises.

Sec. 7. 28-A MRSA §1505, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 2015, c. 329, Pt. D, §3 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

4. Pour, provide or distribute. A sales representative participating in a tasting event pursuant to this section may not pour or distribute to consumers the

products being offered for tasting during the event unless the sales representative was listed on a request submitted to the bureau by a licensee to conduct a taste testing in accordance with section 460; section 1051, subsection 8; section 1205; or section 1207. A sales representative who pours or distributes products to consumers at a tasting event under section 460; section 1051, subsection 8; section 1205; or section 1207 must have successfully completed an alcohol server education course approved by the commissioner. A sales representative may purchase spirits or provide liquor for a consumer tasting event in compliance with section 460, section 1205 or section 1207 if the sales representative has successfully completed an alcohol server education course approved by the commissioner.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 350

H.P. 799 - L.D. 1251

An Act to Clarify Immunity from Liability for Municipalities Engaged in Recycling Activities

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §159-B, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 487, §1, is amended to read:

B. "Recycling activities" means collection or separation or both of materials on the property of a municipality or in containers:

(1) Owned by a municipality or regional association as defined in Title 38, section 1303-C, subsection 24; and

(2) Located on the premises of the owner, lessee or occupant under an agreement between the municipality or regional association and the owner, lessee or occupant of the premises.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §159-B, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Municipal immunity. Except as provided in subsection 4, a municipality performing recycling activities in accordance with this subsection is performing a discretionary function pursuant to section 8104-B, subsection 3 and is immune from liability for personal injury, property damage or death, including of a member of the public, caused by recycling activities of the municipality on property owned by the municipality or on the premises of another person. A municipality is immune from liability under this subsection only if the municipality has adopted and regularly enforces a written policy establishing reasonable safety standards applicable to the premises where the municipality per-

forms recycling activities. A written policy adopted under this subsection must be developed by a credentialed industrial hygienist and must comply with United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements. As used in this subsection, "credentialed industrial hygienist" means an industrial hygienist certified by a national association of industrial hygiene professionals.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 351

S.P. 530 - L.D. 1312

An Act to Limit the Immunity of Charitable Organizations

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §158, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 513, §28, is amended to read:

§158. Damages for tortious conduct of charitable corporations organizations

A charitable organization ~~shall be~~ is considered to have waived its immunity from liability for negligence or any other tort during the period a policy of insurance is effective covering the liability of the charitable organization for negligence or any other tort. Each policy issued to a charitable organization ~~shall~~ must contain a provision to the effect that the insurer ~~shall be~~ is estopped from asserting, as a defense to any claim covered by ~~said~~ the policy, that ~~such~~ the organization is immune from liability on the ground that it is a charitable organization. ~~The~~ Except as provided in section 158-C, subsection 2, the amount of damages in any such case ~~shall~~ may not exceed the limits of coverage specified in the policy, and the courts shall abate any verdict in any such action to the extent that it exceeds ~~such policy limit~~ the limits.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §158-C is enacted to read:

§158-C. Limitation on immunity of charitable organizations

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Charitable organization" has the same meaning as in section 158-B, subsection 3.

B. "Minor" means an individual who has not attained 18 years of age.

C. "Sexual assault or sexual exploitation of a minor" means any crime described in Title 17-A, chapters 11 or 12 against a minor.

2. Recoverable damages. Notwithstanding section 158, the amount of any insurance coverage specified in any policy issued to a charitable organization does not limit the amount of damages recoverable for any torts described in subsection 3.

3. Immunity not available for sexual assault or sexual exploitation of a minor. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a charitable organization is not immune from liability for any tort alleging negligent hiring, supervision or retention of an employee, agent or servant that arises out of sexual assault or sexual exploitation of a minor.

4. Immunity not available for intentional torts. A charitable organization is not immune from liability for intentional torts.

Sec. 3. Application. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 302, this Act applies to any civil action or proceeding that is pending as of the effective date of this Act and applies retroactively to any tort described in Title 14, section 158-C that occurred prior to the effective date of this Act.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 352

H.P. 857 - L.D. 1343

An Act to Protect the Reproductive Freedom of Maine People by Preempting the Field of Abortion Regulation

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1598, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Preemption. The State intends to occupy and preempt the entire field of legislation concerning the regulation of a person's decision to terminate a pregnancy and legislation concerning the provision of abortion. No political subdivision of the State, including, but not limited to, municipalities, counties, townships, plantations and village corporations, may adopt any order, ordinance, rule or regulation concerning the regulation of a person's decision to terminate a pregnancy or concerning the provision of abortion.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 353
H.P. 904 - L.D. 1408

**An Act to Reduce Maine's
Dependence on Fossil Fuels
and Carbon Footprint for
Energy Production Using
Waste Wood Fuel**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8884, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Report. If the bureau provides a report related to wood processor reports received by the bureau in accordance with subsection 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over forestry management matters, the bureau shall also submit a copy of the report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3622, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 604, §3, is amended to read:

2. Net generating capacity. "Net generating capacity" means the electric output of an electricity generating facility delivered to the transmission and distribution utility system. "Net generating capacity" does not include any energy consumed by the generator to operate the electricity generating facility, energy provided behind the meter to facilities adjacent to the electricity generating facility or any energy consumed for facility lighting, power and auxiliary facilities.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3623, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 604, §3, is amended to read:

A. The net generating capacity of a program participant may not be less than 3 megawatts or more than ~~40~~ 15 megawatts.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3623, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 604, §3, is amended to read:

B. The total net generating capacity of all program participants combined may not exceed ~~20~~ 30 megawatts.

The commission may modify the amount of total net generating capacity stipulated under this paragraph based on program experience.

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3623, sub-§3, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 604, §3, is amended to read:

D. Be highly efficient, as determined by the commission on a technology-specific basis; and

Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §3624, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 604, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities; required participation. Notwithstanding section 3204, the commission may direct an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to enter into long-term contracts for energy with one or more program participants if the program participant is:

A. Located within the service territory of the investor-owned transmission and distribution utility; or

B. Located within the service territory of a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility if:

(1) The program participant delivers energy to a location within the service territory of the investor-owned transmission and distribution utility;

(2) The program participant does not sell energy to the consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility in whose territory the program participant is located; and

(3) The consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility consents to the sale and transmission of that energy pursuant to a long-term contract.

The commission may direct investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to enter into contracts under this subsection only as agents for their customers and only in accordance with this section. An investor-owned transmission and distribution utility shall sell energy pursuant to this subsection into the wholesale electricity market or take other action relative to that energy directed by the commission.

Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §3624, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 604, §3, is amended to read:

2. Consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities; voluntary participation. A consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility may, at the option of the utility, enter into long-term contracts with one or more program participants located within the service territory of the utility for energy, ~~capacity resources or renewable energy credits~~. Consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities may enter into contracts under this subsection only as agents for their customers and only in accordance with this section.

Sec. 8. 35-A MRSA §3624, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 604, §3, is amended to read:

3. Sale of energy; contract procedures. ~~Energy, capacity resources or renewable energy credits~~ contracted through long-term contracts pursuant to this section may be sold into the wholesale electricity market separately or in conjunction with solicitations for standard-offer supply bids under section 3212 or solicitations for green power offer bids under section 3212-B. To the greatest extent possible, the commission shall

develop procedures for long-term contracts for transmission and distribution utilities under this section having the same legal and financial effect as the procedures used for standard-offer service pursuant to section 3212 for transmission and distribution utilities.

Sec. 9. 35-A MRSA §3624, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 604, §3, is amended to read:

7. Contract payments. Contracts for capacity and related energy entered into pursuant to this section must provide that payments will be made only after contracted amounts of energy have been provided.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 354

H.P. 1026 - L.D. 1581

An Act Regarding Dental Hygienists and Dental Therapists

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §18302, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Dental hygiene diagnosis. "Dental hygiene diagnosis" means the identification of an existing oral health problem that a dental hygienist is qualified and licensed to treat.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §18341, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Basic life support. An applicant seeking an initial or a renewed license must include evidence of basic life support certification.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §18345, sub-§2, ¶F, as amended by PL 2021, c. 44, §4, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) A copy of the written agreement between the applicant and a dentist who will provide levels of direct supervision consistent with the scope of practice for the procedures outlined in section 18377 and subsection 1, paragraph A and general supervision for the procedures outlined in section 18377, subsection 1, paragraph B in conformity with rules adopted by the board.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §18350, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 429, §21, is amended to read:

§18350. Continuing education

As a condition of renewal of a license to practice, an applicant must have a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation basic life support certification and complete continuing education during the licensing cycle prior to

application for renewal. The board may prescribe by rule the content and types of continuing education activities that meet the requirements of this section.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §18374, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 223, §12, is further amended to read:

A. Administer ~~local anesthesia or~~ nitrous oxide analgesia, as long as the dental hygienist or faculty dental hygienist has authority to administer the ~~relevant~~ medication pursuant to section 18345, subsection 2, paragraph ~~D or E~~.

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §18374, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Scope of practice; general supervision. Under the general supervision of a dentist, a dental hygienist and faculty dental hygienist may administer local anesthesia, as long as the dental hygienist or faculty dental hygienist has authority to administer the medication pursuant to section 18345, subsection 2, paragraph D.

Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §18374, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 223, §12, is further amended to read:

2. Scope of practice; general supervision. A dental hygienist and faculty dental hygienist may perform ~~under the general supervision of a dentist~~ all of the activities that may be delegated to an unlicensed person pursuant to section 18371, subsection 3. A dental hygienist and faculty dental hygienist may also perform the following procedures ~~under the general supervision of a dentist~~:

A. ~~Prescribe, dispense or administer anticavity toothpastes or topical gels with 1.1% or less sodium fluoride and oral rinses with 0.05%, 0.2%, 0.44% or 0.5% sodium fluoride, as well as chlorhexidine gluconate oral rinse;~~

A-1. Prescribe, dispense or administer fluoride, silver diamine fluoride, antimicrobial solutions for mouth rinsing, topical anesthetics, other nonsystemic antimicrobial agents, desensitizing agents and resorbable antimicrobial agents;

~~C. Apply desensitizing agents to teeth;~~

~~D. Apply fluoride to control caries;~~

~~F. Apply sealants;~~

~~J. Expose and process radiographs;~~

~~S. Perform all procedures necessary for a complete prophylaxis, including but not limited to scaling and root planing and periodontal maintenance;~~

~~U. Perform complete periodontal and dental restorative charting;~~

~~X. Perform oral inspections, recording all conditions that should be called to the attention of the dentist;~~

~~GG. Place localized delivery of chemotherapeutic agents when treatment is planned by the dentist;~~

~~JJ. Place temporary restorations as an emergency procedure, as long as the patient is informed of the temporary nature of the restoration in compliance with the protocol adopted by the board; and~~

~~TT. Smooth and polish amalgam restorations;~~

~~ZZ. Perform dental hygiene assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis and dental hygiene treatment planning and implementation in the identification, prevention and management of oral disease; and~~

~~AAA. Obtain impressions for and deliver athletic mouth guards and custom fluoride trays.~~

Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §18375, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 388, §§20 and 21, is further amended to read:

1. Scope of practice. An independent practice dental hygienist may perform ~~only~~ the following duties without supervision by a dentist:

~~A. Interview patients and record complete medical and dental histories;~~

~~B. Take and record the vital signs of blood pressure, pulse and temperature;~~

~~C. Perform oral inspections, recording all conditions that should be called to the attention of a dentist;~~

~~D. Perform complete periodontal and dental restorative charting;~~

E. Perform all procedures necessary for a complete prophylaxis, including but not limited to scaling and root planing and periodontal maintenance;

F. Apply fluoride to control caries;

G. Apply desensitizing agents to teeth;

H. Apply topical anesthetics;

I. Apply sealants;

J. Smooth and polish amalgam restorations, ~~limited to slow speed application only~~;

L. Obtain impressions for and deliver athletic mouth guards and custom fluoride trays;

~~M. Place and remove rubber dams;~~

N. Place temporary restorations in compliance with the protocol adopted by the board;

O. Apply topical antimicrobials, including fluoride but excluding antibiotics, for the purposes of bacterial reduction, caries control and desensitization in the oral cavity. The independent practice dental hygienist shall follow current manufacturer's instructions in the use of these medicaments;

~~P. Expose and process radiographs, including but not limited to vertical and horizontal bitewing films, periapical films, panoramic images and full-mouth series, under protocols developed by the board as long as the independent practice dental hygienist has a written agreement with a licensed dentist that provides that the dentist is available to interpret all dental radiographs within 21 days from the date the radiograph is taken and that the dentist will sign a radiographic review and findings form; and~~

Q. Prescribe, dispense or administer ~~antecavity toothpastes or topical gels with 1.1% or less sodium fluoride and oral rinses with 0.05%, 0.2%, 0.44% or 0.5% sodium fluoride, as well as chlorhexidine gluconate oral rinse. For the purposes of this paragraph, "topical" includes superficial and intraoral application.~~ fluoride, silver diamine fluoride, antimicrobial solutions for mouth rinsing, topical anesthetics, other nonsystemic antimicrobial agents, desensitizing agents and resorbable antimicrobial agents; and

R. Perform dental hygiene assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis and dental hygiene treatment planning and implementation in the identification, prevention and management of oral disease.

Sec. 9. 32 MRSA §18376, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 388, §§22 and 23, is further amended to read:

1. Scope of practice. A public health dental hygienist may perform the following procedures in a public health setting ~~under a supervision agreement with a dentist that outlines the roles and responsibilities of the collaboration~~:

~~A. Prescribe, dispense or administer antecavity toothpastes or topical gels with 1.1% or less sodium fluoride and oral rinses with 0.05%, 0.2%, 0.44% or 0.5% sodium fluoride, as well as chlorhexidine gluconate oral rinse fluoride, silver diamine fluoride, antimicrobial solutions for mouth rinsing, topical anesthetics, other nonsystemic antimicrobial agents, desensitizing agents and resorbable antimicrobial agents;~~

~~B. Apply cavity varnish;~~

~~C. Apply desensitizing agents to teeth;~~

~~D. Apply fluoride to control caries;~~

~~E. Apply liquids, pastes or gel topical anesthetics;~~

~~F. Apply sealants;~~

G. Apply topical antimicrobials, including fluoride but excluding antibiotics, for the purposes of bacterial reduction, caries control and desensitization in the oral cavity. The public health dental hygienist shall follow current manufacturer's instructions in the use of these medicaments. For the purposes

of this paragraph, "topical" includes superficial and intramuscular application;

I. Expose and process radiographs upon written standing prescription orders from a dentist who is available to interpret all dental radiographs within 21 days and who will complete and sign a radiographic review and findings form;

J. For instruction purposes, demonstrate to a patient how the patient should place and remove removable prostheses, appliances or retainers;

K. For the purposes of eliminating pain or discomfort, remove loose, broken or irritating orthodontic appliances;

L. Give oral health instruction;

M. Interview patients and record complete medical and dental histories;

N. Irrigate and aspirate the oral cavity;

O. Isolate operative fields;

P. Perform all procedures necessary for a complete prophylaxis, including but not limited to scaling and root planing and periodontal maintenance;

Q. Perform complete periodontal and dental restorative charting;

R. Perform dietary analyses for dental disease control;

S. Perform temporary filling procedures without a dentist present under protocols adopted by board rule;

T. Perform oral inspections, recording all conditions that should be called to the attention of the dentist;

U. Perform pulp vitality tests pursuant to the direction of a dentist;

V. Place and remove gingival retraction cord without vasoconstrictor;

W. Place and remove matrix bands for purposes of fabricating or placing temporary restorations;

X. Place and remove rubber dams;

Y. Place and remove wedges for purposes of fabricating or placing temporary restorations;

Z. Place temporary restorations in compliance with the protocol adopted by board rule;

AA. Remove excess cement from the supragingival surfaces of teeth;

BB. Retract lips, cheek, tongue and other tissue parts;

CC. Smooth and polish restorations, limited to slow speed application only;

DD. Take and record the vital signs of blood pressure, pulse and temperature;

EE. Take dental plaque smears for microscopic inspection and patient education;

FF. Obtain impressions for and deliver athletic mouth guards and custom fluoride trays; and

GG. Take intraoral photographs.

HH. Perform dental hygiene assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis and dental hygiene treatment planning and implementation in the identification, prevention and management of oral disease.

Sec. 10. 32 MRSA §18377, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 223, §13, is further amended to read:

1. Scope of practice. A dental therapist may perform the following procedures in limited practice settings, if authorized by a written practice agreement with under the general supervision of a supervising dentist licensed in this State pursuant to subsection 3.

A. To the extent permitted in a written practice agreement, a dental therapist may provide the care and services listed in this paragraph only under the direct general supervision of the supervising dentist:

- (1) Perform oral health assessments, pulpal disease assessments for primary and young teeth, simple cavity preparations and restorations and simple extractions;
- (2) Prepare and place stainless steel crowns and aesthetic anterior crowns for primary incisors and prepare, place and remove space maintainers;
- (4) Administer local anesthesia and nitrous oxide analgesia;
- (6) Conduct urgent management of dental trauma, perform suturing, extract primary teeth and perform nonsurgical extractions of periodontally diseased permanent teeth if authorized in advance by the supervising dentist; and
- (7) Provide, dispense and administer anti-inflammatories, nonprescription analgesics, antimicrobials, antibiotics and anticaries materials.

B. To the extent permitted in a written practice agreement, a dental therapist may provide the care and services identified in section 18371, subsection 3 and section 18374 under the general supervision of the supervising dentist.

Sec. 11. 32 MRSA §18377, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 388, §10, is further amended to read:

B. A dental therapist may practice ~~only~~ under the ~~direct~~ general supervision of a dentist through a written practice agreement signed by both parties. A written practice agreement is a signed document that outlines the functions that the dental therapist is authorized to perform, which may not exceed the scopes of practice specified in subsections 1 and 2. A dental therapist may practice only under the standing order of the supervising dentist, may provide only care that follows written protocols and may provide only services that the dental therapist is authorized to provide by the written practice agreement.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 355

S.P. 762 - L.D. 1887

An Act to Clarify the Review and Procurement Process for Nonwires Alternatives

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3131, sub-§4-B, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 369, Pt. C, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3131, sub-§4-C, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 298, §5, is amended to read:

4-C. Nonwires alternative. "Nonwires alternative" means ~~a nontransmission alternative or~~ an infrastructure, technology or application that either individually or collectively defers or reduces the need for capital investment in the transmission ~~and or~~ distribution system and addresses system reliability needs proposed to be met by the transmission or distribution system investment. "Nonwires alternative" includes but is not limited to energy efficiency and conservation measures, energy storage, load management, demand response and distributed generation.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§2-D, as amended by PL 2019, c. 298, §7, is further amended to read:

2-D. ~~Nontransmission~~ Nonwires alternatives investigation; consideration. In considering whether to approve or disapprove all or portions of a proposed transmission line and associated infrastructure pursuant to subsection 5, the commission shall, for a transmission line proposed by an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility, consider the results and recommendations of an investigation by the nonwires alternative coordinator conducted in accordance with section 3132-C.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2019, c. 298, §10, is further amended to read:

5. Commission approval of a proposed transmission line; ~~nontransmission~~ nonwires alternatives. The commission may approve or disapprove all or portions of a proposed transmission line and shall make such orders regarding its character, size, installation and maintenance and regarding ~~nontransmission~~ nonwires alternatives to the proposed transmission line as are necessary, having regard for any increased costs caused by the orders. In its review and consideration of ~~nontransmission~~ nonwires alternatives, as required by subsection 2-D, the commission shall give preference to the ~~nontransmission~~ nonwires alternatives that have been identified as able to address the identified need for the proposed transmission line most cost-effectively. When the cost-effectiveness of the identified ~~nontransmission~~ nonwires alternatives are reasonably equal, the commission shall give preference to the alternatives that produce the lowest amount of local air emissions, including greenhouse gas emissions.

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2019, c. 298, §11, is further amended to read:

6. Commission order; certificate of public convenience and necessity. In its order, the commission shall make specific findings with regard to the public need for the proposed transmission line. The commission shall make specific findings with regard to the likelihood that ~~nontransmission~~ nonwires alternatives can sufficiently address the identified public need over the effective life of the transmission line more cost-effectively. If the commission finds that a public need exists, after considering whether the need can be reliably and more cost-effectively met using ~~nontransmission~~ nonwires alternatives, it shall issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the transmission line. In determining public need, the commission shall, at a minimum, take into account economics, reliability, public health and safety, scenic, historic and recreational values, state renewable energy generation goals, the proximity of the proposed transmission line to inhabited dwellings and ~~nontransmission~~ nonwires alternatives to construction of the transmission line, including energy conservation, distributed generation or load management. If the commission orders or allows the erection of the transmission line, the order is subject to all other provisions of law and the right of any other agency to approve the transmission line. The commission shall, as necessary and in accordance with subsections 7 and 8, consider the findings of the Department of Environmental Protection under Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6, with respect to the proposed transmission line and any modifications ordered by the Department of Environmental Protection to lessen the impact of the proposed transmission line on the environment. A person may submit a petition for and obtain approval of a proposed transmission line under this section before applying for approval under municipal ordinances adopted pursuant to Title 30-A, Part 2, Subpart

6-A; and Title 38, section 438-A and, except as provided in subsection 4, before identifying a specific route or route options for the proposed transmission line. Except as provided in subsection 4, the commission may not consider the petition insufficient for failure to provide identification of a route or route options for the proposed transmission line. The issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity establishes that, as of the date of issuance of the certificate, the decision by the person to erect or construct was prudent. At the time of its issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, the commission shall send to each municipality through which a proposed corridor or corridors for a transmission line extends a separate notice that the issuance of the certificate does not override, supersede or otherwise affect municipal authority to regulate the siting of the proposed transmission line. The commission may deny a certificate of public convenience and necessity for a transmission line upon a finding that the transmission line is reasonably likely to adversely affect any transmission and distribution utility or its customers.

Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§15, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 369, Pt. C, §7, is amended to read:

15. Advancement of ~~nontransmission nonwires~~ alternatives policies. The commission shall advocate in all relevant venues for the pursuit of least-cost solutions to bulk power system needs on a total cost basis and for all available resources, including ~~nontransmission nonwires~~ alternatives, to be treated comparably in transmission analysis, planning and access to funding.

Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §3132-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 298, §12, is further amended to read:

§3132-A. Construction of transmission or subtransmission projects prohibited without approval of the commission

A person may not construct any transmission project or subtransmission project without approval from the commission. For the purposes of this section, "transmission project" means any proposed new or upgraded transmission line and its associated substation infrastructure that is capable of operating at less than 69 kilovolts or more. "Subtransmission project" means any proposed new or upgraded transmission line, substation component or associated infrastructure that is capable of operating at less than 69 kilovolts and projected to cost in excess of \$5,000,000.

1. Submission requirement. A person that proposes to undertake in the State a transmission project or subtransmission project must provide the commission with a description of the need for the proposed transmission project or subtransmission project.

1-A. Nonwires alternatives investigation; consideration. In considering whether to approve or disapprove all or portions of a proposed transmission

project or subtransmission project pursuant to subsection 2, the commission shall, for a transmission project or subtransmission project proposed by an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility, consider the results and recommendations of an investigation by the nonwires alternative coordinator conducted in accordance with section 3132-C.

2. Commission approval of a proposed transmission project or subtransmission project; ~~nontransmission nonwires~~ alternatives. In order for a transmission project or subtransmission project to be approved, the commission must consider whether the identified need over the effective life of the proposed transmission project or subtransmission project can be reliably and more cost-effectively met using ~~nontransmission nonwires~~ alternatives. In its review and consideration of ~~nontransmission nonwires~~ alternatives, as required by subsection 1-A, the commission shall give preference to ~~nontransmission nonwires~~ alternatives that have been identified as able to address the identified need for the proposed transmission project or subtransmission project most cost-effectively. When the cost-effectiveness of the identified ~~nontransmission nonwires~~ alternatives are reasonably equal, the commission shall give preference to the alternatives that produce the lowest amount of local air emissions, including greenhouse gas emissions.

3. Exception. A transmission project or subtransmission project that is constructed, owned and operated by a generator of electricity solely for the purpose of electrically and physically interconnecting the generator to the transmission system of a transmission and distribution utility is not subject to this section.

Sec. 8. 35-A MRSA §3132-B, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 298, §13, is amended to read:

For the purposes of this section, "small transmission project" means any proposed new or upgraded transmission line and substation component or associated infrastructure capable of operating at less than 69 kilovolts and projected to cost \$5,000,000 or less. For the purposes of this section, a "distribution project" means any proposed new or upgraded distribution line, substation component or associated infrastructure capable of operating at less than 34 kilovolts.

Sec. 9. 35-A MRSA §3132-B, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 298, §13, is amended to read:

4. Nonwires alternatives recommendations. Based on the investigation under subsection 2, the nonwires alternative coordinator shall make recommendations to the investor-owned transmission and distribution utility regarding nonwires alternatives to proposed small transmission projects and distribution projects. The nonwires alternative coordinator and the utility shall attempt to reach a good faith agreement regarding the adoption of nonwires alternatives that are most cost-

effective. If agreement is reached, the utility shall pursue the agreed-upon nonwires alternatives. If there is no agreement, the utility ~~shall or the Office of the Public Advocate may~~ petition the commission to resolve the dispute.

Sec. 10. 35-A MRSA §3132-B, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 298, §13, is amended to read:

5. Dispute resolution. In responding to a petition by an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility or the Office of the Public Advocate pursuant to subsection 4, the commission shall review the planning study prepared under subsection 1 and the recommendations of the nonwires alternative coordinator under subsection 4. In resolving the dispute, the commission shall give preference to nonwires alternatives that are identified as able to address the identified need for the proposed small transmission project or distribution project and are most cost-effective. Of the identified nonwires alternatives, the commission shall give preference to the lowest-cost nonwires alternatives. When the costs to ratepayers in this State of the identified nonwires alternatives are reasonably equal, the commission shall give preference to the nonwires alternatives that produce the lowest amount of local air emissions, including greenhouse gas emissions.

Sec. 11. 35-A MRSA §3132-C, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 298, §14, is amended to read:

1. Investigation required. The nonwires alternative coordinator shall conduct an investigation of and make recommendations regarding nonwires alternatives to a wires project under section 3132, 3132-A or 3132-B in accordance with this section. The investigation must be conducted in coordination with the Efficiency Maine Trust. For the purposes of this section, "wires project" means a transmission line and associated infrastructure subject to the requirements of section 3132, a transmission project or subtransmission project as defined in section 3132-A or a small transmission project or distribution project covered by section 3132-B.

Sec. 12. 35-A MRSA §3132-C, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 298, §14, is amended to read:

3. Data. An investor-owned transmission and distribution utility shall provide data requested by the Public Advocate or the Efficiency Maine Trust, subject to enforcement by the commission, to allow the nonwires alternative coordinator, in conjunction with the trust, to carry out investigation and analysis under this section. The trust shall use utility ratepayer usage data to identify cost-effective nonwires alternatives on the customer side of the meter. An investor-owned transmission and distribution utility may request a protective order if necessary to protect the confidentiality of customer data or critical energy infrastructure information provided under this section in accordance with section 1311-A.

Sec. 13. 35-A MRSA §3132-D, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 298, §15, is amended to read:

When the commission determines a nonwires alternative is appropriate under section 3132, 3132-A or 3132-B ~~or an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility agrees voluntarily to a nonwires alternative under section 3132-B~~, the utility shall procure the nonwires alternative must be prudently procured in accordance with this section.

Sec. 14. 35-A MRSA §3132-D, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 298, §15, is amended to read:

2. Grid-side alternatives. For a nonwires alternative on the grid side of the meter, the commission shall determine an entity, which may include but is not limited to the investor-owned transmission and distribution utility or a 3rd party, to deliver the nonwires alternative and shall make orders as necessary; ~~except, when a utility voluntarily agrees to a nonwires alternative on the grid side of the meter under section 3132-B, the utility shall determine the entity to deliver the nonwires alternative.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 356

H.P. 1221 - L.D. 1906

An Act to Enable Confirmatory Adoption

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

Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §9-316 is enacted to read:

§9-316. Confirmatory adoptions

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Assisted reproduction" has the same meaning as in Title 19-A, section 1832, subsection 3.

B. "Confirmatory adoption" means an adoption proceeding governed by this section through which a child born as a result of assisted reproduction may be adopted by an individual who is a parent or presumed parent of that child.

C. "Donor" has the same meaning as in Title 19-A, section 1832, subsection 5.

D. "Marriage" means the legally recognized union of 2 people or any legal relationship that provides substantially the same rights, benefits and responsibilities as marriage and is recognized as valid in the state or jurisdiction in which it was entered.

E. "Parentage" has the same meaning as in Title 19-A, section 1832, subsection 14.

F. "Presumed parent" has the same meaning as in Title 19-A, section 1832, subsection 16.

2. Petitioner or joint petitioners. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a petition for a confirmatory adoption of a child born as a result of assisted reproduction may be filed:

A. By a single petitioner who gave birth to the child; or

B. Jointly by a petitioner who gave birth to the child and a petitioner who is a parent or presumed parent of the child.

3. Petition contents. Notwithstanding sections 9-301 and 9-303 or any other provision of law to the contrary, a petition for confirmatory adoption must be signed by the single petitioner under oath or by each of the joint petitioners under oath and must include the following:

A. A copy of the child's birth certificate;

B. An explanation of the circumstances of the child's birth through assisted reproduction;

C. An attestation that each petitioner consented to the child's birth through assisted reproduction;

D. An attestation that, other than the claim of the single petitioner or the claims of the joint petitioners, no competing claims of parentage exist;

E. If the petition is filed jointly, a copy of the joint petitioners' marriage certificate, if any; and

F. A filing fee of \$65.

4. Notice to and consent of donor not required. Notwithstanding section 9-302, any provision of Part 2 or any other provision of law to the contrary, if a petitioner under this section conceived through assisted reproduction using a donor who is not a parent pursuant to Title 19-A, section 1922, the court may not require notice of the confirmatory adoption to that donor or the consent of that donor to the confirmatory adoption.

5. No other consent of petitioner required. Notwithstanding section 9-302, any provision of Part 2 or any other provision of law to the contrary, submission of a complete petition under subsection 3 constitutes notice of and written consent to the confirmatory adoption by the single petitioner or joint petitioners, and the court may not require any additional notice to or consent by any petitioner.

6. Procedures. Except as specified in this section, the requirements and procedures for adoption proceedings in this Article do not apply to a confirmatory adoption proceeding.

A. The following procedures apply to a confirmatory adoption proceeding:

(1) The requirement in section 9-302, subsection 1, paragraph A for written consent to the

adoption by the adoptee, if the adoptee is 12 years of age or older; and

(2) The confidentiality provisions of section 9-308, subsection 3 and section 9-310.

B. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for purposes of evaluating a petition for confirmatory adoption, unless required by federal law or ordered by the court for good cause demonstrated in written findings by the court, the court may not require:

(1) A hearing, unless requested by a petitioner;

(2) A home study, screening for child abuse cases or other investigation of a petitioner by the department or any other agency;

(3) A federal or state criminal history record check of any person;

(4) Verification that the child is not registered with a registry for missing children;

(5) Appointment of a guardian ad litem;

(6) An interview of the adoptee; or

(7) A minimum period of time during which the child must have lived in the home of a petitioner or the petitioners before the petition is granted.

7. Final decree. Notwithstanding section 9-308 and any other provision of law to the contrary, the court shall grant a petition for confirmatory adoption if it finds:

A. For a single petitioner, that the petitioner is the individual who gave birth to the child, the child was born through assisted reproduction and there are no competing claims of parentage; or

B. For joint petitioners, either:

(1) That the child was born through assisted reproduction, one of the petitioners gave birth to the child and, at the time of the child's birth, was married to the other petitioner and there are no competing claims of parentage; or

(2) That the child was born through assisted reproduction with the consent of both petitioners, one of the petitioners gave birth to the child, the other petitioner is a parent or presumed parent of the child and there are no competing claims of parentage.

The court may not deny a petition solely on the grounds that the single petitioner's or the joint petitioners' parentage is already presumed or legally recognized.

8. Timing of decision. The court shall issue an order under this section within 60 days of receipt of a petition that complies with subsection 3.

9. Appeal. Appeals from a decision to deny a confirmatory adoption are governed by section 9-309.

10. Effect on other laws. When adjudicating competing claims of parentage of a child or determining the best interest of a child in a circumstance in which parentage is presumed or legally recognized, a court may not consider as evidence information that a party did not petition for confirmatory adoption under this section.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 357

S.P. 750 - L.D. 1849

An Act to Ensure Fair and Timely Payment in the Harvesting of Forest Products

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 235 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 235

PAYMENT FOR HARVESTING WOOD

§1500-O. Payment for harvesting wood

An entity that contracts with a person to harvest wood and place the wood roadside so that the entity is able to have the wood hauled away for use or processing must pay the person within 30 days of the person's fulfilling the contract and placing the wood roadside. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or a person licensed to scale wood pursuant to section 2365-A under contract with the department shall conduct random inspections to ensure that entities are complying with the requirements of this section.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 358

H.P. 69 - L.D. 101

An Act to Return to the Former Owner Any Excess Funds Remaining After the Sale of Foreclosed Property

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 United States Supreme Court has ruled in *Tyler v. Hennepin County*, 598 U.S. ____ (2023) that a Minnesota local government sale of property that was acquired by the local government by foreclosure for failure of the owner to pay property taxes without returning to the former owner the surplus proceeds received by the government entity in excess of the amount owed by the former owner violated the takings clause of the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution stating that "private property [shall not] be taken for public use, without just compensation"; and

Whereas, statutes in this State governing the foreclosure and sale of property for failure to pay property taxes are substantially similar to the laws of Minnesota and are in jeopardy of being found unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court; and

Whereas, the possibility of multiple legal challenges to the State's statutes regarding sale of property following foreclosure presents the possibility of significant disruption to municipal foreclosure sales, municipal expenditures resulting from challenges to foreclosure sale laws, uncertainty of title to properties sold for foreclosure pursuant to current laws, inconsistencies in municipal responses to the United States Supreme Court decision and general disruption of the foreclosure process; and

Whereas, amendment of the State's foreclosure statutes needs to take effect as soon as possible to avoid the significant negative effects of delay in ensuring that the state laws are within the bounds of the United States Constitution; 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 §943-C, as amended by PL 2019, c. 401, Pt. A, §10, is further amended to read:

§943-C. Sale of homesteads formerly owned by persons 65 years of age or older foreclosed properties

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, after the foreclosure process under sections 942 and 943 or sections 1281 and 1282 is completed and the right of redemption has expired, if a municipality chooses to sell to someone other than the immediate former owner or owners property that immediately prior to foreclosure received a property tax exemption as a homestead under subchapter 4-B, the municipal officers

or their designee shall notify the immediate former owner or owners of the right to require the municipality to use the sale process under subsection 3 as long as the immediate former owner or owners demonstrate that the property meets the requirements of subsection 1. For the purpose of this section, "former owner" means the owner or owners of record at the time of foreclosure or, if deceased, the former owner's heirs, devisees or personal representatives. The notice must be sent by United States Postal Service certified mail, return receipt requested, and first-class mail to the last known address of the immediate former owner or owners. If the municipality agrees to sell the property back to the immediate former owner or owners, the alternative sale process under this section does not apply. If the sale to the immediate former owner or owners is not completed, the requirements of this section are reinstated.

1. Subject property. Property is subject to the requirements of this section if:

A. Immediately prior to foreclosure the property was owned by at least one person who, on the date the tax lien certificate was recorded, was 65 years of age or older and occupied the property as a homestead as defined in section 681, subsection 2; and

B. The former owner or owners of the property demonstrate to the municipal officers or their designee that:

(1) The income, as defined in section 5219 KK, subsection 1, paragraph D, of the former owner or owners of the property was less than \$40,000, after medical expenses have been deducted, for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the right of redemption expired; and

(2) The value of liquid assets of the former owner or owners of the property is less than \$50,000 in the case of a single individual or \$75,000 in the case of 2 or more individuals. For the purposes of this paragraph, "liquid assets" means something of value available to an individual that can be converted to cash in 3 months or less and includes bank accounts, certificates of deposit, money market or mutual funds, life insurance policies, stocks and bonds, lump sum payments and inheritances and funds from a home equity conversion mortgage that are in the individual's possession whether they are in cash or have been converted to another form.

The former owner or owners must provide documentation verifying the former owner's or owners' income and liquid assets.

All applications or information submitted in support of an application under this subsection, files and commu-

nications relating to the application and the determination on the application are confidential records. Hearings and proceedings held pursuant to this subsection must be held in executive session.

2. Notification; appeal. At least 90 days prior to listing property described in subsection 1 for sale, the municipal officers or their designee shall notify send a written notice to the last known address of the former owner or owners, by United States Postal Service certified mail, return receipt requested, and first-class mail, of the former owner's or owners' right to require the sale process described in subsection 3. The municipal officers or their designee shall include with the notice an application form with instructions concerning application procedures and submission of information necessary for the municipality to determine whether the former owner or owners meet the conditions required under subsection 1. The former owner or owners must be allowed at least 30 days from the date the notice is mailed to submit the required application form and information. The municipal officers or their designee, within 30 days after receiving the required form and information, shall notify the former owner or owners whether the former owner or owners have been determined to be eligible for the sale process described in subsection 3 and inform the former owner or owners of the right to appeal pursuant to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 80B. The State Tax Assessor shall prepare application forms, notices and instructions that must be used by municipalities to inform former owners of their right to apply for the sale process provided under subsection 3.

3. Sale process requirements. If a municipality determines that the former owner or owners meet the conditions specified under subsection 1 the former owner submits a written demand within 90 days after the notification in subsection 2 that the sale process of this subsection be used, the municipal officers or their designee shall:

A. List the property for sale with a real estate broker licensed under Title 32, chapter 114 who does not hold an elected or appointed office in the municipality and is not employed by the municipality;

B. Sell the property at fair market value via quit-claim deed to the successful buyer at the highest price at which the property is able to sell, or the price at which the property is anticipated by the real estate broker to sell within 6 months after listing; and

C. Pay to the former owner or owners any proceeds from the sale sale proceeds in excess of:

- (1) The sum of all taxes owed on the property;
- (2) Property taxes that would have been assessed on the property during the period following foreclosure when the property is owned by the municipality;

- (3) All accrued interest;
- (4) Fees, including property listing and real estate broker's fees; and
- (5) Any other expenses incurred by the municipality in selling or maintaining the property, including, but not limited to, an administrative fee equal to 10% of the property taxes owed and reasonable attorney's fees;
- (6) The cost to the municipality of the lien and foreclosure process, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney's fees; and
- (7) Unpaid sewer, water or other utility charges and fees imposed by the municipality.

If the municipal officers are unable to list or sell the property under the requirements of paragraphs A and B, or if the property tax payer does not request that the property be sold according to the sale process in this subsection, the municipal officers may sell the property in any manner authorized by the municipality's legislative body, if the municipal officers pay the former owner any excess sale proceeds as calculated in paragraph C.

~~**4. Effect of inability to contract or sell property.** If, after attempting to contract with at least 3 real estate brokers who meet the requirements of subsection 3, paragraph A, a municipality is unable to contract with a real estate broker for the sale of the property as described in subsection 3 or the broker cannot sell the property within 6 months after listing, the municipality may retain, sell or dispose of the property in the same manner as other property acquired through the tax lien foreclosure process.~~

5. Property in the unorganized territory. With regard to the sale of property acquired by the State through tax lien foreclosure in the unorganized territory, the State Tax Assessor has the obligations of a municipality under this section.

6. Quitclaim deed and waiver of former owner. As a condition of disbursement of excess sale proceeds to the former owner under subsection 3, paragraph C, the municipal officers may require the former owner to execute a quitclaim deed without covenant conveying any interest of the former owner in the property to the municipality and to deliver that deed before conveyance by the municipality to the buyer. Receipt of such excess sale proceeds by the former owner is deemed to be a waiver of any right of the former owner to commence any action pursuant to section 946-B.

Sec. 2. Working group established. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services shall establish a Working Group to Study Equity in the Property Tax Foreclosure Process, referred to in this section as "the working group."

1. Membership. The State Tax Assessor shall appoint the members of the working group from among those who are interested in property tax lien foreclosure and which must include at least the following:

- A. A representative of the Office of the Attorney General;
- B. One member from an organization representing municipal tax assessors;
- C. One member from a statewide organization that represents the interests of municipalities;
- D. One member representing the Maine Association of Realtors;
- E. One member representing a statewide organization that represents commercial bankers;
- F. One member representing a statewide organization that represents attorneys working in the field of property title law;
- G. One member representing property title insurance agents; and
- H. One member representing an organization of legal services providers that specializes in serving clients who are 65 years of age or older or who have low income.

2. Chair. The State Tax Assessor, or the assessor's designee, shall serve as the chair of the working group.

3. Appointments; convening of working group. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this Act.

4. Duties. The working group shall study issues associated with the process of foreclosure on property for failure of the owner to pay property taxes, including, but not limited to:

- A. The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court regarding municipal retention of excess revenue retained by a government entity from the sale of property acquired by the government entity following foreclosure for failure of the former owner to pay property taxes;
- B. The constitutional requirements of due process and the takings clause and their impact on the property tax lien foreclosure process, including notice requirements to delinquent taxpayers and related entities that hold liens or mortgages to the property to which the foreclosure is being applied and conditions under which a government entity is or should be entitled to retain excess funds acquired through sale of property that has been acquired by foreclosure;
- C. The role of the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority, mortgage holders and other

lienholders and the rights of each in the tax lien foreclosure process;

D. Whether the tax lien foreclosure process is or should be the same for both residential property and commercial property or whether differences are necessary or desirable;

E. The rights of former owners, commercial lenders or lienholders and government entities when property has been acquired for nonpayment of property tax and the government entity does not intend to sell the property; and

F. Whether a redemption period following foreclosure is necessary when the former owner has the right to reacquire the property, the statute of limitations on a former owner's ability to reacquire property or bring action to recover excess funds obtained by a government entity through foreclosure sale and the extent of the rights of subsequent purchasers.

5. Staff assistance. The State Tax Assessor shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group.

6. Provision of information to working group. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services shall provide to the working group information, consistent with the restrictions set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 191, that is requested by the working group.

7. Report. No later than January 15, 2024, the working group shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. The Joint Standing Committee on Taxation may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 30, 2023.

CHAPTER 359

S.P. 804 - L.D. 1970

An Act to Enact the Maine Indian Child Welfare 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 provides essential protections for Indian children in protective custody and guardianship actions; 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 §5-213 is enacted to read:

§5-213. Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 and Maine Indian Child Welfare Act

The federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 United States Code, Section 1901 et seq. and the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act govern all proceedings under this Article that pertain to an Indian child as defined in those Acts.

Sec. 2. 18-C MRSA §9-107, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. F, §1 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

§9-107. Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 and Maine Indian Child Welfare Act

The federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 United States Code, ~~Title 25,~~ Section 1901 et seq. ~~governs~~ and the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act govern all proceedings under this Article that pertain to an Indian child as defined in ~~that Act~~ those Acts.

Sec. 3. 19-A MRSA §1658, sub-§2-A, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 340, §2, is amended to read:

F. The federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 United States Code, ~~Title 25,~~ Section 1901 et seq., ~~governs~~ and the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act govern all proceedings under this section that pertain to an Indian child as defined in ~~that Act~~ those Acts.

Sec. 4. 19-A MRSA §1734, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 486, §3 and affected by §6, is amended to read:

1. Proceedings governed by federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 or Maine Indian Child Welfare Act. A child custody proceeding that pertains to an Indian child as defined in the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 United States Code, Section 1901 et seq., or the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act is not subject to this chapter to the extent that it is governed by ~~the Indian Child Welfare~~ either Act.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA c. 1066 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 1066

MAINE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT

§3941. Short title

This Act may be known and cited as "the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act."

§3942. Legislative finding and declaration of policy

1. Finding. The Legislature finds and declares that membership or citizenship in an Indian tribe, as well as eligibility for membership or citizenship in an Indian tribe, as determined by each Indian tribe is a political classification.

2. Declaration of policy. The purpose of the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act is recognition by the State that Indian tribes have a continuing and compelling governmental interest in an Indian child whether or not the Indian child is in the physical or legal custody of an Indian parent, an Indian custodian or an Indian extended family member at the commencement of an Indian child custody proceeding or the Indian child has resided or is domiciled on an Indian reservation. The State is committed to protecting the essential tribal relations and best interests of an Indian child by promoting practices in accordance with all laws designed to prevent the Indian child's voluntary or involuntary out-of-home placement and, whenever such placement is necessary or ordered, by placing the Indian child, whenever possible, in a placement that reflects the unique values of the Indian child's tribal culture and that is best able to assist the Indian child in establishing, developing and maintaining a political, cultural and social relationship with the Indian child's tribe and tribal community. It is the policy of the State to cooperate fully with Indian tribes and tribal members and citizens in this State and elsewhere in order to ensure that the intent and provisions of this Act are enforced.

§3943. Definitions

As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Active efforts. "Active efforts" means affirmative, active, thorough and timely efforts tailored to the facts and circumstances of the case and intended primarily to maintain or reunite an Indian child with that child's family. When an agency is involved in the Indian child custody proceeding, active efforts must include assisting the parent or parents or Indian custodian through the steps of a case plan and with accessing or developing the resources necessary to satisfy the case plan. To the maximum extent possible, active efforts should be provided in a manner consistent with the prevailing social and cultural conditions and way of life of the Indian child's tribe and should be conducted in partnership with the Indian child and the Indian child's parents, extended family members, Indian custodians and tribe. Active efforts may include:

A. Conducting a comprehensive assessment of the circumstances of the Indian child's family, with a focus on safe reunification as the most desirable goal;

B. Identifying appropriate services and helping the parents to overcome barriers, including actively assisting the parents in obtaining such services;

C. Identifying, notifying and inviting representatives of the Indian child's tribe to participate in providing support and services to the Indian child's family and in family team meetings, permanency planning and resolution of placement issues;

D. Conducting or causing to be conducted a diligent search for the Indian child's extended family members and contacting and consulting with extended family members to provide family structure and support for the Indian child and the Indian child's parents;

E. Offering and implementing all available and culturally appropriate family preservation strategies and facilitating the use of remedial and rehabilitative services provided by the Indian child's tribe;

F. Taking steps to keep siblings together whenever possible;

G. Supporting regular visits with parents or Indian custodians in the most natural setting possible as well as trial home visits of the Indian child during any period of removal, consistent with the need to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the child;

H. Identifying community resources including housing, financial, transportation, mental health, substance abuse and peer support services and actively assisting the Indian child's parents or, when appropriate, the child's family, in utilizing and accessing those resources;

I. Monitoring progress and participation in services;

J. Considering alternative ways to address the needs of the Indian child's parents and, when appropriate, the family, if the optimum services do not exist or are not available; and

K. Providing post-reunification services and monitoring.

2. Adoptive placement. "Adoptive placement" means the permanent placement of an Indian child for adoption, including any action resulting in a final decree of adoption.

3. Domicile. "Domicile" means:

A. For a parent or Indian custodian, the place at which a person has been physically present and that the person regards as home; a person's true, fixed, principal and permanent home, to which that person intends to return and remain indefinitely even though the person may be currently residing elsewhere; and

B. For an Indian child, the domicile of the Indian child's parents or Indian custodian or guardian or,

in the case of an Indian child whose parents are not married to each other, the domicile of the Indian child's custodial parent.

4. Emergency proceeding. "Emergency proceeding" means a court action that involves the emergency removal or emergency placement of an Indian child, including those pursuant to section 4034 or Title 18-C, Article 5. "Emergency proceeding" does not include a court action involving an emergency award of custody of the Indian child to one of the parents including, but not limited to, an emergency parental rights and responsibilities order or a protection from abuse proceeding.

5. Extended family member. "Extended family member" means a person who is defined as a member of an Indian child's extended family by the law or custom of the Indian child's tribe or, in the absence of such law or custom, a person who has reached 18 years of age and who is the Indian child's grandparent, aunt or uncle, sibling, sibling-in-law, niece or nephew, first or second cousin or stepparent.

6. Foster care placement. "Foster care placement" means the removal of an Indian child from the home of the child's parent or Indian custodian for temporary placement in a foster home, qualified residential treatment program, residential care center for Indian children and youth, or shelter care facility, in the home of a relative other than a parent or Indian custodian, or in the home of a guardian or conservator, from which placement the parent or Indian custodian cannot have the child returned upon demand. "Foster care placement" does not include an adoptive placement, a preadoptive placement, an emergency removal or the detention of an Indian child.

7. Indian. "Indian" means a person who is a member or citizen of an Indian tribe, or who is an Alaska Native and a member of a Regional Corporation as defined in 43 United States Code, Section 1606. Only an Indian tribe may determine its membership or citizenship, including eligibility for membership or citizenship.

8. Indian child. "Indian child" means an unmarried person who is under 18 years of age and is a member or citizen of an Indian tribe or is eligible for membership in or citizenship of an Indian tribe and is the biological child of a member or citizen of an Indian tribe.

9. Indian child custody proceeding. "Indian child custody proceeding" means a proceeding, other than an emergency proceeding, that may culminate in any of the following outcomes for or related to an Indian child:

- A. Adoptive placement;
- B. Foster care placement;
- C. Preadoptive placement; or

D. Termination of parental rights.

An Indian child custody proceeding does not include a proceeding in tribal court or a proceeding that may culminate in an outcome for which placement is based upon an act by an Indian child that, if committed by an adult, would be considered a crime or a proceeding involving an award of custody to one of the Indian child's parents, including, but not limited to, a divorce proceeding, a parental rights and responsibilities proceeding, a judicial separation proceeding, a protection from abuse proceeding or other domestic relations proceeding.

10. Indian child's tribe. "Indian child's tribe" means the Indian tribe in which an Indian child is a member or citizen, or eligible for membership or citizenship. In cases in which a child meets the definition of "Indian child" through more than one Indian tribe, the Indian tribes must be given an opportunity to agree on which tribe is the Indian tribe for purposes of this Act. If the Indian tribes are not able to come to an agreement, the court shall designate the Indian child's tribe for purposes of this Act based on which Indian tribe has more significant contacts with the Indian child.

11. Indian custodian. "Indian custodian" means an Indian person who has legal custody of an Indian child under tribal law or custom or under state law or to whom temporary physical care, custody and control has been transferred by the parent of the Indian child.

12. Indian organization. "Indian organization" means a group, association, partnership, corporation or other legal entity owned or controlled by Indians, or a majority of whose members are Indians.

13. Indian tribe. "Indian tribe" means an Indian tribe, band, nation or other organized group or community of Indians recognized as eligible for the services provided to Indians by the United States Secretary of the Interior because of their status as Indians, including an Alaska Native village as defined in 43 United States Code, Section 1602(c).

14. Involuntary Indian child custody proceeding. "Involuntary Indian child custody proceeding" means an Indian child custody proceeding or emergency proceeding in which:

- A. The parent or Indian custodian does not consent of that parent's or Indian custodian's free will to the foster care placement, preadoptive placement, adoptive placement or termination of parental rights of or to an Indian child; or
- B. The parent or Indian custodian consents to the foster care placement, preadoptive placement or adoptive placement under threat of removal of the Indian child by a state court or agency.

15. Parent. "Parent" means a biological parent or parents of an Indian child or an Indian person who has lawfully adopted an Indian child, including adoptions under tribal law or custom. "Parent" does not include an

unwed father when paternity has not been acknowledged or established.

16. Preadoptive placement. "Preadoptive placement" means the temporary placement of an Indian child in a foster home or institution after the termination of parental rights, but before or in lieu of adoptive placement.

17. Qualified expert witness. "Qualified expert witness" means a person who meets the requirements of section 3954.

18. Reservation. "Reservation" means Indian country, as defined in 18 United States Code, Section 1151, or any land not covered under that section to which title is either held by the United States in trust for the benefit of an Indian tribe or Indian or held by an Indian tribe or Indian, subject to a restriction by the United States against alienation.

19. Termination of parental rights. "Termination of parental rights" means an action resulting in the termination of the parent-child relationship.

20. Tribal court. "Tribal court" means a court of an Indian tribe with jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings, including a federal court of Indian offenses, a court established and operated under the code or custom of an Indian tribe or any other administrative body of an Indian tribe that is vested with authority over Indian child custody proceedings.

21. Voluntary proceeding. "Voluntary proceeding" means an Indian child custody proceeding or emergency proceeding in which a parent or Indian custodian consents, of that person's free will and without the threat of removal by a state agency, to:

- A. The foster care placement, preadoptive placement or adoptive placement of an Indian child; or
- B. The termination of parental rights to an Indian child.

§3944. Jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings

1. Exclusive jurisdiction. An Indian tribe has jurisdiction exclusive as to the courts of the State over any Indian child custody proceeding or emergency proceeding held in this State involving an Indian child who resides or is domiciled within the reservation of that Indian tribe, except when the jurisdiction is otherwise vested in this State by federal law. When an Indian child is a ward of a tribal court, the Indian tribe retains exclusive jurisdiction, notwithstanding the residence or domicile of the child. Except as provided in section 3953, any Indian child custody proceeding or emergency proceeding in District Court or Probate Court that is within the exclusive jurisdiction of an Indian tribe must be dismissed. The court shall expeditiously notify the tribal court of the pending dismissal based on the tribe's exclusive jurisdiction and ensure that the tribal

court is sent all information regarding the proceeding, including but not limited to the pleadings and any court record.

2. Transfer of proceedings; declination by tribal court. In any proceeding for the foster care placement of, or termination of parental rights to, an Indian child who is not domiciled or residing within the reservation of the Indian child's tribe, the District Court or Probate Court shall, upon the petition of the Indian child's parent, Indian custodian or tribe, promptly notify the tribal court of the transfer petition and transfer the proceeding to the jurisdiction of the Indian child's tribe unless any of the following applies:

- A. A parent of the Indian child objects to the transfer;
- B. The Indian child's tribe does not have a tribal court, or the tribal court of the Indian child's tribe declines jurisdiction; or
- C. The court determines that good cause exists to deny the transfer. The party opposing transfer has the burden to show good cause by clear and convincing evidence. The good cause determination must be based on which court is best positioned to adjudicate the proceeding, not on the potential outcome of the proceeding. In determining whether good cause exists, the court may not consider:

- (1) Whether the foster care placement or termination of parental rights proceeding is at an advanced stage if the Indian child's parent, Indian custodian or tribe did not receive notice of the child custody proceeding until an advanced stage;
- (2) Whether there have been prior proceedings involving the Indian child for which no petition to transfer was filed;
- (3) Whether transfer could affect the placement of the Indian child;
- (4) The Indian child's cultural connections with the tribe or its reservation; or
- (5) Socioeconomic conditions or any negative perception of tribal or United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs social services or judicial systems.

3. Intervention. An Indian child's Indian custodian or tribe may intervene in any proceeding for the foster care placement of, or termination of parental rights to, an Indian child at any point in the proceeding.

4. Full faith and credit. The State shall give full faith and credit to the public acts, records and judicial proceedings of any Indian tribe that are applicable to an Indian child custody proceeding to the same extent that the State gives full faith and credit to the public acts, records and judicial proceedings of any other governmental entity.

§3945. Court proceedings

1. Determination of Indian child status. In any proceeding that would qualify as an Indian child custody proceeding or emergency proceeding if the child were an Indian child, the District Court or Probate Court shall ask each participant whether the participant knows or has reason to know that the child is an Indian child. The court shall use the procedures in 25 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 23.107 to determine if a child may be an Indian child.

2. Notice; time for commencement of proceedings; additional time for preparation. In any involuntary Indian child custody proceeding in which the District Court or Probate Court or a party to the proceeding knows or has reason to know that an Indian child is involved, the party seeking the adoptive placement, foster care placement, preadoptive placement or termination of parental rights of or to an Indian child shall notify the parent or Indian custodian and the Indian child's tribe of the pending proceedings and of their right of intervention.

A. The notice in any involuntary Indian child custody proceeding involving an Indian child must be written in clear and understandable language and must conform with the requirements of 25 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 23.111(d). The District Court and Probate Court may create a form that complies with this paragraph.

B. The notice must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice to the Indian child's tribe must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and via e-mail, at the mailing address and e-mail address on file with the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

C. If the identity or location of the parent or Indian custodian and the Indian tribe cannot be determined, notice under this subsection must be given to the appropriate regional director of the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs in like manner.

D. An original or a copy of each notice sent under this subsection must be filed with the court together with any return receipts or other proof of service.

E. The first hearing in the proceeding may not be held until at least 10 days after receipt of the notice by the parent, Indian custodian and Indian tribe or the appropriate regional director of the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

F. On the request of a parent, Indian custodian or Indian tribe, the court shall grant a continuance of up to 20 additional days to enable the requester to prepare for the hearing.

3. Appointment of counsel. Parents and Indian custodians are entitled to legal counsel in any Indian child custody proceeding or emergency proceeding. A parent or Indian custodian may request the court to appoint legal counsel for them. The District Court or Probate Court, upon a finding that the parent or Indian custodian is indigent, shall appoint and pay the reasonable costs and expenses of their legal counsel. The court may, in its discretion, appoint counsel for the Indian child upon a finding that such appointment is in the best interest of the Indian child.

4. Examination of reports or other documents. Each party to a foster care placement or termination of parental rights proceeding under state law involving an Indian child has the right to examine all reports or other documents filed with the court upon which any decision with respect to the proceeding may be based.

5. Remedial services, rehabilitative programs and preventive measures. A party seeking to effect a foster care placement of, or termination of parental rights to, an Indian child under chapter 1071, Title 18-C, Article 5 or 9 or Title 19-A, section 1658 shall satisfy the court, in accordance with the standard of proof required by the governing statute, that active efforts have been made to provide remedial services and rehabilitative programs designed to prevent the breakup of the Indian family and that these efforts have proved unsuccessful.

6. Involuntary foster care placement. Involuntary foster care placement may not be ordered in the absence of a determination, supported by clear and convincing evidence, including testimony of qualified expert witnesses, that the continued custody of the Indian child by the parent or Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the Indian child. The evidence must show a causal relationship between the particular conditions in the home and the likelihood that continued custody of the Indian child will result in serious emotional or physical damage to the particular Indian child who is the subject of the Indian child custody proceeding.

7. Involuntary termination of parental rights. Involuntary termination of parental rights may not be ordered in the absence of a determination, supported by evidence beyond a reasonable doubt, including testimony of qualified expert witnesses, that the continued custody of the Indian child by the parent or Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the Indian child. The evidence must show a causal relationship between the particular conditions in the home and the likelihood that continued custody of the Indian child will result in serious emotional or physical damage to the particular Indian child who is the subject of the Indian child custody proceeding.

§3946. Parental rights; voluntary termination

1. Consent; record; certification matters; invalid consents. When a parent or Indian custodian voluntarily consents to a foster care placement or to termination of parental rights, this consent is not valid unless executed in writing and recorded before a judge of the District Court or Probate Court. The court shall certify in writing that the terms and consequences of the consent were fully explained in detail and were fully understood by the parent or Indian custodian. The court shall also certify that either the parent or Indian custodian fully understood the explanation in English or that it was interpreted into a language that the parent or Indian custodian understood. Consent given prior to, or within 10 days after, birth of an Indian child is not valid.

2. Foster care placement; withdrawal of consent; return of custody. Any parent or Indian custodian may withdraw consent to a voluntary foster care placement under the laws of this State at any time and, upon such withdrawal, the Indian child must be returned to the parent or Indian custodian.

3. Voluntary termination of parental rights or adoptive placement; withdrawal of consent; return of custody. In any voluntary proceeding for termination of parental rights to, or adoptive placement of, an Indian child, the consent of the parent or Indian custodian may be withdrawn for any reason at any time prior to the entry of a final decree of termination or adoption, as the case may be, and the Indian child must be returned to the parent or Indian custodian.

4. Collateral attack; vacation of decree and return of custody; limitations. After the entry of a final decree of adoption of an Indian child in the District Court or Probate Court in a voluntary proceeding, the parent or Indian custodian may withdraw consent to the adoption upon the grounds that consent was obtained through fraud or duress and may petition the court to vacate the decree. Upon a finding by clear and convincing evidence that the consent was obtained through fraud or duress, the court shall vacate the decree and return the Indian child to the parent or Indian custodian. An adoption that has been effective for 2 years or longer may not be invalidated under the provisions of this subsection.

§3947. Petition to court of competent jurisdiction to invalidate action upon showing of certain violations

An Indian child who is the subject of an action for foster care placement or termination of parental rights under the laws of this State, a parent or Indian custodian from whose custody the Indian child was removed under the laws of this State and the Indian child's tribe may petition the District Court to invalidate the action upon a showing by clear and convincing evidence that the action violated any provision of sections 3944 to 3946.

§3948. Placement of Indian children

1. Adoptive placements; preferences. In an adoptive placement of an Indian child under the laws of this State, placement preference must be given, in the absence of good cause to the contrary, in descending order, as listed below:

- A. An extended family member of the Indian child;
- B. Another member or citizen of the Indian child's tribe;
- C. A member or citizen of an Indian tribe in which the Indian child is eligible for membership or citizenship, but that is not the Indian child's tribe;
- D. Another Indian with whom the Indian child has a relationship; or
- E. Another Indian from a tribe that is culturally similar to or linguistically connected to the Indian child's tribe.

2. Foster care or preadoptive placements; criteria; preferences. An Indian child accepted for foster care placement or preadoptive placement must be placed in the least restrictive setting that most approximates a family and in which that Indian child's special needs, if any, may be met. The Indian child must also be placed within reasonable proximity to that Indian child's home, taking into account any special needs of the child. In any foster care placement or preadoptive placement, placement preference must be given, in the absence of good cause to the contrary, in descending order, as listed below:

- A. An extended family member of the Indian child;
- B. A foster home licensed, approved or specified by the Indian child's tribe;
- C. An Indian foster home licensed or approved by an authorized non-Indian licensing authority; or
- D. An institution for children approved by an Indian tribe or operated by an Indian organization that has a program suitable to meet the Indian child's needs.

3. Good cause to deviate from placement preferences. The party seeking departure from the placement preferences under this section bears the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that there is good cause to depart from the placement preferences. A court's determination of good cause to depart from the placement preferences must be made on the record or in writing and may be based on one or more of the following considerations:

- A. The request of one or both of the Indian child's parents, if they attest that they have reviewed the placement options, if any, that comply with the order of preference;
- B. The request of the Indian child, if the Indian child is of sufficient age and capacity to understand the decision that is being made;

C. The presence of a sibling attachment that can be maintained only through a particular placement;

D. The extraordinary physical, mental or emotional needs of the Indian child, such as specialized treatment services that may be unavailable in the community where families who meet the placement preferences live; or

E. The unavailability of a suitable placement after a determination by the court that a diligent search was conducted to find suitable placements meeting the preference criteria, but none has been located. For purposes of a determination under this paragraph, the standards for determining whether a placement is unavailable must conform to the prevailing social and cultural standards of the Indian community in which the Indian child's parent or extended family resides or with which the Indian child's parent or extended family members maintain social and cultural ties.

A placement may not depart from the preferences under this section based on the socioeconomic status of any placement relative to another placement. A placement may not depart from the preferences based solely on ordinary bonding or attachment that developed from time spent in a nonpreferred placement that was made in violation of this Act.

4. Tribal resolution for different order of preference; personal preference considered; anonymity in application of preferences. In the case of a placement under subsection 1 or 2, if the Indian child's tribe establishes a different order of preference by resolution, the agency or court effecting the placement shall follow that order as long as the placement is the least restrictive setting appropriate to the particular needs of the Indian child, as provided in subsection 2. When appropriate, the preference of the Indian child or parent must be considered. When a consenting parent evidences a desire for anonymity, the court or agency must give weight to such desire in applying the preferences.

5. Social and cultural standards applicable. The standards to be applied in meeting the preference requirements of this section must be the prevailing social and cultural standards of the Indian community in which the parent or extended family resides or with which the parent or extended family members maintain social and cultural ties.

6. Record of placement; availability. A record of each placement under this section of an Indian child must be maintained by the State, including evidence of the efforts made to comply with the order of preference specified in this section. The record must be made available at any time upon the request of the United States Secretary of the Interior or the Indian child's tribe.

§3949. Return of custody

1. Petition; best interests of Indian child. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, whenever a final decree of adoption of an Indian child has been vacated or set aside or the adoptive parents voluntarily consent to the termination of their parental rights to the Indian child, a biological parent or prior Indian custodian may petition for return of custody and the court shall grant the petition unless there is a showing, in a proceeding subject to the provisions of section 3945, that the return of custody is not in the best interests of the Indian child.

2. Removal from foster care placement; procedure. Whenever an Indian child is removed from a foster care home or institution for the purpose of further foster care placement or preadoptive or adoptive placement, the placement must be in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, except for a case in which an Indian child is being returned to the parent or Indian custodian from whose custody the Indian child was originally removed.

§3950. Disclosure of tribal affiliation information

Upon application by an individual who has reached 18 years of age and who was an Indian child and the subject of an adoptive placement, the District Court or Probate Court that entered the final decree shall inform the individual of the tribal affiliation, if any, of the individual's biological parents and provide any other information necessary to protect any rights of the individual arising from the individual's tribal relationship.

§3951. Improper removal of Indian child from custody; declination of jurisdiction; forthwith return of Indian child; danger exception

When a petitioner in an Indian child custody proceeding before a state court has improperly removed the Indian child from custody of the parent or Indian custodian or has improperly retained custody after a visit or other temporary relinquishment of custody, the court shall decline jurisdiction over the petition and shall forthwith return the Indian child to the child's parent or Indian custodian unless returning the Indian child to the child's parent or Indian custodian would subject the Indian child to a substantial and immediate danger or threat of such danger.

§3952. Higher state or federal standard applicable to protect rights of parent or Indian custodian of Indian child; interpretive guidance

In any case in which state or federal law applicable to an Indian child custody proceeding under state or federal law provides a higher standard of protection to the rights of the parent or Indian custodian of an Indian child than the rights provided under this chapter, the state or federal court shall apply the higher state or federal standard.

To the extent any procedure of an Indian child custody proceeding is not addressed in this Act, 25 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 23 must inform state practice.

§3953. Emergency removal or placement of Indian child; termination; appropriate action

This Act does not prevent the emergency removal of an Indian child who is a resident of or is domiciled on a reservation, but temporarily located off the reservation, from their parent or Indian custodian or the emergency placement of an Indian child in a foster home or institution, under the laws of this State, in order to prevent imminent physical damage or harm to the Indian child.

1. Termination. An emergency removal or placement of an Indian child in an emergency proceeding must terminate immediately when the removal or placement is no longer necessary to prevent imminent physical damage or harm to the Indian child. An emergency removal or placement of an Indian child may be terminated by, but is not necessarily terminated by, one of the following actions:

- A. Initiation of an Indian child custody proceeding subject to the provisions this Act;
- B. Transfer of the Indian child to the jurisdiction of the appropriate Indian tribe; or
- C. Restoration of the Indian child to the parent or Indian custodian.

2. Procedure applicable to emergency proceedings. In any emergency proceeding in District Court or Probate Court, the court shall:

- A. Make a finding on the record, supported by clear and convincing evidence, that the emergency removal or placement is necessary to prevent imminent physical damage or harm to the Indian child;
- B. Promptly hold a hearing on whether the emergency removal or placement continues to be necessary whenever new information indicates that the emergency situation has ended; and
- C. At any court hearing during the emergency proceeding, determine whether there is clear and convincing evidence demonstrating that the emergency removal or placement remains necessary to prevent imminent physical damage or harm to the Indian child and, if not, immediately terminate or ensure that the petitioning party immediately terminates the emergency proceeding.

§3954. Qualified expert witness

1. Identification. In any proceeding subject to this Act that requires the testimony of a qualified expert witness, the qualified expert witness must be provided by the petitioner and must meet the criteria of subsection 3 or 4. A qualified expert witness may be identified based

on information from the Indian child's tribe or with the assistance of the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

2. Testimony provided. In any proceeding subject to this Act that requires the testimony of a qualified expert witness, at least one qualified expert witness must testify regarding:

- A. The prevailing social and cultural standards and child-rearing practices of the Indian child's tribe; and
- B. Whether the Indian child's continued custody by the Indian child's parent or Indian custodian is likely to result in serious emotional or physical damage to the Indian child.

3. Tribal qualification. A person is a qualified expert witness under this section if the Indian child's tribe has designated the person as being qualified to testify to the prevailing social and cultural standards of the Indian tribe.

4. Alternative qualification. If the Indian child's tribe has not designated a qualified expert witness or the designated qualified expert witness is unavailable, the following individuals, in order of priority, may testify as a qualified expert witness:

- A. A member of the Indian child's tribe who is recognized by the tribal community as knowledgeable in tribal customs as they pertain to family organization and child-rearing practices;
- B. A member of another Indian tribe who is recognized to be a qualified expert witness by the Indian child's tribe based on the member's knowledge of the delivery of child and family services to Indians and the Indian child's tribe;
- C. A layperson who is recognized by the Indian child's tribe as having substantial experience in the delivery of child and family services to Indians, and knowledge of prevailing social and cultural standards and child-rearing practices within the Indian child's tribe; or
- D. A professional person having substantial education and experience in the area of the professional person's specialty who can demonstrate knowledge of the prevailing social and cultural standards and child-rearing practices within the Indian child's tribe.

5. Disqualified persons. A petitioning party, an employee of the petitioning party or an employee of the Department of Health and Human Services may not serve as a qualified expert witness or a professional under this section.

§3955. Agreements between the State and Indian tribes

The State may enter into agreements with Indian tribes with respect to the care and custody of Indian children and jurisdiction over Indian child custody proceedings, including agreements that provide for orderly transfer of jurisdiction on a case-by-case basis and agreements that provide for concurrent jurisdiction between the State and Indian tribes. A revocation of an agreement under this section does not affect any action or proceeding over which a court has already assumed jurisdiction, unless the agreement provides otherwise.

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§9-B, as amended by PL 2017, c. 411, §4, is further amended to read:

9-B. Relative. "Relative" means a family member related to the child within the 3rd degree through parentage established under Title 19-A, chapter 61 or any spouse of that family member. "Relative" also includes the adoptive parent of the child's siblings. "Relative" includes, for an Indian child as defined by the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 United States Code, Section 1903, Subsection 4, or by the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act, section 3943, subsection 8, an extended family member as defined by the law or custom of the Indian child's tribe or, in the absence of such law or custom, an extended family member as defined by the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 United States Code, Section 1903, Subsection 2 or the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act, section 3943, subsection 5.

Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§2, ¶I, as amended by PL 2007, c. 140, §5, is further amended to read:

I. The representative designated to provide child welfare services by the tribe of an Indian child as defined by the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 United States Code, Section 1903 or the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act, section 3943, subsections 8 and 10, or a representative designated to provide child welfare services by an Indian tribe of Canada;

Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §4062, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1999, c. 392, §1, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

Notwithstanding section 4061, subsection 3, any federally recognized Indian tribe in this State or any Indian foster family home is eligible for benefits and reimbursement under any state or federally funded program administered by the State for the benefit of Maine children, including, but not limited to, children within the jurisdiction of the Passamaquoddy Tribe ~~or~~ Penobscot ~~Indian~~ Nation, Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or Mi'kmaq Nation under the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 United States Code, Section 1901, et seq. or the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act.

Sec. 9. 22 MRSA §8101, sub-§3-A, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 392, §5, is amended to read:

3-A. Indian foster family home. "Indian foster family home" means a foster home licensed, approved or specified by the Indian child's tribe where substitute parental care is provided for an Indian child as defined in the federal Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 United States Code, Section 1901, et seq. or the Maine Indian Child Welfare Act, section 3943, subsection 8.

Sec. 10. 30 MRSA §6209-A, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 650, §10 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

D. Indian child custody proceedings to the extent authorized by applicable state and federal law;

Sec. 11. 30 MRSA §6209-B, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 388, §6 and affected by §8, is amended to read:

D. Indian child custody proceedings to the extent authorized by applicable state and federal law; and

Sec. 12. 30 MRSA §6209-C, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 384, Pt. B, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:

D. Indian child custody proceedings to the extent authorized by applicable state and federal law; and

Sec. 13. Contingent effective date. This Act is subject to the following contingencies.

1. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 6209-A, subsection 1, paragraph D takes effect 120 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature only if, within 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written certification from the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe that the tribe has agreed to the provisions of this Act, copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Revisor of Statutes.

2. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 6209-B, subsection 1, paragraph D takes effect 120 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature only if, within 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written certification from the Governor and the Council of the Penobscot Nation that the nation has agreed to the provisions of this Act, copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Revisor of Statutes.

3. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 6209-C, subsection 1, paragraph D takes effect 120 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature only if, within 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Secretary of State

receives written certification from the Houlton Band Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians that the band has agreed to the provisions of this Act, copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Revisor of Statutes. Upon such written certification by the Houlton Band Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, each section of this Act regarding or affecting the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and its tribal members and lands constitutes a jurisdictional agreement for purposes of the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, Public Law 96-420, Section 6(e)(2).

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved, except as otherwise indicated.

Effective June 30, 2023, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 360
H.P. 181 - L.D. 283**

**An Act to Make Technical
Changes to the Maine Tax
Laws**

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2017, c. 170, Pt. A, §1, is further amended to read:

C. The inspection by the Attorney General of information filed by any taxpayer who has requested review of any tax under this Title or against whom an action or proceeding for collection of tax has been instituted; or the production in court or to the board or the State Board of Property Tax Review as established by Title 5, section 12004-B, subsection 6 on behalf of the State Tax Assessor, or any other party to an action or proceeding under this Title, of so much and no more of the information as is pertinent to the action or proceeding;

Sec. A-2. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶XX, as amended by PL 2015, c. 300, Pt. A, §6 and c. 344, §6, is further amended to read:

XX. The disclosure of information by the assessor to the board or the State Board of Property Tax Review as established by Title 5, section 12004-B, subsection 6, except that such disclosure is limited to information that is pertinent to an appeal or other action or proceeding before the board or the State Board of Property Tax Review;

Sec. A-3. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶YY, as amended by PL 2015, c. 490, §2 and c. 494, Pt. A, §41, is further amended to read:

YY. The inspection and disclosure of information by the board, or by the State Board of Property Tax Review as established by Title 5, section 12004-B, subsection 6, to the extent necessary to conduct appeals procedures pursuant to this Title and issue a decision on an appeal to the parties. The board and the State Board of Property Tax Review may make available to the public redacted decisions that do not disclose the identity of a taxpayer or any information made confidential by state or federal statute;

Sec. A-4. 36 MRSA §208-A, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 236, §1, is further amended to read:

C. The municipality's equalized full value tax rate of residential property following adjusted for the sudden and severe disruption in municipal valuation exceeds the most recent state statewide average of residential property for which data is available.

Sec. A-5. 36 MRSA §331, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 764, §10, is amended to read:

§331. Assessment manual

The State Tax Assessor shall maintain and periodically update a ~~State state~~ assessment manual by rule, in accordance with the ~~Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375, which shall identify that identifies~~ accepted and preferred methods of assessing property.

Any municipality performing or contracting for the performance of a revaluation after January 1, 1987, shall use or require the use of the ~~State state~~ assessment manual or another professionally accepted manual or procedure.

Sec. A-6. 36 MRSA §652, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 2007, c. 627, §20, is further amended to read:

G. Houses of religious worship, including vestries, and the pews and furniture within them; tombs and rights of burial; and property owned and used by a religious society as a parsonage up to the just value of \$20,000, and personal property not exceeding \$6,000 in just value are exempt from taxation, except that any portion of a parsonage that is rented is subject to taxation. For purposes of this paragraph, "parsonage" means the principal residence provided by a religious society for its cleric whether or not the principal residence is located within the same municipality as the house of religious worship where the cleric regularly conducts religious services.

Sec. A-7. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2017, c. 170, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

E. The word "veteran" as used in this subsection means ~~any person, male or female,~~ an individual who was on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States and who, if discharged, retired or separated from the Armed Forces, was discharged, retired or separated under other than dishonorable conditions.

Sec. A-8. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶J, as amended by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. Z, is further amended to read:

J. ~~No person may be~~ An individual is not entitled to property tax exemption under more than one paragraph of this subsection.

Sec. A-9. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 418, §1, is amended to read:

B. "Qualifying shareholder" means ~~a person~~ an individual who is a shareholder in a cooperative housing corporation who would qualify for an exemption under subsection 1 if the ~~person~~ individual were the owner of the property.

Sec. A-10. 36 MRSA §4641-C, sub-§15, as amended by PL 1993, c. 647, §2 and c. 718, Pt. B, §10, is further amended to read:

15. Deeds to a trustee, nominee or straw party. Any deeds:

A. To a trustee, nominee or straw party for the grantor as beneficial owner;

B. ~~For To a trustee, nominee or straw party for~~ the beneficial ownership of a person other than the grantor when, if that person were the grantee, ~~no~~ a tax would not be imposed upon the conveyance pursuant to this chapter; or

C. From a trustee, nominee or straw party to the beneficial owner;

Sec. A-11. 36 MRSA §6251, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. AA, §6, is further amended to read:

B. The taxpayer, ~~if the sole owner of the property,~~ has income, as defined in section 5219-KK, subsection 1, paragraph D, of less than \$40,000 for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the claim is filed. In the case of property that is owned by more than one owner, all owners together have income, as defined in section 5219-KK, subsection 1, paragraph D, of less than \$40,000 for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the claim is filed;

Sec. A-12. 36 MRSA §6251, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. AA, §6, is amended to read:

C. The taxpayer, ~~if an individual the sole owner of the property,~~ has liquid assets of less than \$50,000. ~~or, in the case of 2 or more individuals filing a claim jointly~~ property that is owned by more than one owner, all the individuals owners together have liquid assets of less than \$75,000; and

Sec. A-13. 36 MRSA §6271, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 489, §5, is amended to read:

C. "Household income" ~~has the meaning set out in section 6201, subsection 7~~ means all income received by all persons of a household in a calendar year while members of the household. For the purposes of this paragraph, "household" means a claimant and spouse and all other individuals for whom the claimant under this chapter is entitled to claim a credit as a dependent or qualifying child under section 5219-SS for the year for which relief is requested.

PART B

Sec. B-1. 36 MRSA §151, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 694, §3, is amended to read:

1. Petition for reconsideration. A person who is subject to an assessment by the State Tax Assessor or entitled by law to receive notice of a determination of the assessor and who is aggrieved as a result of that action may request in writing, within 60 days after receipt of notice of the assessment or the determination, reconsideration by the assessor of the assessment or the determination. If a person receives notice of an assessment or a determination and does not file a petition for reconsideration within the specified time period, a review is not available in Superior Court or before the board regardless of whether the taxpayer subsequently makes payment and requests a refund.

Sec. B-2. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§1, ¶X, as amended by PL 2017, c. 474, Pt. C, §1, is repealed.

Sec. B-3. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§1, ¶BB, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 213, Pt. BBBB, §4 and affected by §17, is repealed.

Sec. B-4. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§1, ¶CC, as amended by PL 2011, c. 90, Pt. H, §1 and affected by §8, is repealed.

Sec. B-5. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶G, as amended by PL 1999, c. 521, Pt. C, §3 and affected by §9, is repealed.

Sec. B-6. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶DD, as corrected by RR 2009, c. 2, §110, is repealed.

Sec. B-7. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶GG, as amended by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. O, §6, is repealed.

Sec. B-8. 36 MRSA §5200-A, sub-§1, ¶S, as amended by PL 2017, c. 474, Pt. C, §5, is repealed.

Sec. B-9. 36 MRSA §5200-A, sub-§1, ¶W, as amended by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. O, §11, is repealed.

Sec. B-10. 36 MRSA §5200-A, sub-§2, ¶U, as amended by PL 2011, c. 644, §23, is repealed.

Sec. B-11. 36 MRSA §5219-K, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2007, c. 627, §92, is further amended to read:

3. Limitation on credit allowed. The credit allowed under this section is limited to 100% of a corporation's first \$25,000 of tax due, as determined before the allowance of any credits, plus 75% of the corporation's tax due, as determined in excess of \$25,000. The assessor ~~shall~~ may adopt rules similar to those authorized under the Code, Section ~~38(c)(5)(B)~~ 38(c)(6)(B) for purposes of apportioning the \$25,000 among members of a controlled group ~~38(c)(6)(B)~~.

Sec. B-12. 36 MRSA §5219-K, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 368, Pt. GGG, §7, is amended to read:

6. Additional rules. The State Tax Assessor ~~shall~~ may adopt such rules as are necessary to implement this section.

Sec. B-13. 36 MRSA §5219-KK, sub-§1, ¶A-1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. AA, §1, is further amended to read:

A-1. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, "benefit base" means property taxes paid by a resident individual or the bureau pursuant to chapter 908 on behalf of the resident individual during the tax year on the resident individual's homestead in this State or rent constituting property taxes paid by the resident individual ~~or the bureau pursuant to chapter 908 on behalf of a resident individual~~ during the tax year on a homestead in the State not exceeding the following amounts:

- (1) For persons filing as single individuals, \$2,050;
- (2) For persons filing as heads of households that can claim the federal child tax credit pursuant to the Code, Section 24 for no more than one qualifying child or dependent or for persons filing joint returns, \$2,650; and
- (3) For persons filing as heads of households that can claim the federal child tax credit pursuant to the Code, Section 24 for more than one qualifying child or dependent or for persons filing joint returns that can claim the federal child tax credit pursuant to the Code, Section 24 for at least one qualifying child or dependent, \$3,250.

Sec. B-14. 36 MRSA §5219-KK, sub-§2-E, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 703, §1, is amended to read:

2-E. Permanently and totally disabled veterans; additional credit. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, in addition to the credit under subsection 2-D, a resident individual who is a veteran who is

100% permanently and totally disabled is allowed an additional credit against the taxes imposed under this Part in an amount equal to the amount calculated under subsection 2-D. The combined credit under subsection 2-D and this subsection may not exceed the property taxes paid by the resident individual or the bureau pursuant to chapter 908 on behalf of the resident individual during the tax year on the resident individual's homestead in this State and rent constituting property taxes paid by the resident individual during the tax year on a homestead in the State, combined. In the case of married individuals filing a joint return, only one spouse is required to be a veteran who is 100% permanently and totally disabled to qualify for the additional credit allowed under this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, "100% permanently and totally disabled" means having a rating by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs at 100% for one or more service-connected disabilities that are rated permanent and "veteran" has the same meaning as in section 653, subsection 1, paragraph E.

Sec. B-15. 36 MRSA §5228, sub-§1, ¶B-1 is enacted to read:

B-1. "Farmer or person who fishes commercially" means an individual who meets the criteria of Section 6654(i)(2) of the Code.

Sec. B-16. 36 MRSA §5228, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2001, c. 583, §18, is further amended to read:

4. Due dates for estimated tax installments. For individuals, trusts and estates, an installment payment is due the 15th day of the 4th, 6th, 9th and 13th month following the beginning of ~~their fiscal~~ the individual's, trust's or estate's taxable year, except that in the case of farmers and ~~fishermen~~ persons who fish commercially, a single installment payment is due on ~~January~~ the 15th day of the 13th month following the beginning of the individual's, trust's or estate's taxable year. For corporations and financial institutions, an installment payment is due on the 15th day of the 4th, 6th, 9th and 12th month following the beginning of ~~their fiscal~~ the corporation's or financial institution's taxable year.

Sec. B-17. 36 MRSA §5228, sub-§5, ¶B, as amended by PL 1991, c. 9, Pt. DD, §2 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

B. The taxpayer is a farmer or fisherman a person who fishes commercially in which case a single installment is required; or

Sec. B-18. 36 MRSA §5228, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 691, §§35 and 48, is amended to read:

10. Farmer or fisherman person who fishes commercially; underpayment. If an individual is a farmer or ~~fisherman~~ a person who fishes commercially

for any taxable year, then ~~no~~ a penalty may not be imposed with respect to any underpayment of the required installment of estimated tax, if on or before ~~March 1st~~ the first day of the 3rd month following the close of the individual's taxable year, that individual files a return for the taxable year and pays in full ~~his~~ the tax liability for the taxable year of the return.

PART C

Sec. C-1. 23 MRSA §4210-B, sub-§7-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 630, Pt. D, §1, is further amended to read:

7-A. Sales tax revenue. On July 1st of each year, the State Controller shall transfer to the Multimodal Transportation Fund an amount, as certified by the State Tax Assessor, that is equivalent to 100% of the revenue from the tax imposed on the value of rental of a ~~pickup~~ truck or van with a gross weight of less than 26,000 pounds rented from a person primarily engaged in the business of renting automobiles and the value of rental for a period of less than one year of an automobile pursuant to Title 36, section 1811 for the first 6 months of the prior fiscal year after the reduction for the transfer to the Local Government Fund as described by Title 30-A, section 5681, subsection 5 and the transfer to the ATV Recreational Management Fund pursuant to Title 36, section 1820. On October 1st of each year, the State Controller shall transfer to the Multimodal Transportation Fund an amount, as certified by the State Tax Assessor, that is equivalent to 100% of the revenue from the tax imposed on the value of rental of a ~~pickup~~ truck or van with a gross weight of less than 26,000 pounds rented from a person primarily engaged in the business of renting automobiles and the value of rental for a period of less than one year of an automobile pursuant to Title 36, section 1811 for the last 6 months of the prior fiscal year after the reduction for the transfer to the Local Government Fund as described by Title 30-A, section 5681, subsection 5 and the transfer to the ATV Recreational Management Fund pursuant to Title 36, section 1820. The tax amount must be based on actual sales for that fiscal year and may not consider any accruals that may be required by law.

Sec. C-2. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶H, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 698, §176, is amended to read:

H. The disclosure by the State Tax Assessor of the fact that a person is or is not registered under this Title or disclosure of both the fact that a registration under this Title has been revoked and the reasons for revocation. The exemption under this paragraph is limited to the disclosure of information applicable to the previous 6 years;

Sec. C-3. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶EE, as amended by PL 2019, c. 401, Pt. B, §1, 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 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;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 361

H.P. 250 - L.D. 399

An Act to Amend the Portfolio Requirements for Class II Resources and Require Money Collected from Alternative Compliance Payments to Be Used for Financial Assistance

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 477, §1, is amended to read:

A. For the purposes of meeting the portfolio requirement under this subsection, a 300% multiplier is applied to the output of a generator fueled by municipal solid waste in conjunction with recycling that has obtained a solid waste facility license from the Department of Environmental Protection.

This paragraph is repealed January 1, ~~2025~~ 2027.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2021, c. 199, §1, 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 ~~and~~, thermal renewable energy credits under subsection 3-C ~~and~~ Class II resources under subsection 3 through an alternative compliance payment mechanism in accordance with this subsection.

A. The commission shall set the alternative compliance payment ~~rate rates~~ by rule, ~~which may not be greater than \$50~~, and shall publish the alternative compliance payment ~~rate rates~~ by January 31st of each year. In setting the ~~rate rates~~, the commission shall take into account prevailing market prices, standard-offer service prices for electricity, reliance on alternative compliance payments to meet the requirements of subsections ~~3~~, 3-A, 3-B and 3-C and investment in Class I ~~and~~, Class IA ~~and~~ Class II 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 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 made by competitive electricity providers and shall ~~deposit~~ use all funds collected under this paragraph ~~in the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resource Fund established under section 10121, subsection 2 to be used to fund research, development and demonstration projects relating to renewable energy technologies and to fund rebates for cost effective renewable energy technologies 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 ~~under this subsection 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. 3. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is amended to read:

A. Receive funds collected by all transmission and distribution utilities in the State at a rate set by the commission in periodic rate cases; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. Receive funds collected by the commission for alternative compliance payments in accordance with section 3210, subsection 9, paragraph B; and

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3214, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 316, §3, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

The commission may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine

technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 362

H.P. 262 - L.D. 429

An Act to Reclassify Certain Offenses Under the Motor Vehicle Laws and Increase the Efficiency of the Criminal Justice System

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1603, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

9. Return license, certificates and plates. A person whose license or registration has been suspended shall immediately return every license, registration certificate and registration plate issued to that person to the Secretary of State. A person commits a ~~Class E crime~~ traffic infraction if that person, after notice of suspension, fails or refuses to return every license, registration certificate and registration plate.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §1859, as amended by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §104 and affected by §153 and Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

§1859. Removal of vehicle

Removal of a vehicle described in section 1851 or of any part or accessory from the vehicle without the written consent of the person in charge or the owner of the premises or property where the vehicle is located is a ~~Class E crime~~ traffic infraction. This section applies to all persons, including the owner of the vehicle.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2069, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 159, §4, is amended to read:

B. The issuance of a summons for a traffic infraction as described in section ~~351~~, section 2104 or section 2412-A, subsection 8;

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.

Effective January 1, 2024.

**CHAPTER 363
H.P. 361 - L.D. 556**

An Act to Limit the Driver's License Reinstatement Fee in Certain Circumstances

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2486, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 654, §14, is further amended to read:

1. Reinstatement fee for suspensions other than for OUI or failure to submit to a test. Except as provided in section 2472, subsection 7, before a suspension for any reason other than OUI or failure to submit to a test is terminated and a license or certificate reinstated, a fee of \$50 must be paid to the Secretary of State. The total reinstatement fee for all court-ordered suspensions under sections 2605 and 2608 that may be in effect against any one person at one time is \$50.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 364
H.P. 370 - L.D. 575**

An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with a Medical Condition

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§4, ¶A-1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 436, §1, is further amended to read:

A-1. The requirements of subsection 3-A do not apply to a driver or passenger who has a medical condition that, in the opinion of a physician, warrants an exemption from the requirements of subsection 3-A and that medical condition and opinion are documented by a certificate from that physician. That certificate is valid for the period designated by the physician, which may not exceed ~~one year~~ 6 years. The Secretary of State may issue a removable windshield placard that is visible to law enforcement officers to a person with a certificate from a physician. A removable windshield placard is a 2-sided permit designed to hang from the rearview mirror when the vehicle is in motion without obstructing the view of the operator. The placard must be displayed by hanging it from the rearview mirror so that it may be viewed from the front and rear of the vehicle when the vehicle is in motion. If the vehicle is not equipped with a rearview mirror, the placard must be displayed on the dashboard.

The placard must be identifiable as a seat belt placard as designed by the Secretary of State. A placard issued to a person under this paragraph expires when the physician's certificate expires.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to modify information technology systems.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,387	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$10,387	\$0

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.

Effective January 1, 2024.

**CHAPTER 365
H.P. 521 - L.D. 832**

An Act to Sustain the Medical Use of Cannabis Program

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2422-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 387, §1, c. 669, §5 and PL 2023, c. 96, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2422-A. Administration and enforcement; rule-making

1. Administration and enforcement. The department shall administer and enforce this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

2. Rules. The department shall adopt rules as necessary to administer and enforce this chapter. Unless otherwise indicated, rules adopted pursuant to this chapter are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. These rules may include, but are not limited to, minimum oversight requirements for dispensaries and registered caregivers and minimum security requirements for dispensaries and registered caregivers operating retail stores.

A. Before adopting or provisionally adopting rules pursuant to this section, the department shall consult with qualifying patients, caregivers, registered caregivers, registered dispensaries, cannabis testing facilities, manufacturing facilities and medical providers.

B. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 8072, subsection 11, rules provisionally adopted by the department in accordance with this section and submitted

for legislative review may not be finally adopted by the department unless legislation authorizing final adoption is enacted into law.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§10, ¶E, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 331, §13 and c. 354, §5 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

E. A cannabis testing facility must be accredited pursuant to the standard ISO/IEC 17025 of the International Organization for Standardization by a 3rd-party accrediting body and shall produce documentation of accreditation to the department or a municipal code enforcement officer, upon demand.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2424, as amended by PL 2021, c. 387, §§6 and 7; c. 652, §2; and c. 669, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§5, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 367, §12 and c. 669, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) A random identification number that is unique to the cardholder; ~~and~~

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§5, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 367, §12 and c. 669, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) A clear designation showing whether the cardholder is allowed under this chapter to cultivate cannabis plants; ~~and~~

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§5, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 367, §12 and c. 669, §5, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) A photograph of the cardholder, if required by the department.

Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§10, as amended by PL 2021, c. 662, §28 and c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

10. Fees. The department shall adopt rules to establish fees in accordance with this subsection. The application and renewal fees must generate revenues sufficient to offset all expenses of implementing and administering this chapter. The department may accept donations from private sources to offset the expenses of implementing and administering this chapter and shall, if those donations are received, reduce application and renewal fees accordingly. The fees ~~and donations~~ must be credited to the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund pursuant to section 2430. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection ~~are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, except that, beginning July 1, 2021, rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.~~

A. There is no annual registration fee for a qualifying patient or visiting qualifying patient or a caregiver who is not required to register pursuant to section 2423-A, subsection 3, paragraph C. There is no annual registration fee for a caregiver who does not cultivate cannabis plants for a qualifying patient.

B. There is an annual registration fee for a caregiver who cultivates cannabis plants on behalf of a qualifying patient pursuant to section 2423-A, subsection 2, paragraph B.

(1) For a caregiver registering based upon plant count, the fee may not be less than \$50 or more than \$240 for each group of up to 6 mature cannabis plants cultivated by the caregiver. The caregiver shall notify the department of the number of cannabis plants the caregiver cultivates.

(2) For a caregiver registering based upon plant canopy, the fee may not be less than \$50 or more than \$1,500 for a total mature plant canopy of 500 square feet or less.

C. There is an annual registration fee for a dispensary, which may not be less than \$5,000 or more than \$12,000. There is a fee to change the location of a registered dispensary or the location at which a registered dispensary cultivates cannabis plants, which may not be less than \$3,000 or more than \$4,000.

D. There is an annual registration fee for a tier 1 manufacturing facility, which may not be less than \$50 or more than \$150.

E. There is an annual registration fee for a tier 2 manufacturing facility, which may not be less than \$150 or more than \$250.

F. There is an annual registration fee to engage in cannabis extraction under section 2423-F, subsection 3, which may not be less than \$250 or more than \$350.

G. There is an annual registration fee for a cannabis testing facility, which may not be less than \$250 or more than \$1,000, except that there is no fee if the testing facility is licensed in accordance with Title 28-B, chapter 1.

H. There is an annual registration fee for an officer or director or assistant of a registered caregiver or registered dispensary, which may not be less than \$20 or more than \$50.

I. There is a fee to replace a registry identification card that has been lost, stolen or destroyed or a card that contains information that is no longer accurate, which may not be less than \$10 or more than \$20. Replacement of a registry identification card does not extend the expiration date.

J. There is an annual fee for a criminal history record check for a caregiver or an officer or director or assistant of a registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility, which may not be less than \$31 or more than \$60. The fee must be paid by the caregiver or by the registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility for an officer or director or assistant of the registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility.

Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§12, ¶J, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 452, §12, is repealed.

Sec. 9. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§13, as amended by PL 2021, c. 387, §10 and c. 669, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 10. 22 MRSA §2428, sub-§6, ¶F, as amended by PL 2017, c. 452, §16, is further amended to read:

F. The operating documents of a dispensary must include procedures for the oversight of the dispensary and procedures to ensure accurate record keeping in accordance with section ~~2430-G~~ 2430-J.

Sec. 11. 22 MRSA §2430-C, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 452, §24 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is amended to read:

6. Prohibition on seizure and retention. Except when necessary for an ongoing criminal ~~or civil~~ investigation, a law enforcement officer may not seize cannabis that is in the possession of a qualifying patient, caregiver, cannabis testing facility, manufacturing facility or registered dispensary as authorized by this chapter. A law enforcement officer in possession of cannabis in violation of this subsection shall return the cannabis within 7 days after receiving a written request for return by the owner of the cannabis. Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 14, chapter 741, if the law enforcement officer fails to return cannabis possessed in violation of this subsection within 7 days of receiving a written request for return of the cannabis under this subsection, the owner of the cannabis may file a claim in the District Court in the district where the owner lives or where the law enforcement officer is employed.

Sec. 12. 22 MRSA §2430-C, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2021, c. 662, §34, is further amended to read:

7. Requirements for protection. To receive protection under this section for conduct authorized under this chapter, a person must:

A. If the person is a qualifying patient or visiting qualifying patient, present upon request of a law enforcement officer the patient's written certification ~~and the patient's government issued identification that includes a photo and proof of address;~~ or

B. If the person is a caregiver, present upon request of a law enforcement officer the ~~original written document designating the person as a caregiver by the qualifying patient under section 2423-A, subsection 1, paragraph F-1 and the caregiver's government issued identification that includes a photo and proof of address~~ caregiver's registry identification card or registration certificate.

Sec. 13. 22 MRSA §2430-C, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 452, §24 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is amended to read:

8. Evidence of lawful conduct. ~~A person who has been issued a registry identification card pursuant to section 2425-A must also possess a valid government-issued identification that includes a photo and proof of address in order to establish proof of authorized participation in the medical use of cannabis under this chapter.~~ Possession of a registry identification card by a cardholder, the act of applying for such a registry identification card, possession of a written certification issued under section 2423-B or possession of a designation document executed under section 2423-A, subsection 1, paragraph F-1 is ~~not evidence of unlawful~~ lawful conduct and may not be used to support the search of that person or that person's property. The possession of or application for a registry identification card or possession of a written certification does not prevent the issuance of a warrant if probable cause exists on other grounds.

Sec. 14. 22 MRSA §2430-C, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Defense for possession of excess cannabis. Except as provided in section 2426, a qualifying patient may assert as a defense to any prosecution involving cannabis possession use of cannabis for a medical purpose and may present evidence in court that the patient's medical use or cultivation of an amount of cannabis exceeding the amount allowed under section 2423-A was reasonably necessary to ensure the uninterrupted availability of cannabis for the purpose of treating or alleviating the patient's medical diagnosis or symptoms associated with the patient's medical diagnosis that, in a medical provider's professional opinion, may be alleviated by the therapeutic or palliative medical use of cannabis.

Sec. 15. 22 MRSA §2430-C, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Calculation of cannabis weight. The amount of cannabis possessed under this chapter must be calculated by the weight of dried harvested cannabis. A calculation of the weight of cannabis that is not dried must reduce the weight by at least 75% to account for moisture content. A calculation of the weight of cannabis in a cannabis product may not include ingredients in the product other than cannabis, except that the weight of cannabis concentrate must be included regardless of

whether the cannabis concentrate is within a cannabis product or not within a cannabis product.

Sec. 16. 22 MRSA §2430-E, as amended by PL 2021, c. 387, §12 and c. 669, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 17. 22 MRSA §2430-F, as amended by PL 2021, c. 387, §13 and c. 669, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 18. 22 MRSA §2430-G, as amended by PL 2021, c. 367, §16; c. 387, §§14 to 16; c. 669, §5; c. 676, Pt. A, §35; and PL 2023, c. 96, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 19. 22 MRSA §2430-H, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 452, §24 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 20. 22 MRSA §2430-I is enacted to read:
§2430-I. Suspension, revocation, administrative penalty; forfeiture; surrender

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Covered entity" means a registered caregiver, dispensary, cannabis testing facility, manufacturing facility or person authorized to engage in cannabis extraction using inherently hazardous substances under this chapter.

B. "Covered entity agent" means an assistant, employee, officer, director or other authorized agent of a registered caregiver, dispensary, cannabis testing facility, manufacturing facility or person authorized to engage in cannabis extraction using inherently hazardous substances under this chapter.

C. "Major registration violation" means an intentional, willful or reckless violation or a repeat pattern of minor registration violations.

D. "Major registration violation affecting public safety" means a major registration violation that jeopardizes public safety.

E. "Minor registration violation" means a knowing or negligent violation.

F. "Violation" means a violation of a provision of this chapter, rules adopted pursuant to this chapter or terms or conditions of a registry identification card or registration certificate issued under this chapter.

2. Penalties. The department, in accordance with this section, on its own initiative or on complaint and after investigation, may, by written order:

A. Impose an administrative penalty in accordance with this section for a violation. Penalties collected pursuant to this paragraph must be credited to the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund established under section 2430;

B. Seize and destroy cannabis or cannabis products under subsection 5; and

C. Suspend or revoke a registry identification card or registration certificate issued under this chapter for a violation.

3. Administrative penalties, generally. The department may impose administrative penalties for a violation of this chapter or rules adopted under this chapter as follows:

A. For a registered caregiver who does not operate a retail store and a covered entity agent:

(1) Not more than \$200 for each minor registration violation;

(2) Not more than \$600 for each major registration violation; or

(3) Not more than \$1,500 for each major registration violation affecting public safety; and

B. For a covered entity, except a registered caregiver who does not operate a retail store:

(1) Not more than \$1,000 for each minor registration violation;

(2) Not more than \$3,000 for each major registration violation; or

(3) Not more than \$7,500 for each major registration violation affecting public safety.

4. Administrative penalty for sale or transfer to nonpatient. The department shall notify a covered entity within one business day after the department discovers that a covered entity or covered entity agent sold, furnished or gave cannabis for medical use to a person who is not authorized to possess cannabis for medical use under this chapter. Both the covered entity and covered entity agent that sold, furnished or gave cannabis for medical use to a person who is not authorized to possess cannabis for medical use may be held responsible as follows.

A. The first time a covered entity or covered entity agent sells, furnishes or gives cannabis for medical use to a person who is not authorized to possess cannabis for medical use under this chapter, the covered entity or covered entity agent that sold, furnished or gave cannabis for medical use to a person not authorized to possess cannabis for medical use may be subject to an administrative penalty for a minor registration violation.

B. The 2nd time a covered entity or covered entity agent sells, furnishes or gives cannabis for medical use to a person who is not authorized to possess cannabis for medical use under this chapter, the covered entity or covered entity agent that sold, furnished or gave cannabis for medical use to a person not authorized to possess cannabis for medical use

may be subject to an administrative penalty for a major registration violation.

C. The 3rd time a covered entity or covered entity agent sells, furnishes or gives cannabis for medical use to a person who is not authorized to possess cannabis for medical use under this chapter and for any subsequent violations of this subsection thereafter, the covered entity or covered entity agent that sold, furnished or gave cannabis for medical use to a person not authorized to possess cannabis for medical use may be subject to suspension or revocation of the covered entity's or covered entity agent's registry identification card or registration certificate or an administrative penalty for a major registration violation.

A covered entity is subject to the penalties in this section whether the covered entity violated this subsection or the covered entity agent violated this subsection. Violations of this section by a covered entity are cumulative whether the same or a different covered entity agent violated this subsection.

5. Forfeit and destruction under final order.

This subsection governs the forfeiture and destruction of cannabis plants, cannabis or cannabis products when a final order is issued.

A. If the department issues a final order imposing an administrative penalty under this section, the department may require, in the final order, that all or a portion of the cannabis plants, cannabis or cannabis products in the possession of the covered entity subject to the final order be destroyed.

B. The covered entity subject to the final order shall forfeit the cannabis plants, cannabis or cannabis products to the department or destroy the cannabis plants, cannabis and cannabis products at the time and place and in the manner required by the department in writing.

6. Destruction prohibition. If the department is notified by a criminal justice agency that there is a pending investigation of a covered entity subject to a final order under this section, the department may not destroy, or allow the covered entity to destroy, any cannabis plants, cannabis or cannabis products of that covered entity until the destruction is approved by the criminal justice agency.

7. Form of payment. The department shall accept payment of an administrative penalty imposed under this section in the form of cash or a certified check or cashier's check payable to the department.

8. Suspension or revocation. The department may suspend or revoke a registry identification card or registration certificate for violation of this chapter and the rules adopted under this chapter for a period not to ex-

ceed one year. Until the suspension or revocation period ends, the person is ineligible for reauthorization under this chapter.

9. Maine Administrative Procedure Act; final agency action. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the suspension or revocation of a registry identification card or registration certificate and the imposition of an administrative penalty by the department is governed by Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 4, including, but not limited to, the provisions on notice and hearings.

Sec. 21. 22 MRSA §2430-J is enacted to read:

§2430-J. Reporting; record keeping; labels

The department shall develop, implement and maintain a statewide electronic portal through which registered caregivers, registered dispensaries, cannabis testing facilities and manufacturing facilities may submit to the department the records required pursuant to this chapter. The department may not require records submitted through the portal to contain information identifying qualifying patients.

1. Required records. A registered caregiver, a registered dispensary, a cannabis testing facility and a manufacturing facility shall:

- A. Keep a record of all transfers of cannabis plants and harvested cannabis;
- B. Keep the books and records for a period of 4 years; and
- C. Make the books and records maintained under this subsection available for inspection by the department upon the department's request.

2. Required label. A registered caregiver, registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility and manufacturing facility shall accompany all cannabis plants and harvested cannabis being transported pursuant to this chapter with a label that identifies:

- A. The person transferring the cannabis plants or harvested cannabis, including the person's registry identification number;
- B. The person receiving the cannabis plants or harvested cannabis, including the person's registry identification number or, if the person is not required to register under this chapter, a unique identifier assigned to the person;
- C. A description of the cannabis plants or harvested cannabis being transferred, including the amount and form;
- D. The time and date of the transfer; and
- E. The destination of the cannabis plants or harvested cannabis.

The department may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are

major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 22. 22 MRSA §2430-K is enacted to read:
§2430-K. Inspections; limitation

The department may conduct inspections of registered caregivers, registered dispensaries, cannabis testing facilities and manufacturing facilities in accordance with this section and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. The department may not conduct an inspection of a qualifying patient or caregiver operating under section 2423-A, subsection 3, paragraph C.

1. Criteria. The department shall maintain a publicly accessible electronic version of the criteria for inspection of registered caregivers, registered dispensaries, cannabis testing facilities and manufacturing facilities.

2. Access to premises. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, to ensure compliance with this chapter or in response to a complaint, the department may inspect the premises where a registered caregiver, registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility conducts activity authorized under this chapter, without notice during regular business hours or during hours of apparent activity, except that the department may not enter the dwelling unit of a registered caregiver if the registered caregiver is not present and may inspect the area of a dwelling unit only where activity authorized under this chapter occurs.

3. Complaints. If the department conducts an inspection in response to a complaint, the department shall provide the registered caregiver, registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility subject to the inspection a written statement of the substance of the complaint at the time of the inspection.

4. Contamination prevention. The department shall develop and post on the department's publicly accessible website guidance on how a person conducting inspections under this section can prevent contaminating the premises being inspected.

5. Notification of unauthorized conduct. If during an inspection the department finds evidence of a violation of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter, the department shall, within one business day of the completion of the inspection, provide written notification of the identified violation to the registered caregiver, registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility. Notice under this subsection does not constitute final agency action.

6. Penalty. In addition to any other penalty authorized under this chapter, the registry identification card or registration certificate of a registered caregiver, registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility that refuses or willfully avoids 2 or more inspections under this section may be suspended or revoked pursuant to section 2430-I or the department

may refuse to renew the registry identification card or registration certificate.

Sec. 23. 22 MRSA §2430-L is enacted to read:
§2430-L. Compliance check

Notwithstanding section 2430-K and in accordance with section 2430-C, subsection 6-A, the department, or an agent of the department, may enter the premises of a caregiver retail store or a dispensary to conduct a compliance check of the operation of the store or dispensary by attempting to purchase a nominal amount of cannabis for medical use. The department, or its agent, is not required to identify affiliation with the department. Evidence of a violation of this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter must be handled pursuant to section 2430-I.

Sec. 24. 22 MRSA §2430-M is enacted to read:
§2430-M. Voluntary surrender and destruction

A registered caregiver, dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility may elect to voluntarily surrender cannabis plants, cannabis or cannabis products to the department for destruction under the following conditions.

1. Request. A registered caregiver's, dispensary's, cannabis testing facility's or manufacturing facility's request to surrender cannabis plants, cannabis or cannabis products to the department for destruction must be made on a form made available by the department and must be signed by a person who certifies that the person is an authorized representative of the registered caregiver, dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility.

2. Investigation or prosecution. The department may decline to accept cannabis plants, cannabis or cannabis products for destruction under this section if the department is aware of a pending investigation of the registered caregiver, dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility submitting the request until such time as the department confirms with the appropriate criminal justice agency that the cannabis plants, cannabis or cannabis products are not part of an ongoing investigation or prosecution.

Sec. 25. 22 MRSA §2430-N is enacted to read:
§2430-N. Report to the Legislature

By February 15th each year, the department shall submit a report that does not disclose identifying information about qualifying patients, cardholders or medical providers to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over medical cannabis matters that contains for the previous year unless otherwise indicated, at a minimum:

1. Applications and renewals. The number of applications and renewals filed for registry identification cards and registration certificates;

2. Patients and caregivers. The number of qualifying patients and registered caregivers approved in each county;

3. Suspensions or revocations. The number of registry identification cards suspended or revoked;

4. Medical providers. The number of medical providers providing written certifications for qualifying patients;

5. Dispensaries, manufacturing facilities and testing facilities. The number of registered dispensaries, manufacturing facilities and cannabis testing facilities approved in each county;

6. Officers, directors and assistants. The number of officers, directors and assistants of registered caregivers and registered dispensaries, manufacturing facilities and cannabis testing facilities;

7. Medical Use of Cannabis Fund. The revenue and expenses of the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund established in section 2430; and

8. Sales tax revenue. The sales tax revenue from the sale of cannabis for medical use deposited into the General Fund for the current and prior fiscal years.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 366
H.P. 592 - L.D. 945**

An Act to Allow Maine Families to Increase Their Savings by Changing the Asset Limits for Eligibility for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

A. The department shall adopt rules as necessary to implement and administer the program. The rules must include eligibility criteria, budgeting process, benefit calculation and confidentiality. For the purpose of determining eligibility for TANF, the department shall impose an asset limit of \$10,000 per family and must exempt from the asset limit one vehicle for each licensed driver in the family. The confidentiality rules must ensure that confidentiality is maintained for TANF recipients at least to the same extent that confidentiality was maintained for families in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program unless otherwise required by federal law or regulation.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

11. Treatment of lump sum income. For the purpose of determining eligibility for ~~and the amount of~~ assistance under TANF, the department shall treat any nonrecurring lump sum income received by a family ~~in accordance with this subsection~~ as an asset, and not as ~~income, in the month the lump sum payment is received.~~ To the extent that any nonrecurring lump sum income remains after the month it was received, the department shall continue to consider the income as an asset in accordance with this section.

A. Nonrecurring lump sum income includes, but is not limited to, personal injury awards, lottery winnings, inheritances and similar nonrecurring forms of income. It does not include income earmarked by the payor for particular expenses such as awards or insurance proceeds earmarked for medical expenses, attorney's fees or the replacement of lost property. Proceeds from the conversion of a nonliquid asset to a liquid asset must be treated as an asset and not as nonrecurring lump sum income.

B. ~~Up to \$10,000 of nonrecurring lump sum income must be disregarded as income and excluded as an asset if used for the following purposes within 30 days of its receipt:~~

- ~~(1) Deposit in a separate identifiable account, approved by the department. Withdrawals from such an account may only be for the purposes identified in subparagraphs (2) to (6) and paragraph C;~~
- ~~(2) Expenses for education or job training to attend an accredited or approved postsecondary education or training institution;~~
- ~~(3) The purchase or repair of a home that is the family's principal residence;~~
- ~~(4) The purchase or repair of a vehicle used for transportation to work or to attend an education or training program;~~
- ~~(5) Capital to start a small business for any family member 18 years of age or older; or~~
- ~~(6) Placement in a family development account authorized by state law, to the extent that the total balance of such an account remains below \$10,000.~~

~~C. The department shall disregard from income and exclude as an asset nonrecurring lump sum income used within 30 days of receipt or money withdrawn from an account established pursuant to paragraph B, subparagraph (1) or (6), if it is used for the purposes stated in paragraph B, subparagraphs (2) to (6) or to meet the following needs:~~

~~(1) Health care costs of a household member that are medically necessary and that are not covered by public or private insurance;~~

~~(2) To address an emergency that may cause the loss of shelter, employment or other basic necessities; or~~

~~(3) To address other essential family needs approved by the department.~~

~~D. Nonrecurring lump sum income in excess of the asset limit established in the TANF program that is used for purposes other than those enumerated in paragraphs B or C and nonrecurring lump sum income in excess of \$10,000 plus that asset limit must be counted as income and cause the household to be disqualified from receiving TANF assistance under this chapter. The household is disqualified for a period of months calculated by dividing the income countable under this paragraph by the standard of need established by the department for the household.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 367

H.P. 655 - L.D. 1019

An Act Regarding Water Testing Related to Storage Facilities

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §652, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1987, c. 769, Pt. A, §84 and PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

2. Private water supplies. In the event an owner of land adjacent to a state or state aid highway ~~conceives or hydrogeologically downgradient from a state-owned salt storage facility~~ suspects that a private water supply on that land has been destroyed or rendered unfit for human consumption by the department constructing, reconstructing or maintaining ~~the a state or state aid highway or storing salt in a state-owned salt storage facility,~~ such the owner may apply in writing to the department for a determination of the alleged cause and assessment of the damage and, if ~~such~~ the claim is founded on construction, the owner shall present ~~such~~ the application within 24 months after the completion date of the work as that date appears in the records of the department.

The application ~~shall~~ must set forth the name and address of the owner, the owner's source of title, the location of the property, a description of the damage, the cause to which the damage is attributed and the name and address of any lien holder.

A. If the department determines that it did not cause the alleged damage to ~~such~~ the water supply, a copy of the determination ~~shall~~ must be served by registered or certified mail or by personal service as required for service of a summons on a complaint in the Superior Court.

B. If the department determines that any damage to the privately owned water supply was caused by the department constructing, reconstructing or maintaining the highway or storing salt, a copy of the determination ~~shall~~ must be served by registered or certified mail or by personal service as required for service of a summons on a complaint in the Superior Court and the department shall set forth an offer of settlement ~~which shall be either that offers:~~

- (1) To replace the water supply; ~~or~~
- (2) To repair the damage to the water supply; ~~or~~
- (3) To pay a designated sum of money; or
- (4) To purchase the realty served by the water supply in the event the cost of repair or replacement of the water supply exceeds the appraisal value of the realty.

C. The department may issue rules and regulations in accordance with standards of the Department of Health and Human Services and the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service regarding water potability for the determination of the degree of contamination, pollution or fitness for domestic use.

D. The department shall in its determination consider the necessity for installation or replacement of piping, tanks, pumps, heating systems or other related fixtures. ~~The Department of Transportation shall~~ department may not condition installation or replacement on the owner giving possession or title of any privately owned piping, tanks, pumps, heating systems or other related fixtures on ~~his~~ the land to any agency of this State, unless agreed to by the property owner.

E. If the department is unable to settle at what it ~~deems~~ determines to be a reasonable settlement, the department or owner may apply to the State Claims Commission in writing for a determination of the alleged cause and assessment of the damage. The proceedings ~~shall~~ are then ~~be~~ the same as in condemnation cases.

F. This subsection ~~shall~~ does not apply to private water supplies after June 26, 1969 where the location does not allow for or provide for adequate surface drainage.

G. This subsection shall does not apply to private water supplies now located or hereafter located within the right-of-way limits.

H. This subsection shall does not apply to any private water supply damaged by construction, reconstruction or maintenance which of the highway or the storage of salt that the department determines to have already been contaminated or polluted by another source to the degree said the contamination or pollution would have rendered it unfit for human consumption.

I. With respect to a private water supply located on land that is adjacent to a state or state aid highway or is hydrogeologically downgradient from a state-owned salt storage facility, the department, on the request of the landowner, shall arrange for and pay the cost of testing the private water supply for any contaminants that may derive from the department constructing, reconstructing or maintaining a state or state aid highway or storing salt in a state-owned salt storage facility.

For purposes of this subsection, "hydrogeologically downgradient" means that a location receives groundwater from another location.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 368
H.P. 1038 - L.D. 1613**

**An Act to Prohibit Profiling
and to Strengthen Civil Rights
in Maine**

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 5 MRSA §4684-C is enacted to read:

§4684-C. Civil rights officers

1. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Civil rights officer" means a law enforcement officer who has received special training approved by the Attorney General in identifying and investigating civil rights violations.

B. "Law enforcement agency" means an agency in the State charged with enforcement of state, county, municipal or federal laws or laws of a federally recognized Indian tribe, with the prevention, detection or investigation of criminal, immigration or customs laws or with managing custody of detained persons in the State and includes, but is not

limited to, a municipal police department, a sheriff's department, the State Police, a university or college police department and the Department of Public Safety.

C. "Law enforcement officer" means a state, county or municipal official or an official of a federally recognized Indian tribe responsible for enforcing criminal, immigration or customs laws, including, but not limited to, a law enforcement officer who possesses a valid certificate issued by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy pursuant to Title 25, section 2803-A.

2. Required civil rights officer. A law enforcement agency shall select, assign and secure training for a civil rights officer, notify the Attorney General of the name and contact information for the civil rights officer and notify the Attorney General of any change in assignment of the civil rights officer as soon as practicable after the change is made. The law enforcement agency shall make the contact information for the civil rights officer publicly available.

PART B

Sec. B-1. 5 MRSA c. 337-D, headnote is amended to read:

CHAPTER 337-D

PROFILING AND DATA COLLECTION

Sec. B-2. 5 MRSA §4751, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Profiling. "Profiling" means the consideration of or reliance on, to any degree, actual or perceived race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry or national origin, age or familial status in deciding which persons to subject to a traffic or pedestrian stop or in deciding the scope or substance of law enforcement activities following a traffic or pedestrian stop. "Profiling" does not mean consideration of or reliance on characteristics provided in a specific suspect description. For purposes of this subsection, "activities following a traffic or pedestrian stop" include, but are not limited to, asking questions of a person, frisking a person, conducting consensual and nonconsensual searches of a person or property, seizing of property, requiring vehicle occupants to exit a vehicle during a traffic stop, issuing a citation and making an arrest.

Sec. B-3. 5 MRSA §4755 is enacted to read:
§4755. Profiling prohibited

In enforcing the laws of this State, a law enforcement officer or law enforcement agency may not engage in profiling. Violations of this section are not enforceable under chapter 337-B but may form the basis of disciplinary proceedings by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to suspend or to revoke any certification issued by the board pursuant to

Title 25, section 2806-A, subsection 5, paragraph J or to take other action the board determines to be appropriate pursuant to Title 25, section 2806-A, subsection 6.

PART C

Sec. C-1. 5 MRSA §4752, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 460, §1, is amended to read:

1. Information collected. Beginning July 1, 2023 2024, a law enforcement agency shall record and retain the following information regarding traffic infractions occurring in this State:

- A. The number of persons stopped for traffic infractions;
- B. Characteristics of race, color, ethnicity, gender and age of each person described in paragraph A. The identification of such characteristics must be based on the observation and perception of the law enforcement officer responsible for reporting the stop. The person stopped may not be required to provide the information;
- C. The nature of each alleged traffic infraction that resulted in a stop;
- D. Whether a warning or citation was issued, an arrest was made or a search was conducted as a result of each stop for a traffic infraction; and
- E. Any additional information the law enforcement agency determines appropriate. The additional information may not include any other personally identifiable information about a person stopped for a traffic infraction such as the person's driver's license number, name or address.

Sec. C-2. 5 MRSA §4753, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 460, §1, is amended to read:

1. Adoption of rules. By January 1, 2023 2024, the Attorney General shall adopt rules for the recording, retention and reporting of information pursuant to section 4752 pertaining to persons stopped for traffic infractions. The information must include the characteristics of race, color, ethnicity, gender and age of the persons stopped, based on the observation and perception of the law enforcement officer making the stop. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. C-3. 5 MRSA §4754, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 460, §1, is amended to read:

§4754. Report; publication of data

Beginning January 15, 2024 2025 and annually thereafter, the Attorney General shall provide to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters and criminal justice and public safety matters and make available to the public a report of the information collected pursuant to this

chapter. The report must include an analysis of the information and may include recommendations for changes in laws, rules and practices. Information reported may not include personally identifiable information.

Sec. C-4. Retroactivity. This Part applies retroactively to December 31, 2022.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 369

H.P. 1045 - L.D. 1620

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding the Mi'kmaq Nation and to Provide Parity to the Wabanaki Nations

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. PL 1989, c. 148, §3 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 3. 30 MRSA c. 603 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 603

MI'KMAQ NATION RESTORATION ACT

§7201. Short title

This Act may be known and cited as "The Mi'kmaq Nation Restoration Act."

§7202. Legislative findings and declaration of policy

The Legislature finds and declares the following.

The Mi'kmaq Nation, previously known as the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, as represented as of the effective date of this chapter by the Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council, is the sole successor in interest, as to lands within the United States, to the aboriginal entity generally known as the Mi'kmaq Nation that years ago claimed aboriginal title to certain lands in the State.

The Mi'kmaq Nation was not referred to in the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, Public Law 96-420.

There exist aboriginal lands in the State jointly used by the Mi'kmaq Nation and other tribes to which the Mi'kmaq Nation could have asserted aboriginal title but for the extinguishment of all such claims by the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, Public Law 96-420.

In 1991, the United States formally recognized the Mi'kmaq Nation as a sovereign government to whom it owed a special trust relationship by enacting the federal Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act, Public Law 102-171.

Section 6(d) of the federal Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act, Public Law 102-171, authorized the State of Maine and the Mi'kmaq Nation to execute agreements regarding the State's jurisdiction over lands owned by or held in trust for the benefit of the Mi'kmaq Nation or any citizen of the nation and provided the advance consent of the United States to amendments of the state Micmac Settlement Act in Public Law 1989, chapter 148 for this purpose.

The State of Maine and the Mi'kmaq Nation agree and intend that this Act constitutes a jurisdictional agreement pursuant to Section 6(d) of the federal Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act, Public Law 102-171, that amends the state Micmac Settlement Act, originally enacted in Public Law 1989, chapter 148.

§7203. Definitions

As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act. "Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act" means the federal Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act, Public Law 102-171.

2. Lands or other natural resources. "Lands or other natural resources" means any real property or natural resources, or any interest in or right involving any real property or natural resources, including, but not limited to, minerals and mineral rights, timber and timber rights, water and water rights and hunting and fishing rights.

3. Laws of the State. "Laws of the State" means the Constitution of Maine and all statutes, rules or regulations and the common law of the State and its political subdivisions, and subsequent amendments thereto or judicial interpretations thereof.

4. Mi'kmaq Nation. "Mi'kmaq Nation" has the same meaning as "Band" in Section 3(1) of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act.

5. Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land. "Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land" means:

A. All Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land that exists as of the effective date of this subsection; and

B. All Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land acquired after the effective date of this subsection that is both within Aroostook County and within 50 miles of land described in paragraph A.

6. Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land. "Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land" has the same meaning as "Band Trust Land" in Section 3(3) of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act.

7. Secretary. "Secretary" means the United States Secretary of the Interior.

§7204. Laws of State to apply to Indian Lands

Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Mi'kmaq Nation and all members of the Mi'kmaq Nation in the State and any lands or other natural resources owned by them or held in trust for them by the United States or by any other person or entity are subject to the laws of the State and to the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the courts of the State to the same extent as any other person or lands or other natural resources in the State.

§7205. Powers and duties of Mi'kmaq Nation within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land

1. Sovereign status. The State recognizes that the Mi'kmaq Nation predates the State of Maine and the United States and possesses the power and authority to self-govern as limited by the Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act and this Act.

2. General powers. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Mi'kmaq Nation, within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land, may, separate and distinct from the State, exercise exclusive jurisdiction, including by enacting ordinances, over internal tribal matters, including membership in the nation, the right to reside within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land, tribal organization, tribal government and tribal elections and the exercise of power pursuant to section 7206, subsection 8, section 7207 and section 7208, subsection 1, paragraph F and such matters are not subject to regulation by the State. Pursuant to the Mi'kmaq Nation's power and authority to self-govern, the Mi'kmaq Nation has the same, and no more, power to enact ordinances within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land as municipalities have within the State. The Mi'kmaq Nation shall designate such officers and officials as are necessary to implement and administer those laws of the State applicable to Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land and the residents thereof. Any resident of Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land who is not a member of the nation is equally entitled to receive any municipal or governmental services provided by the nation or by the State, except those services that are provided exclusively to members of the nation pursuant to state or federal law, and are entitled to vote in national, state and county elections in the same manner as any tribal member residing within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land.

3. Power to sue and be sued. The Mi'kmaq Nation and its members may sue and be sued in the courts of the State to the same extent as any other entity or person in the State except that the nation and its officers and employees are immune from suit when the nation is acting in its governmental capacity to the same extent as municipalities or like officers or employees thereof within the State.

4. Ordinances. The Mi'kmaq Nation has the right to exercise exclusive jurisdiction within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land over violations by members of

any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group of tribal ordinances adopted by the nation pursuant to this section or section 7206. The decision to exercise or terminate the jurisdiction authorized by this section must be made by the Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council. If the nation chooses not to exercise, or to terminate its exercise of, jurisdiction as authorized by this section or section 7206, the State has exclusive jurisdiction over violations of the nation's tribal ordinances by members of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land. The State has exclusive jurisdiction over violations of the nation's tribal ordinances by persons not members of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group except as provided in section 7208.

§7206. Regulation of natural resources

1. Adoption of hunting, trapping and fishing ordinances by Mi'kmaq Nation. Subject to the limitations of subsection 5, the Mi'kmaq Nation has exclusive authority within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land to enact ordinances regulating:

A. Hunting, trapping or other taking of wildlife; and

B. Taking of fish on any pond in which all the shoreline and all submerged lands are wholly within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land and that is less than 10 acres in surface area.

Ordinances under this subsection must be equally applicable, on a nondiscriminatory basis, to all persons regardless of whether a person is a member of the Mi'kmaq Nation except that, subject to the limitations of subsection 5, ordinances under this subsection may include special provisions for the sustenance of the individual members of the Mi'kmaq Nation. In addition to the authority provided by this subsection, the Mi'kmaq Nation, subject to the limitations of subsection 5, may exercise within Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land all the rights incident to ownership of land under the laws of the State.

2. Registration stations. The Mi'kmaq Nation shall establish and maintain registration stations for the purpose of registering bear, moose, deer and other wildlife killed within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land and shall adopt ordinances requiring registration of such wildlife to the extent and in substantially the same manner as such wildlife are required to be registered under the laws of the State. These ordinances requiring registration must be equally applicable to all persons without distinction based on tribal membership. The Mi'kmaq Nation shall report the deer, moose, bear and other wildlife killed and registered within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at such times as the commissioner considers appropriate. The records of registration of the

Mi'kmaq Nation must be available, at all times, for inspection and examination by the commissioner.

3. Sustenance fishing within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land. Subject to the limitations of subsection 5 and notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary, the members of the Mi'kmaq Nation may take fish for their individual sustenance within the boundaries of Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land to the same extent as authorized under section 6207, subsection 4.

4. Posting. Lands or waters subject to regulation by the Mi'kmaq Nation must be conspicuously posted in such a manner as to provide reasonable notice to the public of the limitations on hunting, trapping, fishing or other use of those lands or waters.

5. Supervision by Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, or the commissioner's successor, is entitled to conduct fish and wildlife surveys within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land to the same extent as the commissioner is authorized to conduct such surveys in other areas of the State. Before conducting any such survey, the commissioner shall provide reasonable advance notice to the Mi'kmaq Nation and afford the nation a reasonable opportunity to participate in that survey. If the commissioner, at any time, has reasonable grounds to believe that a tribal ordinance adopted under this section, or the absence of such a tribal ordinance, is adversely affecting or is likely to adversely affect the stock of any fish or wildlife on lands or waters outside the boundaries of lands or waters subject to regulation by the Mi'kmaq Nation, the commissioner shall inform the governing body of the nation of the commissioner's opinion and attempt to develop appropriate remedial standards in consultation with the nation. If such efforts fail, the commissioner may call a public hearing to investigate the matter further. Any such hearing must be conducted in a manner consistent with the laws of the State applicable to adjudicative hearings. If, after a hearing, the commissioner determines that any such tribal ordinance or the absence of a tribal ordinance is causing, or there is a reasonable likelihood that it will cause, a significant depletion of fish or wildlife stocks on lands or waters outside the boundaries of lands or waters subject to regulation by the Mi'kmaq Nation, the commissioner may adopt appropriate remedial measures including rescission of any such tribal ordinance and, in lieu thereof, order the enforcement of the generally applicable laws or rules of the State. In adopting any remedial measures, the commissioner shall use the least restrictive means possible to prevent a substantial diminution of the stocks in question and shall take into consideration the effect that non-Indian practices on non-Indian lands or waters are having on those stocks. The remedial measures adopted by the commissioner may not be more restrictive than those that the commissioner could impose if the area in question was not within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land.

In any administrative proceeding under this section, the commissioner has the burden of proof. The decision of the commissioner may be appealed in the manner provided by the laws of the State for judicial review of administrative action and may be sustained only if supported by substantial evidence.

6. Transportation of game. Fish lawfully taken within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land and wildlife lawfully taken within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land and registered pursuant to ordinances adopted by the Mi'kmaq Nation may be transported within the State.

7. Fish. As used in this section, "fish" means a cold-blooded, completely aquatic vertebrate animal having permanent fins, gills and an elongated streamlined body usually covered with scales and includes inland fish and anadromous and catadromous fish when in inland water.

8. Regulation of drinking water. Unless the Mi'kmaq Nation, in its discretion, enters into an inter-governmental agreement authorizing the State to exercise concurrent jurisdiction over specific drinking water-related issues within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land:

A. The Mi'kmaq Nation has exclusive authority to enact ordinances regulating drinking water within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land;

B. The State may not exercise primary enforcement authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and its implementing regulations, as amended, within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land; and

C. The Mi'kmaq Nation may seek to be treated as a state and to obtain primary enforcement authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and its implementing regulations, as amended, within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, the Mi'kmaq Nation's jurisdiction does not extend beyond Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land.

§7207. Jurisdiction of Mi'kmaq Nation over drinking water within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land

Notwithstanding any provision of state law to the contrary, pursuant to the Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act, Section 6(d), the State and the Mi'kmaq Nation agree and establish that:

1. Jurisdiction of Mi'kmaq Nation to administer drinking water-related programs. The Mi'kmaq Nation may seek to be treated as a state pursuant to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 United States

Code, Section 300j-11, and its implementing regulations, as amended, within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land and may otherwise benefit from and exercise jurisdiction under any other federal law enacted after October 10, 1980 that permits a federally recognized Indian tribe to administer drinking water-related programs; and

2. Administration of drinking water-related programs does not affect or preempt state law. The application of any provision of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and its implementing regulations, as amended, and of any other federal law enacted after October 10, 1980 that permits a federally recognized Indian tribe to administer drinking water-related programs and the enforcement of such laws and regulations by the Mi'kmaq Nation under subsection 1 does not affect or preempt the laws of the State.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Mi'kmaq Nation's jurisdiction does not extend beyond Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land.

§7208. Jurisdiction of the Mi'kmaq Tribal Court

1. Exclusive jurisdiction over certain matters. Except as provided in subsections 5 and 6, the Mi'kmaq Nation has the right to exercise exclusive jurisdiction, separate and distinct from the State, over:

A. Criminal offenses for which the maximum potential term of imprisonment is less than one year and the maximum potential fine does not exceed \$5,000 and that are committed on Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land by a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group, except when committed against a person who is not a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group or against the property of a person who is not a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group;

B. Juvenile crimes against a person or property involving conduct that, if committed by an adult, would fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Mi'kmaq Nation under paragraph A, and juvenile crimes, as defined in Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraphs B and C, committed by a juvenile member of the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Penobscot Nation within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land;

C. Civil actions between members of the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Penobscot Nation arising on Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land and cognizable as small claims under the laws of the State and civil actions against a member of the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Penobscot

Nation under Title 22, section 2383 involving conduct within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land by a member of the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Penobscot Nation;

D. Indian child custody proceedings to the extent authorized by applicable state and federal law;

E. Other domestic relations matters, including marriage, divorce and support, between members of the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Penobscot Nation, both of whom reside within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land; and

F. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, civil and criminal actions regarding the enforcement of ordinances enacted pursuant to section 7206, subsection 8, except that the Mi'kmaq Nation may not exercise jurisdiction over a non-profit public municipal corporation.

The governing body of the Mi'kmaq Nation shall decide whether to exercise or terminate the exercise of the exclusive jurisdiction authorized by this subsection. The decision to exercise, to terminate the exercise of or to reassert the exercise of jurisdiction under each of the subject areas described by paragraphs A to F may be made separately. Until the Mi'kmaq Nation notifies the Attorney General that the nation has decided to exercise exclusive jurisdiction set forth in any or all of the paragraphs in this subsection, the State has exclusive jurisdiction over those matters. If the Mi'kmaq Nation chooses not to exercise, or chooses to terminate its exercise of, jurisdiction over the criminal, juvenile, civil and domestic matters described in this subsection, the State has exclusive jurisdiction over those matters. When the Mi'kmaq Nation chooses to reassert the exercise of exclusive jurisdiction over any or all of the areas under paragraphs A to F, the nation must first provide 30 days' notice to the Attorney General. Except as provided in paragraphs A and B, all laws of the State relating to criminal offenses and juvenile crimes apply within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land and the State has exclusive jurisdiction over those offenses and crimes.

2. Concurrent jurisdiction over certain criminal offenses. The Mi'kmaq Nation has the right to exercise jurisdiction, concurrently with the State, over the following Class D crimes committed by a person within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land or on lands taken into trust by the secretary for the benefit of the Mi'kmaq Nation, now or in the future, for which the potential maximum term of imprisonment does not exceed one year and the potential fine does not exceed \$2,000: Title 17-A, sections 207-A, 209-A, 210-B, 210-C and 211-A and Title 19-A, section 4011. The concurrent jurisdiction authorized by this subsection does not include an offense committed by a juvenile or a criminal offense

committed by a person who is not a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group against the person or property of a person who is not a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group.

The governing body of the Mi'kmaq Nation shall decide whether to exercise or terminate the exercise of jurisdiction authorized by this subsection. Notwithstanding subsection 3, the Mi'kmaq Nation may not deny to any criminal defendant prosecuted under this subsection the right to a jury of 12, the right to a unanimous jury verdict, the rights and protections enumerated in 25 United States Code, Sections 1302(a), 1302(c), 1303 and 1304(d) and all other rights whose protection is necessary under the United States Constitution in order for the State to authorize concurrent jurisdiction under this subsection. If a criminal defendant prosecuted under this subsection moves to suppress statements on the ground that they were made involuntarily, the prosecution has the burden to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the statements were made voluntarily.

In exercising the concurrent jurisdiction authorized by this subsection, the Mi'kmaq Nation is deemed to be enforcing Mi'kmaq tribal law. The definitions of the criminal offenses and the punishments applicable to those criminal offenses over which the Mi'kmaq Nation has concurrent jurisdiction under this subsection are governed by the laws of the State. Issuance and execution of criminal process also are governed by the laws of the State.

3. Definitions of crimes; tribal procedures. In exercising its exclusive jurisdiction under subsection 1, paragraphs A and B, the Mi'kmaq Nation is deemed to be enforcing Mi'kmaq tribal law. The definitions of the criminal offenses and juvenile crimes and the punishments applicable to those criminal offenses and juvenile crimes over which the Mi'kmaq Nation has exclusive jurisdiction under this section are governed by the laws of the State. Issuance and execution of criminal process are also governed by the laws of the State. The procedures for the establishment and operation of tribal forums created to effectuate the purposes of this section are governed by federal statute, including, without limitation, the provisions of 25 United States Code, Sections 1301 to 1303 and rules or regulations generally applicable to the exercise of criminal jurisdiction by Indian tribes on federal Indian reservations.

4. Criminal records, juvenile records and fingerprinting. At the arraignment of a criminal defendant, the Mi'kmaq Tribal Court shall inquire whether fingerprints have been taken or whether arrangements have been made for fingerprinting. If neither has occurred, the Mi'kmaq Tribal Court shall instruct both the responsible law enforcement agency and the person charged as to their respective obligations in this regard, consistent with Title 25, section 1542-A.

At the conclusion of a criminal or juvenile proceeding within the Mi'kmaq Nation's exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction, except for a violation of Title 12 or Title 29-A that is a Class D or Class E crime other than a Class D crime that involves hunting while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs or with an excessive alcohol level or the operation or attempted operation of a watercraft, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile or motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs or with an excessive alcohol level, the Mi'kmaq Tribal Court shall transmit to the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification an abstract duly authorized on forms provided by the bureau.

5. Lesser included offenses in state courts. In any criminal proceeding in the courts of the State in which a criminal offense under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Mi'kmaq Nation constitutes a lesser included offense of the criminal offense charged, the defendant may be convicted in the courts of the State of the lesser included offense. A lesser included offense is as defined under the laws of the State.

6. Double jeopardy, collateral estoppel. A prosecution for a criminal offense or juvenile crime over which the Mi'kmaq Nation has exclusive jurisdiction under this section does not bar a prosecution for a criminal offense or juvenile crime, arising out of the same conduct, over which the State has exclusive jurisdiction. A prosecution for a criminal offense over which the Mi'kmaq Nation has concurrent jurisdiction under this section does not bar a prosecution for a criminal offense, arising out of the same conduct, over which the State has exclusive jurisdiction. A prosecution for a criminal offense over which the State has concurrent jurisdiction under this section does not bar a prosecution for a criminal offense, arising out of the same conduct, over which the Mi'kmaq Nation has exclusive jurisdiction. A prosecution for a criminal offense or juvenile crime over which the State has exclusive jurisdiction does not bar a prosecution for a criminal offense or juvenile crime, arising out of the same conduct, over which the Mi'kmaq Nation has exclusive jurisdiction under this section. The determination of an issue of fact in a criminal or juvenile proceeding conducted in a Mi'kmaq tribal forum does not constitute collateral estoppel in a criminal or juvenile proceeding conducted in a state court. The determination of an issue of fact in a criminal or juvenile proceeding conducted in a state court does not constitute collateral estoppel in a criminal or juvenile proceeding conducted in a Mi'kmaq tribal forum.

7. Full faith and credit. The State shall give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Mi'kmaq Nation. The Mi'kmaq Nation shall give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the State.

§7209. Law enforcement within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land

1. Exclusive authority of Mi'kmaq Nation law enforcement officers. Law enforcement officers appointed by the Mi'kmaq Nation have exclusive authority to enforce, within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land, the criminal, juvenile, civil and domestic relations laws over which the Mi'kmaq Nation has exclusive jurisdiction under section 7208, subsection 1, and to enforce, on Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land, ordinances adopted under section 7205 and section 7206, subsection 1.

2. Joint authority of Mi'kmaq Nation and state law enforcement officers. Law enforcement officers appointed by the Mi'kmaq Nation and state and county law enforcement officers have the authority within Mi'kmaq Nation Jurisdiction Land to enforce all laws of the State other than those over which the Mi'kmaq Nation has exclusive jurisdiction under section 7208, subsection 1.

3. Agreements for cooperation and mutual aid. This section does not prevent the Mi'kmaq Nation and any state, county or local law enforcement agency from entering into agreements for cooperation and mutual aid.

4. Powers and training requirements. Law enforcement officers appointed by the Mi'kmaq Nation possess the same powers and are subject to the same duties, limitations and training requirements as other corresponding law enforcement officers under the laws of the State.

5. Reports to the State Bureau of Identification by Mi'kmaq Nation. Mi'kmaq Nation law enforcement agencies shall submit to the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification uniform crime reports and other information required by Title 25, section 1544.

§7210. Eligibility of Mi'kmaq Nation and state funding

1. Eligibility for discretionary funds. The Mi'kmaq Nation is eligible to apply for any federally funded discretionary state grants or loans to the same extent and subject to the same eligibility requirements, including availability of funds, applicable to municipalities in the State.

2. Eligibility of individuals for state funds. Residents of Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land are eligible for and entitled to receive any state grant, loan, unemployment compensation, medical or welfare benefit or other social service to the same extent as and subject to the same eligibility requirements applicable to other persons in the State as long as in computing the extent to which any person is entitled to receive any such funds any money received by the person from the United States within substantially the same period of time for which

state funds are provided and for a program or purpose substantially similar to that funded by the State is deducted in computing any payment to be made by the State.

Sec. A-2. PL 1989, c. 148, §4 is amended to read:

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act shall be effective only if:

- 1. The United States enacts legislation:
 - A. Ratifying and approving this Act without modification; and
 - B. Providing the consent of the United States for amendments to this Act, with respect to the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, provided that such amendment of this Act is made with the agreement of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs; and

~~2. Within 60 days of adjournment of the Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written certification by the Council of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs that the band has agreed to this Act, copies of which shall be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, provided that in no event shall this Act become effective until 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature. Within 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written certification from the Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council that the Mi'kmaq Nation has agreed to the provisions of this amendment to this Act, copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Revisor of Statutes.~~

Sec. A-3. PL 1989, c. 148, §5 is enacted to read:

Sec. 5. Finding and intent of Legislature and Mi'kmaq Nation.

1. The Legislature and the Mi'kmaq Nation agree and find that the contingency in section 4, subsection 1 was met on November 26, 1991 upon the enactment of the federal Aroostook Band of Micmacs Settlement Act, Public Law 102-171.

2. The State of Maine and the Mi'kmaq Nation further agree and intend that the provisions of this Act must be interpreted in a manner consistent with the analogous provisions of the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, chapter 601 that apply to the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians.

Sec. A-4. Maine Revised Statutes amended; revision clause. Wherever in the Maine Revised Statutes the words "Aroostook Band of Micmacs" appear or reference is made to that entity or those words, those words are amended to read or mean "Mi'kmaq Nation"

and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.

Sec. A-5. Contingent effective date. This Part takes effect 120 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature only if, within 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written certification from the Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council that the Mi'kmaq Nation has agreed to the provisions of this Part, copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Revisor of Statutes. Such written certification by the Mi'kmaq Nation Tribal Council does not constitute an agreement that the contingency in Public Law 1989, chapter 148, section 4, subsection 2, as it was enacted by the 114th Legislature, was met or that the provisions of Public Law 1989, chapter 148 took effect in 1991.

PART B

Sec. B-1. 30 MRSA §6207, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 650, §8 and affected by §13, is amended to read:

10. Regulation of drinking water by Passamaquoddy Tribe. Unless the Passamaquoddy Tribe, in its discretion, enters into an intergovernmental agreement authorizing the State to exercise concurrent jurisdiction over specific drinking water-related issues within the Passamaquoddy Indian territory:

- A. The Passamaquoddy Tribe has exclusive authority to enact ordinances regulating drinking water within Passamaquoddy Indian territory;
- B. The State may not exercise primary enforcement authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and its implementing regulations, as amended, within the Passamaquoddy Indian territory; and
- C. The Passamaquoddy Tribe may seek to be treated as a state and to obtain primary enforcement authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and its implementing regulations, as amended, within the Passamaquoddy Indian territory.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, the Passamaquoddy Tribe's jurisdiction does not extend beyond the Passamaquoddy Indian territory.

Sec. B-2. 30 MRSA §6209-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 650, §§10 to 12 and affected by c. 650, §13, is further amended to read:

1. Exclusive jurisdiction over certain matters. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4, the Passamaquoddy Tribe has the right to exercise exclusive jurisdiction, separate and distinct from the State, over:

A. Criminal offenses for which the maximum potential term of imprisonment is less than one year and the maximum potential fine does not exceed \$5,000 and that are committed ~~on the Indian reservation of the~~ within Passamaquoddy Tribe Indian territory by a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group, except when committed against a person who is not a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group or against the property of a person who is not a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group;

B. Juvenile crimes against a person or property involving conduct that, if committed by an adult, would fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Passamaquoddy Tribe under paragraph A, and juvenile crimes, as defined in Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraphs B and C, committed by a juvenile member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation or the Penobscot Nation ~~on the reservation of the~~ within Passamaquoddy Tribe Indian territory;

C. Civil actions between members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation or the Penobscot Nation arising ~~on the Indian reservation of the~~ within Passamaquoddy Tribe Indian territory and cognizable as small claims under the laws of the State, and civil actions against a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation or the Penobscot Nation under Title 22, section 2383 involving conduct ~~on the~~ within Passamaquoddy Indian reservation of the Passamaquoddy Tribe territory by a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation or the Penobscot Nation;

D. Indian child custody proceedings to the extent authorized by applicable state and federal law;

E. Other domestic relations matters, including marriage, divorce and support, between members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation or the Penobscot Nation, both of whom reside within the ~~Indian reservation of the~~ Passamaquoddy Tribe Indian territory; and

F. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, civil and criminal actions regarding the enforcement of ordinances enacted pursuant to sec-

tion 6207, subsection 10, except that the Passamaquoddy Tribe may not exercise jurisdiction over a nonprofit public municipal corporation, including, but not limited to, the water district established by Private and Special Law 1983, chapter 25.

The governing body of the Passamaquoddy Tribe shall decide whether to exercise or terminate the exercise of the exclusive jurisdiction authorized by this subsection. If the Passamaquoddy Tribe chooses not to exercise, or chooses to terminate its exercise of, jurisdiction over the criminal, juvenile, civil and domestic matters described in this subsection, the State has exclusive jurisdiction over those matters. Except as provided in paragraphs A and B, all laws of the State relating to criminal offenses and juvenile crimes apply within ~~the~~ Passamaquoddy Indian reservation territory and the State has exclusive jurisdiction over those offenses and crimes.

Sec. B-3. 30 MRSA §6209-A, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Full faith and credit. The State shall give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Passamaquoddy Tribe. The Passamaquoddy Tribe shall give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation and the State.

Sec. B-4. Contingent effective date. This Part takes effect 120 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature only if, within 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written certification from the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe that the Passamaquoddy Tribe has agreed to the provisions of this Part, copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Revisor of Statutes.

PART C

Sec. C-1. 30 MRSA §6206, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 650, §5 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

1. General powers. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation, within their respective Indian territories, ~~shall have;~~ and may exercise and enjoy all the rights, privileges, powers and immunities, including, but without limitation, the power to enact ordinances and collect taxes, and ~~shall be~~ are subject to all the duties, obligations, liabilities and limitations of a municipality of and subject to the laws of the State, provided, however, that internal tribal matters, including membership in the respective tribe or nation, the right to reside within the respective Indian territories, tribal organization, tribal government, tribal elections, the use or disposition of settlement fund income and the exercise of power by the Passamaquoddy Tribe pursuant to section 6207,

subsection 10, section 6207-A and section 6209-A, subsection 1, paragraph F shall and by the Penobscot Nation pursuant to section 6207, subsection 11, section 6207-B and section 6209-B, subsection 1, paragraph F, respectively, is not be subject to regulation by the State. The Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation shall designate such officers and officials as are necessary to implement and administer those laws of the State applicable to the respective Indian territories and the residents thereof. Any resident of the Passamaquoddy Indian territory or the Penobscot Indian territory who is not a member of the respective tribe or nation nonetheless shall be is equally entitled to receive any municipal or governmental services provided by the respective tribe or nation or by the State, except those services which that are provided exclusively to members of the respective tribe or nation pursuant to state or federal law, and shall be is entitled to vote in national, state and county elections in the same manner as any tribal member residing within Indian territory.

Sec. C-2. 30 MRSA §6207, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Regulation of drinking water by Penobscot Nation. Unless the Penobscot Nation, in its discretion, enters into an intergovernmental agreement authorizing the State to exercise concurrent jurisdiction over specific drinking water-related issues within the Penobscot Indian territory:

A. The Penobscot Nation has exclusive authority to enact ordinances regulating drinking water within Penobscot Indian territory;

B. The State may not exercise primary enforcement authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and its implementing regulations, as amended, within the Penobscot Indian territory; and

C. The Penobscot Nation may seek to be treated as a state and to obtain primary enforcement authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and its implementing regulations, as amended, within Penobscot Indian territory.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, the Penobscot Nation's jurisdiction does not extend beyond the Penobscot Indian territory.

Sec. C-3. 30 MRSA §6207-B is enacted to read:

§6207-B. Jurisdiction of Penobscot Nation over drinking water within the Penobscot Indian territory

Notwithstanding any provision of state law to the contrary, pursuant to the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, Public Law 96-420, Section

6(e)(1), the State and the Penobscot Nation agree and establish that:

1. Jurisdiction of Penobscot Nation to administer drinking water-related programs. The Penobscot Nation may seek to be treated as a state pursuant to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 United States Code, Section 300j-11, and its implementing regulations, as amended, within the Penobscot Indian territory and may otherwise benefit from and exercise jurisdiction under any other federal law enacted after October 10, 1980 that permits a federally recognized Indian tribe to administer drinking water-related programs; and

2. Administration of drinking water-related programs does not affect or preempt state law. The application of any provision of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and its implementing regulations, as amended, and of any other federal law enacted after October 10, 1980 that permits a federally recognized Indian tribe to administer drinking water-related programs and the enforcement of such laws and regulations by the Penobscot Nation under subsection 1 does not affect or preempt the laws of the State.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Penobscot Nation's jurisdiction does not extend beyond the Penobscot Indian territory.

Sec. C-4. 30 MRSA §6209-B, sub-§1, as corrected by RR 2009, c. 1, §19, is amended to read:

1. Exclusive jurisdiction over certain matters. Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4, the Penobscot Nation has the right to exercise exclusive jurisdiction, separate and distinct from the State, over:

A. Criminal offenses for which the maximum potential term of imprisonment does not exceed one year and the maximum potential fine does not exceed \$5,000 and that are committed on the Indian reservation of the within Penobscot Nation Indian territory by a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group, except when committed against a person who is not a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group or against the property of a person who is not a member of any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group;

B. Juvenile crimes against a person or property involving conduct that, if committed by an adult, would fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Penobscot Nation under paragraph A, and juvenile crimes, as defined in Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraphs B and C, committed by a juvenile member of either the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation or the Penobscot Nation on the Indian reservation of the within Penobscot Nation Indian territory;

C. Civil actions between members of ~~either~~ the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation or the Penobscot Nation arising ~~on the Indian reservation of the within~~ Penobscot Nation Indian territory and cognizable as small claims under the laws of the State, and civil actions against a member of ~~either~~ the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation or the Penobscot Nation under Title 22, section 2383 involving conduct ~~on the Indian reservation of the within~~ Penobscot Nation Indian territory by a member of ~~either~~ the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation or the Penobscot Nation;

D. Indian child custody proceedings to the extent authorized by applicable state and federal law; ~~and~~

E. Other domestic relations matters, including marriage, divorce and support, between members of ~~either~~ the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation or the Penobscot Nation, both of whom reside ~~on the Indian reservation of the within~~ Penobscot Nation Indian territory; and

F. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, civil and criminal actions regarding the enforcement of ordinances enacted pursuant to section 6207, subsection 11, except that the Penobscot Nation may not exercise jurisdiction over a non-profit public municipal corporation.

The governing body of the Penobscot Nation shall decide whether to exercise or terminate the exercise of the exclusive jurisdiction authorized by this subsection. If the Penobscot Nation chooses not to exercise, or chooses to terminate its exercise of, jurisdiction over the criminal, juvenile, civil and domestic matters described in this subsection, the State has exclusive jurisdiction over those matters. Except as provided in paragraphs A and B, all laws of the State relating to criminal offenses and juvenile crimes apply within ~~the~~ Penobscot Indian ~~reservation~~ territory and the State has exclusive jurisdiction over those offenses and crimes.

Sec. C-5. 30 MRSA §6209-B, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Full faith and credit. The State shall give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Penobscot Nation. The Penobscot Nation shall give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation and the State.

Sec. C-6. Contingent effective date. This Part takes effect 120 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature only if, within 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written certification from the Governor and the Council

of the Penobscot Nation that the nation has agreed to the provisions of this Part, copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Revisor of Statutes.

PART D

Sec. D-1. 30 MRSA §6203, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land. "Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land" means:

A. All Houlton Band Trust Land that exists as of the effective date of this subsection; and

B. All Houlton Band Trust Land acquired after the effective date of this subsection that is both within Aroostook County and within 50 miles of land described in paragraph A.

Sec. D-2. 30 MRSA §6203, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 675, §§1 and 8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2-A. Houlton Band Trust Land. "Houlton Band Trust Land" has the same meaning as "Houlton Band trust land" in Section 2(2) of the federal Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Supplementary Claims Settlement Act of 1986, Public Law 99-566.

Sec. D-3. 30 MRSA §6206-B, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 310, §1 and affected by §2, is amended to read:

1. Appointment of tribal law enforcement officers. The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may appoint law enforcement officers who have the authority to enforce all the laws of the State within the Houlton Band Trust Land. Law enforcement officers appointed by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians have exclusive authority to enforce, within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land, the criminal, juvenile, civil and domestic relations laws over which the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has exclusive jurisdiction under section 6209-C, subsection 1, and to enforce, on Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land, ordinances adopted under section 6207-C, subsection 1. This section does not limit the existing authority of tribal officers under tribal law or affect the performance of federal duties by tribal officers.

Sec. D-4. 30 MRSA §6207-C is enacted to read:

§6207-C. Regulation of natural resources on Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land

1. Adoption of hunting, trapping and fishing ordinances by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. Subject to the limitations of subsection 6, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has exclusive authority within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land to enact ordinances regulating:

A. Hunting, trapping or other taking of wildlife; and

B. Taking of fish on any pond in which all the shoreline and all submerged lands are wholly within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land and that is less than 10 acres in surface area.

Ordinances under this subsection must be equally applicable, on a nondiscriminatory basis, to all persons regardless of whether a person is a member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians except that, subject to the limitations of subsection 6, ordinances under this subsection may include special provisions for the sustenance of the individual members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. In addition to the authority provided by this subsection, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, subject to the limitations of subsection 6, may exercise within Houlton Band Trust Land all the rights incident to ownership of land under the laws of the State.

2. Registration stations. The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians shall establish and maintain registration stations for the purpose of registering bear, moose, deer and other wildlife killed within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land and shall adopt ordinances requiring registration of such wildlife to the extent and in substantially the same manner as such wildlife are required to be registered under the laws of the State. These ordinances requiring registration must be equally applicable to all persons without distinction based on tribal membership. The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians shall report the deer, moose, bear and other wildlife killed and registered within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at such times as the commissioner considers appropriate. The records of registration of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians must be available, at all times, for inspection and examination by the commissioner.

3. Adoption of regulations by commission. Subject to the limitations of subsection 6, the commission has exclusive authority to adopt fishing rules or regulations on:

- A. Any pond other than those specified in subsection 1, paragraph B, 50% or more of the linear shoreline of which is within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land;
- B. Any section of a river or stream, both sides of which are within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land; and
- C. Any section of a river or stream one side of which is within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land for a continuous length of 1/2 mile or more.

In adopting such rules or regulations the commission shall consider and balance the need to preserve and protect existing and future sport and commercial fisheries, the historical non-Indian fishing interests, the needs or desires of the band to establish fishery practices for the sustenance of the band or to contribute to the economic independence of the band, the traditional fishing techniques employed by and ceremonial practices of Indians

in the State and the ecological interrelationship between the fishery regulated by the commission and other fisheries throughout the State. Such regulation may include, without limitation, provisions on the method, manner, bag and size limits and season for fishing.

Said rules or regulations must be equally applicable on a nondiscriminatory basis to all persons regardless of whether such person is a member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. Rules and regulations adopted by the commission may include the imposition of fees and permits or license requirements on users of such waters other than members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. In adopting rules or regulations pursuant to this subsection, the commission shall comply with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

In order to provide an orderly transition of regulatory authority, all fishing laws and rules and regulations of the State remain applicable to all waters specified in this subsection until the commission certifies to the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife that the commission has met and voted to adopt its own rules and regulations in substitution for such laws and rules of the State.

4. Sustenance fishing within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land. Subject to the limitations of subsection 6 and notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary, the members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may take fish for their individual sustenance within the boundaries of Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land to the same extent as authorized under section 6207, subsection 4.

5. Posting. Lands or waters subject to regulation by the commission or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians must be conspicuously posted in such a manner as to provide reasonable notice to the public of the limitations on hunting, trapping, fishing or other use of the lands or waters.

6. Supervision by Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, or the commissioner's successor, is entitled to conduct fish and wildlife surveys within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land and on waters subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to the same extent as the commissioner is authorized to conduct surveys in other areas of the State. Before conducting any such survey, the commissioner shall provide reasonable advance notice to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and afford it a reasonable opportunity to participate in such survey. If the commissioner, at any time, has reasonable grounds to believe that a tribal ordinance or commission rule adopted under this section, or the absence of such a tribal ordinance or commission rule, is adversely affecting or is likely to adversely affect the stock of any fish or wildlife on lands or waters outside the boundaries of land or waters subject to regulation by the commission or the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the commissioner shall inform the governing body

of the band or the commission, as is appropriate, of the commissioner's opinion and attempt to develop appropriate remedial standards in consultation with the band or the commission. If such efforts fail, the commissioner may call a public hearing to investigate the matter further. Any such hearing must be conducted in a manner consistent with the laws of the State applicable to adjudicative hearings. If, after hearing, the commissioner determines that any such ordinance or rule, or the absence of an ordinance or rule, is causing, or there is a reasonable likelihood that it will cause, a significant depletion of fish or wildlife stocks on lands or waters outside the boundaries of lands or waters subject to regulation by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the commission, the commissioner may adopt appropriate remedial measures including rescission of any such ordinance or rule and, in lieu thereof, order the enforcement of the generally applicable laws or rules of the State. In adopting any remedial measures the commissioner shall use the least restrictive means possible to prevent a substantial diminution of the stocks in question and shall take into consideration the effect that non-Indian practices on non-Indian lands or waters are having on those stocks. The remedial measures adopted by the commissioner may not be more restrictive than those that the commissioner could impose if the area in question was not within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land or waters subject to commission regulation.

In any administrative proceeding under this section the commissioner has the burden of proof. The decision of the commissioner may be appealed in the manner provided by the laws of the State for judicial review of administrative action and may be sustained only if supported by substantial evidence.

7. Transportation of game. Fish lawfully taken within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land or in waters subject to commission regulation and wildlife lawfully taken within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land and registered pursuant to ordinances adopted by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, may be transported within the State.

8. Fish and wildlife on non-Indian lands. The commission shall undertake appropriate studies, consult with the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and landowners and state officials, and make recommendations to the commissioner and the Legislature with respect to implementation of fish and wildlife management policies on non-Indian lands in order to protect fish and wildlife stocks on lands and water subject to regulation by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the commission.

9. Fish. As used in this section, the term "fish" means a cold-blooded, completely aquatic vertebrate animal having permanent fins, gills and an elongated streamlined body usually covered with scales and includes inland fish and anadromous and catadromous fish when in inland water.

10. Regulation of drinking water. Unless the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, in its discretion, enters into an intergovernmental agreement authorizing the State to exercise concurrent jurisdiction over specific drinking water-related issues within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land:

A. The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has exclusive authority to enact ordinances regulating drinking water within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land;

B. The State may not exercise primary enforcement authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and its implementing regulations, as amended, within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land; and

C. The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may seek to be treated as a state and to obtain primary enforcement authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and its implementing regulations, as amended, within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians' jurisdiction does not extend beyond Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land.

Sec. D-5. 30 MRSA §6207-D is enacted to read:

§6207-D. Jurisdiction of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians over drinking water within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land

Notwithstanding any provision of state law to the contrary, pursuant to the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, Public Law 96-420, Section 6(e)(2), the State and the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians agree and establish that:

1. Jurisdiction of Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians to administer drinking water-related programs. The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may seek to be treated as a state pursuant to the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 United States Code, Section 300j-11, and its implementing regulations, as amended, within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land and may otherwise benefit from and exercise jurisdiction under any other federal law enacted after October 10, 1980 that permits a federally recognized Indian tribe to administer drinking water-related programs; and

2. Administration of drinking water-related programs does not affect or preempt state law. The application of any provision of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act and its implementing regulations, as amended, and of any other federal law enacted after October 10, 1980 that permits a federally recognized Indian tribe to administer drinking water-related programs and the enforcement of such laws and regulations

by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under subsection 1 does not affect or preempt the laws of the State.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians' jurisdiction does not extend beyond Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land.

Sec. D-6. 30 MRSA §6209-C, as corrected by RR 2011, c. 1, §45, is amended to read:

§6209-C. Jurisdiction of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Tribal Court

1. Exclusive jurisdiction over certain matters.

Except as provided in subsections 3 and 4, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has the right to exercise exclusive jurisdiction, separate and distinct from the State, over:

A. Criminal offenses for which the maximum potential term of imprisonment does not exceed one year and the maximum potential fine does not exceed \$5,000 and that are committed on the Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land by a member of ~~the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians~~ any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group, except when committed against a person who is not a member of ~~the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians~~ any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group or against the property of a person who is not a member of ~~the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians~~ any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group;

B. Juvenile crimes against a person or property involving conduct that, if committed by an adult, would fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under paragraph A and juvenile crimes, as defined in Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraphs B and C, committed by a juvenile member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians ~~on the~~ the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation or the Mi'kmaq Nation within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land;

C. Civil actions between members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, ~~the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation or the Mi'kmaq Nation~~ arising on the Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land and cognizable as small claims under the laws of the State and civil actions against a member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation or the Mi'kmaq Nation under Title 22, section 2383 involving conduct on the within Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land by a member of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, ~~the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation or the Mi'kmaq Nation~~;

D. Indian child custody proceedings to the extent authorized by applicable state and federal law; and

E. Other domestic relations matters, including marriage, divorce and support, between members of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, ~~the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation or the Mi'kmaq Nation~~, both of whom reside within ~~the~~ Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land; and

F. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, civil and criminal actions regarding the enforcement of ordinances enacted pursuant to section 6207-C, subsection 10, except that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may not exercise jurisdiction over a nonprofit public municipal corporation.

The governing body of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians shall decide whether to exercise or terminate the exercise of the exclusive jurisdiction authorized by this subsection. The decision to exercise, to terminate the exercise of or to reassert the exercise of jurisdiction under each of the subject areas described by paragraphs A to ~~E~~ F may be made separately. Until the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians notifies the Attorney General that the band has decided to exercise exclusive jurisdiction set forth in any or all of the paragraphs in this subsection, the State has exclusive jurisdiction over those matters. If the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians chooses not to exercise or chooses to terminate its exercise of exclusive jurisdiction set forth in any or all of the paragraphs in this subsection, the State has exclusive jurisdiction over those matters until the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians chooses to exercise its exclusive jurisdiction. When the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians chooses to reassert the exercise of exclusive jurisdiction over any or all of the areas of the exclusive jurisdiction authorized by this subsection it must first provide 30 days' notice to the Attorney General. Except as provided in ~~subsections 2 and 3~~ paragraphs A and B, all laws of the State relating to criminal offenses and juvenile crimes apply within the Houlton Band Trust Land and the State has exclusive jurisdiction over those offenses and crimes.

~~**1-A. Exclusive jurisdiction over Penobscot Nation members.** The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has the right to exercise exclusive jurisdiction, separate and distinct from the State, over:~~

~~A. Criminal offenses for which the maximum potential term of imprisonment does not exceed one year and the maximum potential fine does not exceed \$5,000 and that are committed on the Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land by a member of the Penobscot Nation against a member or property of a member of those federally recognized Indian tribes otherwise subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under this subsection, and by a member of those federally recognized Indian tribes otherwise subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under this subsection against a~~

member or the property of a member of the Penobscot Nation;

B. Juvenile crimes against a person or property involving conduct that, if committed by an adult, would fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under paragraph A and juvenile crimes, as defined in Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraphs B and C, committed by a juvenile member of the Penobscot Nation on the Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land;

C. Civil actions between a member of those federally recognized Indian tribes otherwise subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under this subsection and members of the Penobscot Nation arising on the Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land and cognizable as small claims under the laws of the State and civil actions against a member of the Penobscot Nation under Title 22, section 2383 involving conduct on the Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land by a member of the Penobscot Nation;

D. Indian child custody proceedings to the extent authorized by applicable federal law; and

E. Other domestic relations matters, including marriage, divorce and support, between members of either those federally recognized Indian tribes otherwise subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under this subsection or the Penobscot Nation, both of whom reside on the Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land.

The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may assert, terminate or reassert exclusive jurisdiction over these areas as described in subsection 1.

~~1-B. Exclusive jurisdiction over Passamaquoddy Tribe members. The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has the right to exercise exclusive jurisdiction, separate and distinct from the State, over:~~

~~A. Criminal offenses for which the maximum potential term of imprisonment does not exceed one year and the maximum potential fine does not exceed \$5,000 and that are committed on the Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land by a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe against a member or property of a member of those federally recognized Indian tribes otherwise subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under this subsection, and by a member of those federally recognized Indian tribes otherwise subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under this subsection against a member or the property of a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe;~~

~~B. Juvenile crimes against a person or property involving conduct that, if committed by an adult, would fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of the~~

~~Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under paragraph A and juvenile crimes, as defined in Title 15, section 3103, subsection 1, paragraphs B and C, committed by a juvenile member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe on the Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land;~~

~~C. Civil actions between a member of those federally recognized Indian tribes otherwise subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under this subsection and members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe arising on the Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land and cognizable as small claims under the laws of the State and civil actions against a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe under Title 22, section 2383 involving conduct on the Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land by a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe;~~

~~D. Indian child custody proceedings to the extent authorized by applicable federal law; and~~

~~E. Other domestic relations matters, including marriage, divorce and support, between members of either those federally recognized Indian tribes otherwise subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians under this subsection or the Passamaquoddy Tribe, both of whom reside on the Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land.~~

~~The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians may assert, terminate or reassert exclusive jurisdiction over these areas as described in subsection 1.~~

2. Definitions of crimes; tribal procedures. In exercising its exclusive jurisdiction under subsection 1, paragraphs A and B, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians is deemed to be enforcing tribal law of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians. The definitions of the criminal offenses and juvenile crimes and the punishments applicable to those criminal offenses and juvenile crimes over which the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has exclusive jurisdiction under this section are governed by the laws of the State. Issuance and execution of criminal process are also governed by the laws of the State. The procedures for the establishment and operation of tribal forums created to effectuate the purposes of this section are governed by federal statute, including, without limitation, the provisions of 25 United States Code, Sections 1301 to 1303 and rules and regulations generally applicable to the exercise of criminal jurisdiction by Indian tribes on federal Indian reservations.

2-A. Criminal records, juvenile records and fingerprinting. At the arraignment of a criminal defendant, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Tribal Court shall inquire whether fingerprints have been taken or whether arrangements have been made for fingerprinting. If neither has occurred, the Houlton Band of

Maliseet Indians Tribal Court shall instruct both the responsible law enforcement agency and the person charged as to their respective obligations in this regard, consistent with Title 25, section 1542-A.

At the conclusion of a criminal or juvenile proceeding within the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians' exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction, except for a violation of Title 12 or Title 29-A that is a Class D or Class E crime other than a Class D crime that involves hunting while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs or with an excessive alcohol level or the operation or attempted operation of a watercraft, all-terrain vehicle, snowmobile or motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs or with an excessive alcohol level, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians Tribal Court shall transmit to the Department of Public Safety, State Bureau of Identification an abstract duly authorized on forms provided by the bureau.

3. Lesser included offenses in state courts. In any criminal proceeding in the courts of the State in which a criminal offense under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians constitutes a lesser included offense of the criminal offense charged, the defendant may be convicted in the courts of the State of the lesser included offense. A lesser included offense is as defined under the laws of the State.

4. Double jeopardy; collateral estoppel. A prosecution for a criminal offense or juvenile crime over which the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has exclusive jurisdiction under this section does not bar a prosecution for a criminal offense or juvenile crime arising out of the same conduct over which the State has exclusive jurisdiction. A prosecution for a criminal offense or juvenile crime over which the State has exclusive jurisdiction does not bar a prosecution for a criminal offense or juvenile crime arising out of the same conduct over which the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has exclusive jurisdiction under this section. The determination of an issue of fact in a criminal or juvenile proceeding conducted in a tribal forum does not constitute collateral estoppel in a criminal or juvenile proceeding conducted in a state court. The determination of an issue of fact in a criminal or juvenile proceeding conducted in a state court does not constitute collateral estoppel in a criminal or juvenile proceeding conducted in a tribal forum.

5. Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land. For the purposes of this section, "Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land" means only the Houlton Band Trust Land described as follows:

A. Lands transferred from Ralph E. Longstaff and Justina Longstaff to the United States of America in trust for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, located in Houlton, Aroostook County and recorded in the Aroostook County South Registry of Deeds in Book 2144, Page 198; and

B. Lands transferred from F. Douglas Lowrey to the United States of America in trust for the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, located in Houlton and Littleton, Aroostook County and recorded in the Aroostook County South Registry of Deeds in Book 2847, Page 114.

~~The designation of Houlton Band Jurisdiction Land in this subsection in no way affects the acquisition of additional Houlton Band Trust Land pursuant to applicable federal and state law, nor limits the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians from making additional requests that portions of the trust land be included in this subsection.~~

6. Effective date; full Full faith and credit. ~~This section takes effect only if the The State, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation agree to shall give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the, The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians agrees to shall give full faith and credit to the judicial proceedings of the State, the Passamaquoddy Tribe and, the Penobscot Nation, the Mi'kmaq Nation and the State.~~

Sec. D-7. 30 MRSA §6209-D, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 384, Pt. C, §1 and affected by §2, is repealed.

Sec. D-8. Contingent effective date. This Part takes effect 120 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature only if, within 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written certification from the Houlton Band Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians that the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians has agreed to the provisions of this Part, copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Revisor of Statutes. Upon such written certification by the Houlton Band Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, each section of this Part regarding or affecting the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and its tribal members and lands constitutes a jurisdictional agreement for purposes of the federal Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, Public Law 96-420, Section 6(e)(2). Such written certification by the Houlton Band Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians does not constitute an agreement that the contingencies in Public Law 1981, chapter 675 were met or that the provisions of Public Law 1981, chapter 675 ever took effect.

PART E

Sec. E-1. 30 MRSA §6206, sub-§3, as amended by RR 2019, c. 2, Pt. A, §30, is further amended to read:

3. Ordinances. The Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation each has the right to exercise exclusive jurisdiction within its respective Indian territory over violations by members of either tribe or nation any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other

group of tribal ordinances adopted pursuant to this section or section 6207. The decision to exercise or terminate the jurisdiction authorized by this section must be made by each tribal governing body. If either tribe or nation chooses not to exercise, or to terminate its exercise of, jurisdiction as authorized by this section or section 6207, the State has exclusive jurisdiction over violations of tribal ordinances by members of ~~either tribe or nation~~ any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group within the Indian territory of that tribe or nation. The State has exclusive jurisdiction over violations of tribal ordinances by persons not members of ~~either tribe or nation~~ any federally recognized Indian tribe, nation, band or other group except as provided in the section or sections referenced in the following:

- A. Section 6209-A.
- B. Section 6209-B.

Sec. E-2. 30 MRSA §6210, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1995, c. 388, §7 and affected by §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Exclusive authority of tribal law enforcement officers. Law enforcement officers appointed by the Passamaquoddy Tribe and the Penobscot Nation have exclusive authority to enforce:

- A. Within their respective Indian territories, ordinances adopted under section 6206 and section 6207, subsections 1, 10 and 11;
- B. On their respective Indian reservations, the criminal, juvenile, civil and domestic relations laws over which the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation have jurisdiction under section 6209-A, subsection 1 and section 6209-B, subsection 1, respectively; and
- C. Within their respective Indian territories, the civil and domestic relations laws over which the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation have jurisdiction under section 6209-A, subsection 1, paragraphs C to F and section 6209-B, subsection 1, paragraphs C to F, respectively.

Sec. E-3. 30 MRSA §6210, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1995, c. 388, §7 and affected by §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Joint authority of tribal and state law enforcement officers. Law enforcement officers appointed by the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation have the authority within their respective Indian territories and state and county law enforcement officers have the authority within both Indian territories to enforce:

- A. Rules or regulations adopted by the commission under section 6207, subsection 3; and

B. All laws of the State other than those over which law enforcement officers appointed by the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation have exclusive jurisdiction under subsection 1.

Sec. E-4. 30 MRSA §6210, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1995, c. 388, §7 and affected by §8, is further amended to read:

3. Agreements for cooperation and mutual aid.

This section does not ~~prevent~~ impact existing agreements for cooperation and mutual aid between the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation and any state, county or local law enforcement agency or prevent the Passamaquoddy Tribe or the Penobscot Nation and any state, county or local law enforcement agency from entering into future agreements for cooperation and mutual aid.

Sec. E-5. Contingent effective date. This Part takes effect 120 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature only if, within 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Secretary of State receives written certification from the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe that the tribe has agreed to the provisions of this Part and from the Governor and the Council of the Penobscot Nation that the nation has agreed to the provisions of this Part, copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Revisor of Statutes.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 370
H.P. 1078 - L.D. 1679**

**An Act Regarding the Maine
Indian Tribal-State
Commission**

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

Sec. 1. Staggered terms. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30, section 6212, subsection 1, for the first 6 appointments to the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission made after the effective date of this Act, the Governor shall appoint 2 members for a term of 2 years, 2 members for a term of 3 years and 2 members for a term of 4 years. All subsequent appointments by the Governor to the commission are subject to Title 30, section 6212, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. Contingent effective date. This Act takes effect 120 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature only if, within 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, the Secretary of State receives

written certification from the Joint Tribal Council of the Passamaquoddy Tribe that the tribe has agreed to the provisions of this Act; from the Governor and the Council of the Penobscot Nation that the nation has agreed to the provisions of this Act; and from the Houlton Band Council of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians that the band has agreed to the provisions of this Act, copies of which must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House and the Revisor of Statutes.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 371

S.P. 792 - L.D. 1943

An Act Regarding Future Energy Procurements for Renewable Energy Development in Northern Maine

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210-I, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Requests for proposals: additional generation capacity. The commission shall issue a request for proposals for the development and construction of renewable energy generation projects in northern Maine, in addition to those selected under subsection 3, in order to maximize the utilization of the capacity of the transmission line proposal selected under subsection 2. The commission shall:

A. Approve a contract as long as the commission evaluates the contract in accordance with subsection 3, paragraph C and determines that the contract is in the public interest; and

B. Consider bids in any previous request for proposals issued under subsection 3 by:

(1) Providing those bidders with an opportunity to submit updated proposals that account for any previous contract awards in order to ensure that proposals are expeditiously received and most cost-effective in consideration of those previous awards; and

(2) Applying evaluation criteria set forth in this subsection, except that the commission shall give greatest preference to any proposal that:

(a) Demonstrates the greatest likelihood of ensuring the success of the program by contributing to the likelihood of successful completion of the transmission line

proposal selected under subsection 2 and other generation proposals selected under subsection 3;

(b) Is submitted by a bidder that demonstrates significant experience in the successful completion of renewable energy generation projects similar to that proposal; and

(c) Complements the proposals previously selected under subsection 3, but mitigates overall risk to the success of the program by diversifying bidder selection and economic development opportunities in northern Maine.

If a selected proposal under this subsection is unable, at any time after selection and before commercial operation, to fulfill the obligations of the contract, the commission may consider other proposals received under this subsection or subsection 3 to ensure the successful implementation of the program. If the commission finds that a proposal or proposals, whether in whole or in part, received under this subsection or subsection 3 would support the overall successful implementation of the program, the commission shall approve and order a contract or contracts accordingly.

Sec. 2. Integration study and cluster system impact study; timing. The Public Utilities Commission shall conduct a request for proposals and approve contracts in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210-I, subsection 3-A, if practicable, on a schedule to enable selected renewable energy generation projects to seek inclusion in the New England independent system operator's Third Maine Resource Integration Study and the subsequent cluster system impact study. If the commission determines that the request for proposals or approval of contracts would interfere with the completion of the cluster system impact study, it may delay the request for proposals or approval of contracts until such time that such actions would no longer interfere.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 372

H.P. 1272 - L.D. 1979

An Act Regarding Surplus Lines Insurance Tax

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §2531, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 630, Pt. A, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Rate and incidence of tax. Except as otherwise provided in section 2532, the rate of taxation ~~on~~ is 3%

of the premiums subject to tax under this section is the greater of 3% and the highest rate of taxation that applies to nonadmitted insurance premiums in the state, district or possession of the United States or province of Canada in which the insurer is incorporated. For purposes of this section, an insurance company incorporated in another country is deemed to be incorporated in the state, district or possession of the United States where it has elected to make its deposit and establish its principal agency in the United States. For all coverage placed in accordance with Title 24-A, chapter 19, the tax must be paid by the surplus lines producer. For all other nonadmitted insurance, the tax must be paid by the insured.

Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to January 1, 2023.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 373

H.P. 1093 - L.D. 1704

**An Act Regarding Incarcerated
Individuals and Legislative
Apportionment**

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §1208 is enacted to read:

§1208. Incarcerated persons

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Correctional facility" has the same meaning as in Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 6.

B. "Residence" has the same meaning as described in section 112, subsection 1.

2. Counting incarcerated persons for apportionment. A person whose usual residence is determined by the Federal Decennial Census to be a correctional facility in this State must be counted for apportionment under this chapter as follows.

A. If the records of the Department of Corrections show the person has a residence address in this State immediately prior to incarceration, that address must be considered that person's residence for purposes of apportionment under this chapter.

B. If the records of the Department of Corrections do not show the person's residence address immediately prior to incarceration, or show a residence address immediately prior to incarceration that is not within this State, that person may not be counted for apportionment under this chapter.

3. Department of Corrections to provide data. Notwithstanding any provision of law respecting confidentiality to the contrary, the Department of Corrections shall provide to the Legislative Apportionment Commission, to the extent the department possesses or has access to the data, the preincarceration residence address and other demographic data of persons who are incarcerated in a correctional facility as of 12:01 a.m. on the date of the most recent Federal Decennial Census. This demographic data must include but is not limited to the last known complete preincarceration street address of the person, the person's race, age and gender and whether the person is a veteran. The department shall provide this data within 30 days of the first meeting of the commission. The data provided by the department is not a public record and the commission shall institute measures to safeguard its confidentiality and to ensure its safekeeping upon conclusion of the commission's work.

4. Construction. This section may not be construed to affect the population count in any geographical area for any purposes other than apportionment.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 374

S.P. 751 - L.D. 1850

**An Act Relating to Energy
Storage and the State's Energy
Goals**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3145, as amended by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. A, §49, 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 1, ~~2031~~ 2024, and every 2 years thereafter, the Governor's Energy Office established in Title 2, section 9 ~~shall set~~ may reevaluate and increase the state goal for energy storage system development and report that 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.

Sec. 2. Maine energy storage program development. The Governor's Energy Office, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2, section 9, referred to in this section as "the office," shall, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, evaluate designs for a program to procure commercially avail-

able utility-scale energy storage systems connected to the transmission and distribution systems, including, but not limited to, through the use of an index storage credit mechanism.

1. In evaluating programs for the procurement of energy storage systems, the office shall consider programs that are likely to be cost-effective for ratepayers and that are likely to achieve the following objectives:

A. Advance both the State's climate and clean energy goals and the state energy storage policy goals established in Title 35-A, section 3145 through the development of up to 200 megawatts of incremental energy storage capacity located in the State;

B. Provide one or more net benefits to the electric grid and to ratepayers, including, but not limited to, improved reliability, improved resiliency and incremental delivery of renewable electricity to customers;

C. Maximize the value of federal incentives; and

D. Enable the highest value energy storage projects, specifically energy storage systems in preferred locations, projects that can serve as an alternative to upgrades of the existing transmission system and projects of optimal duration.

For purposes of this subsection, "index storage credit mechanism" means a mechanism for setting contract prices for energy storage capacity using the difference between a competitively bid price, or strike price, and daily reference prices calculated using an index designed to approximate wholesale market revenues available for each megawatt-hour of capacity and including a mechanism to provide for a net payment from the operator of the storage capacity project to ratepayers in the event the reference price exceeds the strike price.

2. The office shall encourage interested parties to submit relevant information to inform the evaluation under subsection 1.

3. No later than March 31, 2024, the office shall complete the evaluation required under subsection 1 and provide its recommendations to the Public Utilities Commission for a program to procure up to 200 megawatts of energy storage capacity.

4. No later than December 31, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission shall review the recommendations of the report and determine whether the program recommended by the office is reasonably likely to achieve the objectives established in subsection 1. Upon finding the proposed program reasonably likely to achieve the objectives established in subsection 1, the Public Utilities Commission shall take steps to implement the program in accordance with any applicable authority the commission may have under law and may submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters recommen-

ations for any changes to law needed to allow the commission to fully implement the program. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to energy storage to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

Sec. 3. Governor's Energy Office; long-duration energy storage report. The Governor's Energy Office shall study long-duration energy storage, including opportunities for new and emerging long-duration energy storage technology that would support the State's need for clean, firm power generation in support of the State's climate and clean energy goals. The office shall submit a report, along with any recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology no later than February 1, 2024. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. The report must include, but is not limited to:

1. A discussion of technology options for long-duration energy storage, including emerging technologies and a description of their technical operation and commercial viability, that may be feasible within the State and New England between 2023 and 2040;

2. An overview of known cost and performance characteristics, as well as development considerations by technology, such as development timelines, siting requirements or safety considerations;

3. A discussion of scenarios for long-duration energy storage technologies, such as serving as peaking capacity, providing winter reliability or providing benefits through colocation with renewable resources; and

4. Consideration of whether and under what conditions the use of long-duration energy storage would be cost-effective for ratepayers in the State.

Sec. 4. Funding. Upon written request of the Governor's Energy Office, for the purposes of allowing the office to fulfill its responsibilities under sections 2 and 3, the Public Utilities Commission shall provide:

1. Reasonable technical, legal and other assistance, including the provision of requested information; and

2. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 117, funding for staff and consultants in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 from the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund established under Title 35-A, section 117.

Sec. 5. Public Utilities Commission; utility ownership or control of energy storage. The Public Utilities Commission shall solicit stakeholder input on whether and, if so, at what cost and under what conditions, including commission approval on a case-by-case basis, an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility may own, have a financial interest in or otherwise control an energy storage system, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3481, subsection 6, in order to perform its obligations as a

transmission and distribution utility in an effective, prudent and efficient manner. In making recommendations, in addition to the input received from stakeholders, the commission shall consider at a minimum:

1. The role that investor-owned transmission and distribution utility ownership of, financial interest in or control of energy storage systems may have in:

A. The achievement of the state energy storage goals established in Title 35-A, section 3145, including current and future state programs to encourage investment in energy storage;

B. The achievement of the objectives of Title 35-A, chapter 32;

C. The achievement of the greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements established in Title 38, section 576-A;

D. The achievement of the renewable energy goals established in Title 35-A, section 3210;

E. The achievement of the renewable energy deployment goals of the State, including but not limited to the solar deployment goals established in Title 35-A, chapter 34-B and the wind energy development goals established in Title 35-A, chapter 34;

F. The procurement of nonwires alternatives under Title 35-A, section 3132-D; and

G. The achievement of lower electricity costs for ratepayers; and

2. Whether the competitive market for energy storage can meet the energy needs of transmission and distribution utilities at a reasonable cost.

The commission shall submit a report containing any recommendations based on the commission's activities under this section related to energy storage to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology no later than February 15, 2024. The committee may report out a bill related to the subject matter of the report.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 375

H.P. 1298 - L.D. 2012

An Act to Prohibit Early Termination Fees for Residential Electric Generation Service Contracts

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§4-B, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 74, §1, is amended to read:

~~E. May not impose enter into or renew a contract for generation service that includes an early termination fee for any contract for generation service that was renewed without express consent from the residential consumer.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 376

S.P. 266 - L.D. 649

An Act to Promote Water Conservation and Water Quality and Create Habitat for Wildlife, Including Pollinator Species, by Protecting Low-impact Landscaping

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA c. 28-B is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 28-B

PROTECTION OF LOW-IMPACT LANDSCAPING

§1451. Protection of low-impact landscaping

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Condominium" has the same meaning as in section 1601-103, subsection (7).

B. "Low-impact landscaping" means landscaping techniques that conserve water, lower maintenance costs, provide pollution prevention and create habitat for wildlife. "Low-impact landscaping" includes gardens and other features designed to attract wildlife generally and pollinator species more specifically; rain gardens and other features that use natural biological principles to return rainwater to the soil and to filter rainwater of excess nutrients; and other forms of landscaping or gardening that reduce or eliminate the need for supplemental water from irrigation.

C. "Real estate subject to common ownership" means residential real estate, portions of which are designated for separate ownership and the remainder of which is designated for common ownership solely by the owners of those portions and that common ownership is in the form of undivided interests in that common portion.

D. "Restriction" includes any covenant, restriction or condition contained in a deed, declaration, contract, bylaw, rule or other instrument governing activities on real estate within a condominium or real estate subject to common ownership.

E. "Unreasonable limitation" includes a limitation that significantly increases the cost of low-impact landscaping, significantly decreases the efficiency of low-impact landscaping or requires cultivated vegetation to consist in whole or in part of turf grass.

2. Prohibition. A restriction may not put an unreasonable limitation on low-impact landscaping on any portion of a condominium or real estate subject to common ownership that is not subject to common ownership and that the owner has the right to exclusive use of as long as the owner maintains and regularly tends to the low-impact landscaping.

3. Construction; application. This section may not be construed to prohibit a restriction relating to reasonable design and aesthetic guidelines regarding the type, number and location of low-impact landscaping features. This section does not apply to a restriction on historic property that is listed in or determined by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 377
H.P. 754 - L.D. 1182

An Act to Make Revisions to the Tax Increment Financing and Development District Laws

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5223, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 675, §2, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) Must be suitable for commercial or arts district uses. For the purposes of this subparagraph, "suitable for commercial or arts district uses" includes, but is not limited to, the total acreage of a lot or parcel or portion of a lot or parcel included in a development district that is zoned for commercial or arts district uses or on which commercial or arts district uses are allowed as a conditional or grandfathered use or pursuant to contract zoning.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5226, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §26 and affected by §41 and amended by c. 657, Pt. W, §5, is further amended to read:

2. Review by commissioner. Before final designation of a tax increment financing district, the commissioner shall review the proposal to ensure that the proposal complies with statutory requirements. ~~In the case of a downtown tax increment financing district, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and~~

~~the Department of Transportation shall review the proposal and provide advice to assist the commissioner in making a decision under this subsection.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 378
H.P. 1239 - L.D. 1931

An Act to Foster Stable and Affordable Home Ownership in Mobile Home Parks by Amending the Laws Relating to the Sale of 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 enacted by PL 1989, c. 768, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Notice required. The owner of a mobile home park shall give 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. 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 may make an offer to purchase the mobile home park within 60 days of the mailing date of the notice; 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.

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-§2, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 768, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §9094-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 768, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §9094-A, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association purchase. The owner of a mobile home park shall consider any offer received before the 60th day after the date the notice was mailed as required by subsection 1 from a group of mobile home owners or a mobile home owners' association, 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. The owner of the mobile home park shall negotiate in good faith with the group of mobile home owners or the mobile home owners' association concerning a purchase pursuant to an offer made under this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, negotiating in good faith does not require the owner of a mobile home park to accept an offer to purchase made by a group of mobile home owners or the mobile home owners' association. An offer made by the group of mobile home owners or the mobile home owners' association must include a purchase and sale agreement. If the owner of the mobile home park accepts the offer of the group of mobile home owners or the mobile home owners' association, the group of mobile home owners or the mobile home owners' association must obtain appropriate financing before the 90th day after the execution date of the purchase and sale agreement.

Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §9094-A, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:

3-B. Applicability. This section does not apply to:

A. A sale after foreclosure by a bank, mortgage company or other mortgagee at a foreclosure sale or a sale after purchase at a foreclosure sale;

B. A sale or transfer to a family member of the owner of the mobile home park or to a trust, the beneficiaries of which are family members of the owner of the mobile home park. For purposes of this paragraph, "family member" means a person identified in Title 18-C, section 2-102 as eligible for intestate share;

C. A sale or transfer by a partnership to one or more of its partners;

D. A conveyance of an interest in the mobile home park incidental to the financing of the mobile home park;

E. A sale or transfer between owners of the mobile home park who are joint tenants or tenants in common;

F. A sale pursuant to the exercise of the power of eminent domain; or

G. A transfer that is by gift, devise, judicial decree or operation of law.

The requirements of this section apply separately to each substantially different offer to sell or purchase a mobile home park.

Sec. 6. 10 MRSA §9094-A, sub-§3-C is enacted to read:

3-C. Affidavit of compliance. A mobile home park owner may record in the registry of deeds of the county or district in which the mobile home park is located an affidavit in which the park owner certifies that:

A. The mobile home park owner has complied with the requirements of this section; or

B. The sale of the mobile home park is exempted from the requirements of this section pursuant to subsection 3-B.

The mobile home park owner may send a copy of the affidavit to the Maine State Housing Authority.

A party acquiring an interest in a mobile home park, a title insurance company and an attorney preparing, furnishing or examining evidence of title of the mobile home park may rely on the truth and accuracy of the statements appearing in an affidavit filed under this subsection and are under no obligation to inquire further as to any matter or fact relating to the mobile home park owner's compliance with the provisions of this section. This subsection must be liberally construed in order that all persons may rely on the record title to a mobile home park.

Sec. 7. 10 MRSA §9094-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 768, is amended to read:

4. Enforcement. A mobile homeowner home owner, group of mobile homeowners home owners or a mobile homeowners' home owners' association aggrieved by a violation of this section may bring an action in Superior Court against the violator for injunctive relief, damages and attorney's fees. A violation of any of the provisions of this chapter is considered prima facie evidence of an unfair or deceptive trade practice under Title 5, chapter 10.

Sec. 8. 33 MRSA §654, first ¶, as amended by PL 2003, c. 55, §4, is further amended to read:

Registers shall receive and record all certificates in equitable proceedings, copies of judgments and decrees certified by the clerk of courts in the county where the complaint is pending or the judgment or decree is rendered, certified copies of the proceedings of any court, corporation, municipal body or other tribunal through or by which the right of eminent domain has been or may be exercised to affect the title to real estate, copies of portions of wills devising real estate situated in their respective counties or districts, affidavits filed under Title 10, section 9094-A, subsection 3-C and all other instruments that they are by law required to record. They

shall receive all copies of seizures on execution and special attachments made and attested by any officer of real property situate in their respective counties or districts and certify on them the time when they are received, and certificates of advertised stallions and copies of processes against domestic corporations filed for service by officers in the registry, keep them on file for the inspection of parties interested and enter them in suitable records properly indexed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 379
S.P. 151 - L.D. 330**

**An Act Regarding Legal
Representation for Residents
Facing Eviction**

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6001, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. **Notice to quit; form notice required.** Beginning January 1, 2024, a landlord shall attach to a notice to terminate tenancy served upon a tenant the form notice posted on the publicly accessible website of the judicial branch in accordance with section 6004, subsection 2.

Sec. 2. 14 MRSA §6004, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. **Notice of counsel.** If the court has been advised that an attorney is available to represent tenants in actions of forcible entry and detainer on a day that the court is planning to hold hearings on actions of forcible entry and detainer, the court shall announce the availability of that attorney prior to the commencement of proceedings for actions of forcible entry and detainer on that day. Failure of the court to comply with the requirements of this subsection is not grounds for dismissal of the action or to set aside or appeal any judgment entered against the tenant.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 380
S.P. 758 - L.D. 1874**

**An Act to Support Maine
Forest Workers' Right to Work
in Maine by Improving Labor
Standards**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8867-G is enacted to read:

§8867-G. Forest certification programs

1. Requirements for state land. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may obtain or maintain certification from a forest certification program for state land only if the program, in order to obtain certification under the program:

A. Contains performance-based indicators described in subsection 2 that protect forest workers, including logging and trucking contractors, that can be assessed and verified by a recognized certifying entity; and

B. Does not require payment to a trade association that is registered with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices.

2. Performance-based indicators. Performance-based indicators required by subsection 1 include the following labor practices:

A. No use of child labor;

B. No use of forced labor;

C. No discrimination;

D. Freedom of association and collective bargaining;

E. Promotion of gender equality;

F. Implementation of legal occupational health and safety practices;

G. Payment of fair wages that meet or exceed the minimum wage;

H. Adequate and effective training; and

I. Grievance resolution and compensation for damages.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 381
H.P. 698 - L.D. 1103**

**An Act to Allow Persons Who
Lawfully Use or Possess
Cannabis to Own or Possess
Firearms or Ammunition**

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §393, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 2015, c. 470, §1, is further amended to read:

G. Is an unlawful user of or is addicted to any controlled substance and as a result is prohibited from possession of a firearm under 18 United States Code, Section 922(g)(3). Notwithstanding the prohibition under 18 United States Code, Section

922(g)(3), the use, possession or transport of cannabis in accordance with Title 22, chapter 558-C or Title 28-B may not serve as the basis for the prohibition to own, possess or have under a person's control a firearm in this section. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime;

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 382

H.P. 701 - L.D. 1105

An Act to Ensure Lower Costs and Consumer Protections for Patients by Prohibiting Certain Billing Practices

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§25 is enacted to read:

25. Disclosure to enrollees of cash price. A carrier may not prohibit a provider from providing an enrollee with the option of paying the provider's discounted cash price for health care services. For the purposes of this subsection, "discounted cash price" means:

A. With respect to a hospital, the discounted cash price as that term is defined in 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 180.20 if the hospital has a discounted cash price and does not mean the amount charged to individuals who are eligible for free care or are eligible for the amounts charged pursuant to a hospital's financial assistance policy;
or

B. With respect to a provider that is not a hospital, the charge that applies to an enrollee who is paying for a health care service without filing any claim with a carrier.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 383

S.P. 643 - L.D. 1626

An Act to Standardize Requirements Between Boards of Visitors for County Jails and Department of Corrections Correctional Facilities

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §1651, as amended by PL 2021, c. 620, §3, is further amended to read:

§1651. Examination of jails; board of visitors

1. Examination. At the commencement of each session required by law, the county commissioners shall examine the jail in their county and take necessary precautions for the security of prisoners, for the prevention of infection and sickness and for the accommodations of the prisoners.

2. Appointment. The sheriff for each county shall appoint a board of 7 visitors for each jail or other county correctional facility under the sheriff's supervision.

A. Members of the boards of visitors serve for terms of ~~one year~~ 3 years.

B. Members of the boards of visitors are eligible for reappointment at the expiration of their terms. The boards of visitors must be representative of a broad range of professionals, family members and citizens interested in the well-being of prisoners, including representatives of advocacy groups for human and civil rights, medical and psychiatric professionals, persons who have served in corrections settings and other interested citizens. One member of each board of visitors must be a person with knowledge of issues related to the incarceration of women. One member of each board of visitors must be a woman who has been incarcerated in the State and who has prior child welfare experience with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services. One member of each board of visitors must have experience in the field of mental or behavioral health.

C. A member of the Legislature or an employee of a sheriff's department may not serve on a board of visitors.

D. The sheriffs of 2 or more counties, at their discretion, may appoint a joint board of visitors of 7 or more members.

~~**3. Powers.** Each board of visitors shall inspect the correctional facility to which it is assigned, subject to reasonable restrictions required by the sheriff to ensure the security of the jail, and make recommendations to the sheriff with respect to inmates who are mentally ill.~~

4. Duties. Boards of visitors have the following duties.

A. Each board of visitors shall inspect the jail or other county correctional facility to which it is assigned. Each board of visitors must be provided open access to all physical areas of the jail or other county correctional facility, including access to areas housing prisoners. Each board of visitors must be provided the opportunity to speak to prisoners and to staff. Members of the board of visitors shall comply with all sheriff's office policies and procedures and security practices regarding access to the jail or other county correctional facility, shall adhere to all federal and state laws regarding confi-

dentiality and shall refer concerns or complaints regarding specific individuals to the jail administrator or advocate or other county correctional facility administrator or advocate.

B. Each board of visitors shall make recommendations to the sheriff regarding services or treatment for prisoners who have mental health challenges or are mentally ill.

C. Each board of visitors shall review the management of the jail or other county correctional facility to which it is assigned to determine whether that management is consistent with the philosophy, mission and policy goals of the sheriff's office and facility. On or before February 15th of each calendar year, each board of visitors shall prepare an annual report including its recommendations and shall provide copies of its report to the jail administrator, the county commissioners and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. The sheriff shall provide copies with the sheriff's response to the reports to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters within one month of receiving the annual reports.

D. Each board of visitors shall appear before the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters upon request.

E. Each board of visitors shall meet regularly and tour the jail or other county correctional facility to which it is assigned at least 4 times a year. At each meeting, a board of visitors may request and must receive information from the jail administrator or a county correctional facility administrator that the board determines will assist in the review of the management of the jail. To the extent that a board of visitors is not discussing matters made confidential by federal or state law, a meeting of the board is a public proceeding and must be conducted in accordance with Title 1, section 403. Boards of visitors may meet jointly.

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.

5. Orientation and training. A board of visitors must receive annual training, including:

A. Facilities orientation, including a tour of the jail or other county correctional facility to which the board of visitors is assigned, explanation of the facility command structure and receipt of the Department of Corrections' publication regarding detention and correctional standards for Maine counties and municipalities, facility prisoner handbooks, volunteer policies and board of visitors policies;

B. Review of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and guidance concerning domestic violence, substance use disorder including opioids, behavioral health and adverse childhood trauma;

C. A list and explanation of available community resources;

D. The legal requirements of this section; and

E. Training on any other subject as determined by the sheriff or chair of the board of visitors.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3001-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 683, Pt. B, §26, is amended to read:

1. Appointment. The Governor shall appoint a board of § 7 visitors for each correctional facility under the department, as authorized by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 5.

A. The terms of the members of the boards of visitors are for 3 years.

B. Members of the boards of visitors are eligible for reappointment at the expiration of their terms.

C. A member of the Legislature or an employee of the department may not serve on any board of visitors.

D. At least one member of each board must be a person licensed by this State to provide mental health services.

E. Each member of the boards of visitors must be compensated according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379.

F. The Governor shall appoint a chair from the membership.

G. At least one member of each board of visitors must have been incarcerated in a correctional facility.

Sec. 3. 34-A MRSA §3001-A, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 683, Pt. B, §26, is amended to read:

B. Each board of visitors shall review the management of the correctional facility to which it is assigned to determine whether that management is consistent with the philosophy, mission and policy goals of the department and facility. ~~Each~~ On or before February 15th of each calendar year, each board of visitors shall prepare an annual report including its recommendations and shall provide copies of its report to the chief administrative officer of the facility, the commissioner and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. The commissioner shall provide copies with the department's response to the reports to the joint

standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters within one month of receiving the annual reports.

Sec. 4. 34-A MRSA §3001-A, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 683, Pt. B, §26, is amended to read:

~~Boards~~ Each board of visitors shall meet regularly and tour the correctional facility to which it is assigned at least 4 times a year. At each meeting, a board of visitors may request and must receive information from the chief administrative officer ~~as that the board determines will assist in the review of the management of the facility. To the extent that a board of visitors is not discussing matters made confidential by federal or state law, meetings of boards are~~ a meeting of the board is a public proceeding proceeding and must be conducted in accordance with Title 1, section 403. Boards of visitors may meet jointly.

Sec. 5. 34-A MRSA §3001-A, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Orientation and training. A board of visitors must receive annual training, including:

A. Facilities orientation, including a tour of the correctional facility to which the board of visitors is assigned, explanation of the facility command structure and receipt of standards of the American Correctional Association or successor organization, facility client handbooks, volunteer policies and board of visitors policies;

B. Review of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and guidance concerning domestic violence, substance use disorder including opioids, behavioral health and adverse childhood trauma;

C. A list and explanation of available community resources;

D. The legal requirements of this section; and

E. Training on any other subject as determined by the commissioner or chair of the board of visitors.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 384

H.P. 1160 - L.D. 1814

An Act to Reduce Mercury in the Environment by Phasing Out Certain Fluorescent Light Bulbs

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1672, sub-§1, ¶A-2 is enacted to read:

A-2. "Compact fluorescent mercury-added lamp" means a compact, low-pressure, mercury-containing, electric-discharge light source, whether integrally ballasted or nonintegrally ballasted and regardless of the tube diameter or length and the shape or size of the lamp, in which a fluorescent coating transforms a portion of the ultraviolet energy generated by the mercury discharge into visible light and that:

(1) Has a single base or end cap of any type, including, but not limited to, a screw base type, a bayonet base type or a 2-pin or 4-pin base type; and

(2) Provides a light emission between a correlated color temperature of 1,700K and 24,000K and a Duv of +0.024 and -0.024 in the International Commission on Illumination (CIE) Uniform Color Space (CAM02-UCS).

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §1672, sub-§1, ¶A-3 is enacted to read:

A-3. "Linear fluorescent mercury-added lamp" means a low-pressure, mercury-containing, electric-discharge light source, regardless of the tube diameter and the shape of the lamp, in which a fluorescent coating transforms a portion of the ultraviolet energy generated by the mercury discharge into visible light and that:

(1) Has 2 bases or end caps of any type, including, but not limited to, a one-pin or 2-pin base type and a recessed double contact base type;

(2) Provides a light emission between a correlated color temperature of 1,700K and 24,000K and a Duv of +0.024 and -0.024 in the International Commission on Illumination (CIE) Uniform Color Space (CAM02-UCS); and

(3) Has a tube length of 0.5 feet to 8 feet.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §1672, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 272, §1, is amended to read:

B. "Mercury-added lamp" means an electric lamp to which mercury is intentionally added during the manufacturing process, including, but not limited to, a linear fluorescent mercury-added lamp, a compact fluorescent, mercury-added lamp and a black light, high-intensity discharge, ultraviolet and or neon lamps mercury-added lamp.

Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §1672, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Sales prohibition and exceptions. Beginning January 1, 2026, a person may not offer for sale,

sell or distribute as a new manufactured product a compact fluorescent mercury-added lamp or a linear fluorescent mercury-added lamp. The prohibition in this subsection does not apply to the following:

A. A mercury-added lamp that is designed and marketed exclusively for image capture and projection, including:

- (1) Photocopying;
- (2) Printing, directly or in preprocessing;
- (3) Lithography;
- (4) Film or video projection; or
- (5) Holography;

B. A mercury-added lamp that has a high proportion of ultraviolet light emission and that:

- (1) Has ultraviolet power greater than 2 milliwatts per kilolumen;
- (2) Is designed for germicidal use, including the destruction of deoxyribonucleic acid, or DNA, that emits a peak radiation of approximately 253.7 nanometers;
- (3) Is designed and marketed exclusively for disinfection or fly trapping and from which:
 - (a) The radiation power emitted between 250 and 315 nanometers represents at least 5% of the total radiation power emitted between 250 and 800 nanometers; or
 - (b) The radiation power emitted between 315 and 400 nanometers represents at least 20% of the total radiation power emitted between 250 and 800 nanometers;
- (4) Is designed and marketed exclusively for the generation of ozone and that has the primary purpose of emitting radiation at approximately 185.1 nanometers;
- (5) Is designed and marketed exclusively for coral zooxanthellae symbiosis and from which the radiation power emitted between 400 and 480 nanometers represents at least 40% of the total radiation power emitted between 250 and 800 nanometers; or
- (6) Is designed and marketed exclusively for use in a sunlamp product, as defined in 21 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1040.20(b)(9) as in effect on January 1, 2024;

C. A mercury-added lamp designed and marketed exclusively for use in medical or veterinary diagnosis or treatment or in a medical device;

D. A mercury-added lamp designed and marketed exclusively for use in the manufacturing or quality control of pharmaceutical products;

E. A mercury-added lamp designed and marketed exclusively for spectroscopy and photometric applications, including, but not limited to, ultraviolet-visible spectroscopy, molecular spectroscopy, atomic absorption spectroscopy, nondispersive infrared spectroscopy, Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy, medical analysis, ellipsometry, layer thickness measurement, process monitoring or environmental monitoring;

F. A mercury-added lamp designed and marketed exclusively for use by academic and research institutions for conducting research projects and experiments; or

G. A compact fluorescent mercury-added lamp that is used to replace a lamp in a motor vehicle that was manufactured on or before January 1, 2020.

The department may investigate complaints received regarding potential violations of this subsection and, as a result of those investigations, may enforce this subsection in accordance with sections 347-A and 349, but the department is not required to conduct compliance inspections of locations where mercury-added lamps or other light sources are sold or distributed, conduct outreach or education activities related to the prohibition in this subsection or engage in any other regulatory or enforcement activities related to the prohibition in this subsection.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 385

H.P. 643 - L.D. 1007

**An Act to Ban the Video
Hosting Service TikTok on All
State-owned Devices**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, employees of the State are issued computers, cellular telephones and other necessary electronic devices to carry out their duties in their employment by the State; and

Whereas, certain software applications and programs such as TikTok represent a potential security risk as they may contain hidden and unknown capabilities to install spyware or otherwise compromise the integrity and security of official state communications and business that may be contained on state computers and devices; and

Whereas, employees of the State may have currently installed or used TikTok or other concerning software applications and programs in the absence of a policy or official restrictions against doing so; 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 §20-A, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. TikTok ban. A computer or other electronic device owned or controlled by any branch of State Government may not be used to access, contain or download the video hosting service known as TikTok, except as necessary for life, health, safety or investigative purposes in accordance with a policy adopted by a state agency. For purposes of this section, "electronic device" has the same meaning as in Title 16, section 647, subsection 3.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 6, 2023.

CHAPTER 386

H.P. 221 - L.D. 347

An Act Regarding In-court Appearance Requirements for Persons Authorized to Serve Eviction Notices

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6001, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Service of notice. If a notice served pursuant to this section, section 6002, section 6025 or Title 10, section 9097 is served by a person authorized to make service under section 702 or 703, that notice is admissible in evidence for the purpose of proving service occurred and the person who provided service may attend the court hearing remotely if that person is required to testify to the service of the notice.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 387

S.P. 215 - L.D. 461

An Act Regarding Private Ways and Private Roads

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §3101, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2013, c. 198, §1, is further amended to read:

B. "Repairs and maintenance" does not include paving, except in locations where pavement does not exist if approved by an affirmative vote of at least 3/4 of the owners of all the parcels benefited by the private road, private way or bridge at a meeting called in accordance with subsection 2 or in locations where limited paving is demonstrated to be a cost-effective approach for fixing an erosion problem or to repair and maintain pavement existing as of July 1, 2007 for at least 8 years. "Maintenance" includes, but is not limited to, snowplowing, snow removal, sanding and ice control; grading and adding gravel and surface material; installing reclaimed asphalt or grinding existing pavement for reuse; installing, cleaning and replacing culverts; creating and maintaining ditches, drains and other storm water management infrastructure; creating and maintaining sight distances on curves and at intersections; and cutting brush, trees and vegetation in the right-of-way.

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA §3103, as amended by PL 2013, c. 198, §9, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§3103. Contracts for repair; reserve accounts

The owners, at a meeting held under section 3101, may by a majority vote of the owners present and voting in person or by written proxy or absentee ballot authorize:

- 1. Contract for repair. A contract for repairs or maintenance to the private road, private way or bridge by the year or for a lesser time and may raise money for that purpose pursuant to section 3101, subsection 5; and
2. Reserve account. A reserve account to be established to hold funds solely to be used for repairs and maintenance.

Sec. 3. 23 MRSA §3104, as amended by PL 2017, c. 306, §1, is further amended to read:

§3104. Penalties and process

Money recovered under sections 3102 and 3103 is for the use of the owners. In any notice of claim or process for the money's recovery, a description of the owners as owners of parcels of land benefited by the private road, private way or bridge by name, clearly describing each owner's parcel of land by the book and page number of the owner's deed as recorded in the county's registry of deeds and the private road, private way or bridge, is sufficient. If the private road, private way or bridge is shown on a plan recorded in the county's registry of deeds, the plan's recording reference is sufficient. Such process is not abated by the death of any owner or by the transfer of any owner's interest. Any money owed pursuant to section 3101, 3102 or 3103 is

an obligation that is personal to the owners of the subject parcels, jointly or severally, and also burdens the parcel and runs with the land upon the transfer of any owner's interest. After June 30, 2018, any money owed pursuant to section 3101, 3102 or 3103 is not an obligation that burdens the parcel or runs with the land upon the transfer of any owner's interest unless a notice of claim is recorded in the county's registry of deeds prior to the transfer. A notice of claim filed in the registry of deeds expires ~~18 months~~ 6 years from the date of recording unless extended prior to the expiration by recording of a notice of extension of the notice of claim. A recorded notice of claim may be extended for additional ~~18 month~~ 6-year periods until the claim is paid. The commissioner or board may cause to be recorded in the county's registry of deeds a notice of claim for money owed pursuant to section 3101, 3102 or 3103 that is more than 90 days delinquent and may add to the amount owed the recording costs for filing the notice of claim. The recording of such notice does not constitute slander of title. Before recording such notice or service of process of a complaint for collection in a civil action, the commissioner or board shall give the owner against whom such action is to be taken written notice, in the same manner as written notices of meetings are provided for in section 3101, of the intended action if the debt is not paid within 20 days of the date of the written notice. This written notice to cure must be sent at least 30 days before the recording of the notice of claim or the service of process of the complaint for collection in a civil action.

Sec. 4. Report. The Maine Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 3036, shall review the use of the following terms in the Maine Revised Statutes: "private way"; "public way"; "private road"; and "public easement." The commission shall determine whether changes to current law would improve understanding and use of these terms throughout the Maine Revised Statutes. By January 5, 2024, the commission shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government with the results of this study along with recommended legislation. The committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. Notwithstanding Title 23, section 3036, subsection 5, the commission may meet more than 6 times in 2023 to complete the work described in this section.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 388
H.P. 470 - L.D. 701

**An Act to Increase the Notice
Period for Rent Increases of 10
Percent or More**

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §6015, as amended by PL 2003, c. 259, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§6015. Notice of rent increase

1. Increase of rent generally. Except as provided in subsection 2, rent charged for residential estates may be increased by the landlord only after providing at least 45 days' written notice to the tenant. A written or oral waiver of this requirement is against public policy and is void. Any person in violation of this section is liable for the return of any sums unlawfully obtained from the tenant, with interest, and reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

2. Increase of 10% or more. If rent charged for a residential estate is increased by the landlord by 10% or more, the landlord must provide at least 75 days' written notice to the tenant. If the landlord increases rent more than once in a 12-month period, and the increases add up to a total increase of 10% or more, the landlord must provide at least 75 days' written notice prior to any increase that brings the total increase in rent to 10% or more. A written or oral waiver of this requirement is against public policy and is void. Any person in violation of this subsection is liable for the return, with interest, of any sums unlawfully obtained from the tenant and reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

This subsection does not apply to rental housing that is subject to:

A. Requirements established by a document or deed recorded by a register of deeds that are designed to keep the housing affordable for tenants with specific income levels;

B. Restrictions as a condition of the landlord's receipt of subsidies from or participation in a municipal, state or federal housing program; or

C. Restrictions as a condition of the tenant's receipt of subsidies from or participation in a municipal, state or federal housing program.

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**CHAPTER 389
S.P. 393 - L.D. 922**

**An Act to Clarify Required
Disclosure of Personally
Identifying Information for
Certain Nominating Petitions**

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §335, sub-§1, as corrected by RR 2019, c. 2, Pt. B, §41, is amended to read:

1. Content. A primary petition must contain the name of only one candidate and that candidate's ~~place~~ municipality of residence, party, office sought and electoral division. A primary petition may contain as many separate papers as necessary and may contain the candidate's consent required by section 336.

A. When 2 United States Senators are to be nominated, the primary petition must contain the term of office sought by the candidate.

Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §336, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1995, c. 459, §24, is further amended to read:

3. Residence and party declared. The consent must contain a declaration of the candidate's place of residence and party designation and a statement that the candidate meets the qualifications of the office the candidate seeks, which the candidate must verify by oath or affirmation before a notary public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths or affirmations that the declaration is true. If, pursuant to the challenge procedures in section 337, any part of the declaration is found to be false by the Secretary of State, the consent and the primary petition are void. Upon written request by the candidate to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State may treat the candidate's street name and number as confidential as long as the street name and number are not material to the candidate's qualifications to serve.

Sec. 3. 21-A MRSA §354, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §11, is further amended to read:

1. Content. A nomination petition must contain the name of only one candidate, the candidate's ~~place~~ municipality of residence, the office sought and electoral division. A nomination petition may contain as many separate papers as necessary and may contain the candidate's consent required by section 355. It may also contain the candidate's political designation. This designation may not exceed 3 words in length, may not incorporate the candidate's name or the designation or an abbreviation of the designation of a party that is qualified to nominate candidates by primary election and may not consist of or comprise language that is obscene, contemptuous, profane or prejudicial, promotes abusive or unlawful activity or violates any other provision of

the laws of this State with respect to names. A candidate who intends to form a new party about that person's candidacy must use the proposed party's designation.

A. When 2 United States Senators are to be nominated, the nomination petition must contain the term of office sought by the candidate.

B. The names of presidential electors must be placed on the petition as a slate. The names of the candidates for President and Vice President must be placed on a petition for the nomination of presidential electors.

Sec. 4. 21-A MRSA §355, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2019, c. 371, §12, is further amended to read:

3. Qualifications declared. The consent must contain a declaration of the candidate's place of residence and the fact that the candidate has not been enrolled in a party qualified to participate in a primary or general election after March 1st of that election year and that the candidate meets the qualifications of the office the candidate seeks. The candidate must verify by oath or affirmation before a notary public or other person authorized by law to administer oaths or affirmations that the declaration is true. If, pursuant to the challenge procedures in section 356, any part of the declaration is found to be false by the Secretary of State, the consent and the nomination petition are void. The candidate must remain unenrolled from March 1st until the general election in order to remain qualified as an unenrolled candidate for the office sought in the nomination petition in that election year. Upon written request by the candidate to the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State may treat the candidate's street name and number as confidential as long as the street name and number are not material to the candidate's qualifications to serve.

A. Candidates for the office of county charter commission need not verify by oath or affirmation that they are not enrolled in a party.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 390
H.P. 581 - L.D. 934**

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Governing Damages Awarded
for Wrongful Death**

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

Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §1-108, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. F, §1 and PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

B. "Reference base index" means ~~the Consumer Price Index for calendar year 2017;~~

(1) With respect to calculations made under this section relating to dollar amounts stated in sections 2-102, 2-402, 2-403, 2-405 and 3-1201, the Consumer Price Index for calendar year 2017; and

(2) With respect to calculations made under this section relating to the dollar amount stated in section 2-807 for loss of comfort, society and companionship, the Consumer Price Index for calendar year 2023.

Sec. 2. 18-C MRSA §1-108, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. A, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Automatic adjustment of amounts for inflation. The dollar amounts stated in sections 2-102, 2-402, 2-403, 2-405 and 3-1201 apply to the estate of a decedent who died in or after 2017, but for the estate of a decedent who died after 2018, these dollar amounts must be increased or decreased if the Consumer Price Index for the calendar year immediately preceding the year of death exceeds or is less than the reference base index. For a wrongful death action brought with respect to a person who died after 2023, the dollar amount stated in section 2-807, subsection 2 for loss of comfort, society and companionship must be adjusted if the Consumer Price Index for the calendar year immediately preceding the year of death exceeds or is less than the reference base index. The amount of any increase or decrease is computed by multiplying each dollar amount by the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index for the calendar year immediately preceding the year of death exceeds or is less than the reference base index. If any increase or decrease produced by the computation is not a multiple of \$100, the increase or decrease is rounded down, if an increase, or up, if a decrease, to the next multiple of \$100, but for the purpose of section 2-405, the periodic installment amount is the lump-sum amount divided by 12. If With respect to calculations made under this section relating to dollar amounts stated in sections 2-102, 2-402, 2-403, 2-405 and 3-1201, if the Consumer Price Index for 2018 is changed by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the reference base index must be revised using the rebasing factor reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics or other comparable data if a rebasing factor is not reported. With respect to calculations made under this section relating to the dollar amount stated in section 2-807 for loss of comfort, society and companionship, if the Consumer Price Index for calendar year 2023 is changed by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the reference base index must be revised using the rebasing factor reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics or other comparable data if a rebasing factor is not reported.

Sec. 3. 18-C MRSA §2-807, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 198, §1 and c. 417, Pt. A, §3, is further amended to read:

2. Wrongful death action; damages; limitations.

Every wrongful death action must be brought by and in the name of the personal representative or special administrator of the deceased person, and is distributable, after payment for funeral expenses and the costs of recovery including attorney's fees, directly to the decedent's heirs without becoming part of the probate estate, except as may be specifically provided in this subsection. The amount recovered in every wrongful death action, except as specifically provided in this subsection, is for the exclusive benefit of the deceased's heirs to be distributed to the individuals and in the proportions as provided under the intestacy laws of this State in sections 2-101 to 2-113. The jury may give damages as it determines a fair and just compensation with reference to the pecuniary injuries resulting from the death. Damages are payable to the estate of the deceased person only if the jury specifically makes an award payable to the estate for reasonable expenses of medical, surgical and hospital care and treatment and for reasonable funeral expenses or, in the case of a settlement, the settlement documents specifically provide for such an allocation to the estate for the same. In addition, the jury may give damages not exceeding ~~\$750,000~~ \$1,000,000 ~~adjusted for inflation as provided in section 1-108~~ for the loss of comfort, society and companionship of the deceased, including any damages for emotional distress arising from the same facts as those constituting the underlying claim, to the persons for whose benefit the action is brought. The jury may also give punitive damages not exceeding ~~\$250,000~~ \$500,000. An action under this section must be commenced within ~~2~~ 3 years after the decedent's death, except that if the decedent's death is caused by a homicide, the action may be commenced within 6 years of the date the personal representative or special administrator of the decedent discovers that there is a just cause of action against the person who caused the homicide. If a claim under this section is settled without an action having been commenced, the amount paid in settlement must be distributed as provided in this subsection. A settlement on behalf of minor children is not valid unless approved by the court, as provided in Title 14, section 1605.

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CHAPTER 391
H.P. 683 - L.D. 1088

**An Act to Update the
Gambling Laws to Allow Once-
annual Game Nights for
Eligible Organizations and
Registered Political
Committees**

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

Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §1832, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 136, §5, is further amended to read:

1. License or registration required. Except as provided in sections 1837-A and 1837-B, a person, firm, corporation, committee, association or organization may not hold, conduct or operate a game of chance without a license issued by or, as applicable, without registering with the Gambling Control Unit in accordance with this section. A license is not required when a game of chance constitutes social gambling. For purposes of this section, "committee" means a party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee registered and required to file reports under Title 21-A, chapter 13.

Sec. 2. 17 MRSA §1832, sub-§2-B is enacted to read:

2-B. Once-annual game night registration. The Gambling Control Unit may accept a registration from an eligible organization described in subsection 2 or a committee to conduct once in a calendar year a game night, referred to in this section as "a game night," which may include the operation or conduct of card games and games of chance. The proceeds from the game night must be dedicated to a verifiable charitable purpose, except that, if the registrant is a committee, the proceeds must be for the purpose of fund-raising. An eligible organization or committee seeking to register to conduct a game night under this subsection shall register in the manner prescribed by the Gambling Control Unit and shall maintain records in the same manner as described under section 1839, except that disposition of funds reports for card games allowed under this subsection are not required to be submitted to the Gambling Control Unit but must be maintained in the same manner as other records.

Sec. 3. 17 MRSA §1832, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. KKKKK, §15, is further amended to read:

3. Must be 18 years of age. The Gambling Control Unit may not accept a registration to conduct a game night, a game of chance, a raffle or certain tournament games or accept an application from or issue a license for card games and certain tournament games

under this section to a person or representative of an eligible organization or committee who is not 18 years of age or older.

Sec. 4. 17 MRSA §1832, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. KKKKK, §15, is further amended to read:

4. Municipal approval required. An eligible organization described in subsection 2 applying for a license to conduct a card game and tournament games requiring a license or an eligible organization or committee registering to conduct a game night under subsection 2-B shall obtain written approval from the local governing authority where the game or the game night is to be operated or conducted. This written approval must be submitted with the application to the Gambling Control Unit as described in subsection 5.

Sec. 5. 17 MRSA §1832, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Once-annual game night application. An eligible organization described in subsection 2 or committee seeking to register to conduct a game night shall submit an application to the Gambling Control Unit. The application must be in a form provided by the Gambling Control Unit and must be signed by a duly authorized officer of the eligible organization or committee. The application must include the full name and address of the eligible organization or committee, a full description of the card games or games of chance to be operated or conducted, the location where the game night is to be conducted and any other information determined necessary by the Gambling Control Unit for the issuance of a registration to conduct a game night, including but not limited to membership lists, bylaws, documentation showing the organization's nonprofit status or charitable designation, if applicable, documentation showing the committee's registration under Title 21-A, chapter 13, if applicable, and documentation verifying the purpose of the game night's proceeds. A game night must be conducted in accordance with section 1835-B. If the game night will be conducted, pursuant to section 1835-B, subsection 2, by employees of a distributor licensed under section 1840, the application must include the full name and address of the licensed distributor and any other information determined necessary by the Gambling Control Unit.

Sec. 6. 17 MRSA §1832, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. KKKKK, §15, is further amended to read:

6. Multiple licenses. The Gambling Control Unit may issue more than one license or registration to conduct or operate a game governed by this chapter simultaneously to an eligible organization described in subsection 2. Each game governed by this chapter must have a separate license, the nature of which must be specified on the license, except that a registration issued under subsection 2-B for a game night may allow for

multiple card games and games of chance to be operated or conducted simultaneously by the eligible organization or committee described in subsection 2-B without separate licenses or registrations.

Sec. 7. 17 MRSA §1834, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Once-annual game night. The fee for a registration to conduct a game night under section 1832, subsection 2-B is \$100.

Sec. 8. 17 MRSA §1835-B is enacted to read:

§1835-B. Conduct of once-annual game night

1. Wagers or entry fees; definitions. The following provisions apply to a game night registered under section 1832, subsection 2-B. For purposes of this section, "eligible organization" means an organization described in section 1832, subsection 2 and "committee" has the same meaning as in section 1832, subsection 1.

A. An eligible organization or committee registered to conduct a game night under section 1832, subsection 2-B may charge an entry fee to the game night, the proceeds of which must be used as described in section 1832, subsection 2-B and to cover the costs of conducting the game night.

B. Card games and games of chance operated or conducted at a game night must use tokens or other devices approved by the Gambling Control Unit by rule. No money or thing of value may be wagered on a card game or game of chance operated or conducted at a game night.

C. An eligible organization or committee may award prizes to an individual as a result of that individual's participation in card games and games of chance operated or conducted during the game night. Prior to the game night, the eligible organization or committee shall determine the available prizes and shall identify those prizes in its application for registration. The Gambling Control Unit may establish, as necessary, rules regarding acceptable prizes.

2. Conduct of once-annual game night. A game night must be conducted by members or employees of the eligible organization or committee conducting the game night or by employees of a distributor licensed under section 1840 who leases gambling apparatus or implements for the purposes of the game night. Any gambling apparatus or any other implements of gambling that are used in the operation or conduct of card games or games of chance during the game night must be leased by the eligible organization or committee from a distributor licensed under section 1840.

3. Persons under 18 years of age. An eligible organization or committee conducting a game night or the employees of a distributor licensed under section 1840 authorized to conduct the game night pursuant to

subsection 2 may not permit a person under 18 years of age to take part in the game night.

4. Location; frequency. A registration issued for a game night must specify the location where the eligible organization or committee may operate the game night. An eligible organization or committee may conduct no more than one game night in any 12-month period.

5. "Donation" not to provide an exclusion. The word "donation" printed on any item associated with a game night does not exclude the sponsoring organization or committee from complying with this chapter.

Sec. 9. 17 MRSA §1840, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. KKKKK, §28, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

A nonresident manufacturer or distributor of gambling apparatus or implements doing business in the State must have an agent in this State who is licensed as a distributor. A distributor may not sell, market or otherwise distribute gambling apparatus or implements to a person or organization, except to persons or eligible organizations described under section 1832, subsection 2 licensed or registered to operate or conduct games under this chapter or registered to conduct a special raffle under section 1837-A or to eligible organizations and committees registered to conduct a game night under section 1832, subsection 2-B. A distributor may not lease or loan or otherwise distribute free of charge any gambling apparatus or implements to an organization eligible to operate a game under this chapter, except that a distributor may lease gambling apparatus or implements to an agricultural society registered to operate games of chance on the grounds of the agricultural society and during the annual fair of the agricultural society as long as the distributor does not charge the agricultural society an amount in excess of 50% of the gross revenue from any game conducted under this chapter.

Sec. 10. 17 MRSA §1840, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. KKKKK, §28, is further amended to read:

5. Agricultural societies; lease Lease agreements. When a gambling apparatus or implement is leased as provided in subsection 2 to an agricultural society or to an eligible organization or committee registered under section 1832, subsection 2-B, the distributor shall forward to the Gambling Control Unit a copy of the lease agreement and shipment approval prior to delivery of the gambling apparatus or implement. The terms of the lease must include, but are not limited to, the name of the lessor; address of the lessor; name of the lessee; address of the lessee; description of the gambling apparatus or implement; serial number, model name or number of the gambling apparatus or implement; and all prices and payments for the lease. Each lease must be for a specific period of time no longer

than the duration of the annual fair of that lessee or the game night under section 1832, subsection 2-B, and each gambling apparatus must have its own separate lease. Gambling apparatus or implements leased under this section:

- A. May be operated only for the exclusive benefit of an eligible organization or committee under section 1832, subsection 2-B or for the exclusive benefit of the agricultural society, except that the agricultural society may pay a distributor up to 50% of gross gaming revenue in accordance with subsection 2; and
- B. Must bear the name and address of the distributor.

Sec. 11. 21-A MRSA §1006 is enacted to read:

§1006. Proceeds of game night

A party committee, political action committee or ballot question committee registered under this chapter that conducts a game night pursuant to Title 17, section 1832, subsection 2-B shall report to the commission all proceeds from the game night in a manner prescribed by rule by the commission. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 392

H.P. 745 - L.D. 1173

An Act Directing the Bureau of General Services to Ensure Adequate Air Quality in All State-owned and State-leased Buildings

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1742-G, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 262, §1, is amended to read:

§1742-G. Bureau of General Services; inventory of asbestos, lead, black mold, radon and other substances that may be harmful to human health in state-owned and state-leased buildings

1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

- A. "Bureau" means the Bureau of General Services within the department.
- B. "Department" means the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

C. "State-owned building" means a building owned by the State in which persons employed by a state agency perform job duties, including, but not limited to, maintenance and repair work.

2. **Initial inventory.** The bureau shall inventory all state-owned buildings to identify the presence of asbestos, lead, black mold, radon and other substances that may be harmful to human health. The department shall require property owners of buildings leased to the State to conduct a similar inventory and provide the results of the inventory to the bureau prior to executing a new lease or renewing or extending an existing lease and, with respect to a lease that on the effective date of this subsection has a remaining term of more than 2 years, within 12 months of the effective date of this subsection. The bureau shall enter the results of the inventories into the database established and maintained by the bureau pursuant to subsection 3.

3. **Database.** The bureau shall establish and maintain an electronic database including, for each state-owned building or state-leased building:

- A. The results of the inventories completed by the bureau and by the property owners of state-leased buildings pursuant to subsection 2;
- B. Detailed plans for the mitigation, remediation, abatement or containment of asbestos, lead, black mold, radon and other substances that may be harmful to human health found in state-owned buildings and state-leased buildings; and
- C. Data on the completion of planned mitigation, remediation, abatement or containment under paragraph B.

4. **Access to database.** The database established and maintained pursuant to subsection 3 must be readily accessible electronically to:

- A. Collective bargaining agents of employees who work in state-owned buildings or state-leased buildings;
- B. State employees whose usual work sites are state-owned buildings or state-leased buildings that contain asbestos, lead, black mold, radon or other substances that may be harmful to human health;
- C. Individuals who perform maintenance, repair and custodial services in state-owned buildings or state-leased buildings;
- D. Firefighters responsible for providing services to state-owned buildings or state-leased buildings;
- E. The Department of Labor;
- F. The Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention; and

G. Members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters.

5. Building maintenance or repair. Prior to any maintenance or repair of a state-owned building by a person employed by a state agency, the bureau shall review the building's records in the database established and maintained pursuant to subsection 3 or inventory the state-owned building if the state-owned building has not already been inventoried pursuant to subsection 2 and add the results of the inventory into the database established and maintained pursuant to subsection 3. If asbestos, lead, black mold, radon or other substances that may be harmful to human health are found in the state-owned building to be maintained or repaired by a person employed by a state agency, the bureau shall inform the person performing the maintenance or repair work and provide appropriate protective gear.

6. Monitoring, mitigation, abatement and remediation. To promote a safe and healthy environment in state-owned buildings, the bureau's division of safety and environmental services shall:

- A. Provide statewide monitoring of state-owned buildings to continuously identify the presence of health hazards in state-owned buildings, including, but not limited to, asbestos, lead, black mold, radon and other substances that may be harmful to human health;
- B. Conduct routine building inventories and testing as appropriate to discover and assess the presence of health hazards in state-owned buildings, including, but not limited to, asbestos, lead, black mold, radon and other substances that may be harmful to human health;
- C. Identify any mitigation, abatement, remediation, containment and maintenance necessary to address and prevent potential health hazards in state-owned buildings, including, but not limited to, asbestos, lead, black mold, radon and other substances that may be harmful to human health; and
- D. Work with state departments and state agencies to develop safety protocols and train state employees on safety protocols.

7. Biennial report. The department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters that describes the conditions of state-owned buildings and state-leased buildings and areas of concern by February 1st of every even-numbered year.

8. Rules. The department may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. State House radon testing; report. By January 15, 2024, the Department of Administrative

and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall test the air quality in the State House for the presence of radon and shall submit a report with the results of the testing to the Legislative Council. The report must also include recommendations on mitigation measures to reduce exposure to harmful levels of radon by persons working in or visiting the State House.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 393

H.P. 886 - L.D. 1372

An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Self-insurance Laws to Allow for the Use of Fronting Companies

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

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:

4-B. Group self-insurance reinsurance fronting arrangements. This subsection governs group self-insurance reinsurance fronting arrangements.

A. As used in this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

- (1) "Fronting arrangement" means a situation in which a fronting company issues a policy for workers' compensation insurance to an employer member of a group self-insurer licensed under this Title and cedes all of the premium and exposure of the policy for out-of-state employees to the self-insured group.
- (2) "Fronting company" means an entity that engages in a fronting arrangement. A fronting company may be owned by one or more group self-insurers or by a group self-insurance reinsurance account.
- (3) "National Association of Insurance Commissioners" has the same meaning as in Title 24-A, section 15.
- (4) "Superintendent" means the Superintendent of Insurance.

B. Beginning June 1, 2024 and until May 31, 2029, an employer member of a group self-insurer licensed under this Title may insure its employees through a fronting arrangement under the following conditions.

- (1) The group self-insurer must:
 - (a) Be a member of a group self-insurance reinsurance account, and the assets of the

members of the group self-insurance reinsurance account must be available to satisfy the obligations of a fronting company if the assets of the group self-insurer are inadequate to cover the obligations of the fronting company;

(b) Ensure that the members of the group have a net worth of at least \$50,000,000 or an amount reasonably determined by the superintendent;

(c) Insure members of the group that employ employees who live or work in a state other than this State and that are subject to the workers' compensation laws of that state; and

(d) Provide that members of a group self-insurer are jointly and severally liable for the workers' compensation obligations of an employer member of a group self-insurer whose out-of-state employees are insured by a fronting company.

Any fronting arrangement must require the group self-insurer or group self-insurance reinsurance account to assume all responsibility for administration and claims handling for the fronting company. More than one group self-insurer may enter into a fronting arrangement with the same fronting company. The obligations of a fronting company ceded to a group self-insurer must be included in the actuarial analysis of the group and such other filings as the superintendent may require under this section.

(2) The fronting company must:

(a) Have capital in the amount of \$500,000 or an amount reasonably determined by the superintendent;

(b) Submit a plan of operation to the superintendent, establish a board of directors and establish bylaws and procedures by which all the powers and duties of the fronting company are performed, including, but not limited to, defining the date and conditions upon which the fronting company will commence coverage for claims. The plan of operation is subject to the review and approval of the superintendent based on the consideration, including, but not limited to, of:

(i) The financial accreditation standards of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners; and

(ii) Whether the fronting company has received demonstrated interest from a regulatory agency in another

jurisdiction to authorize the fronting company to provide workers' compensation insurance coverage in that jurisdiction;

(c) Provide a detailed explanation of each fronting arrangement, including the process by which all exposures are ceded to a group self-insurer;

(d) Be subject to examination and regulation by the superintendent. The board of directors of a fronting company under this subsection shall submit, within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year, an audited financial report, an actuarial report, an audited financial statement and other information the superintendent may require; and

(e) Operate in accordance with its plan of operation as long as no workers' compensation insurance coverage is issued or provided in another jurisdiction until the fronting company receives prior approval in another jurisdiction. If the superintendent determines that the fronting company is not operating in accordance with its plan of operation or that the operations of the fronting company are adversely impacting the Bureau of Insurance's compliance with financial accreditation standards of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners or other applicable laws or regulations, the superintendent may order the fronting company to commence a plan to cease operations.

C. The provisions of Title 24-A and rules adopted under that Title relating to the formation, review, approval and operation of a workers' compensation insurance company do not apply to a fronting company established under this subsection except to the extent that those provisions and rules are consistent with the requirements of this subsection and any rules adopted pursuant to paragraph D.

D. The superintendent shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 39-A MRSA §403, sub-§4-C is enacted to read:

4-C. Continuation of authority to administer and handle claims; group self-insurer; fronting arrangement. Beginning June 1, 2029, an employer member of a group self-insurer licensed under this Title may not insure its employees through a fronting arrangement, except that a group self-insurer or group self-insurance reinsurance account may continue to administer and handle claims for an employer member

through a fronting arrangement in place prior to June 1, 2029.

Sec. 3. Rulemaking. The Superintendent of Insurance shall provisionally adopt the rules required in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 39-A, section 403, subsection 4-B, paragraph D no later than January 1, 2024.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 394
S.P. 635 - L.D. 1603**

**An Act to Implement the
Recommendations of the
Committee To Ensure
Constitutionally Adequate
Contact with Counsel**

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§3, ¶N, as amended by PL 2021, c. 481, §3, is further amended to read:

N. Develop a procedure for approving requests by counsel for authorization to file a petition as described in section 1802, subsection 4, paragraph D; ~~and~~

Sec. A-2. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§3, ¶O, as amended by PL 2021, c. 481, §4, is amended to read:

O. Establish a system to audit financial requests and payments that includes the authority to recoup payments when necessary. The commission may summon persons and subpoena witnesses and compel their attendance, require production of evidence, administer oaths and examine any person under oath as part of an audit. Any summons or subpoena may be served by registered mail with return receipt. Subpoenas issued under this paragraph may be enforced by the Superior Court; ~~and~~

Sec. A-3. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§3, ¶P is enacted to read:

P. Develop and maintain a registry of names, telephone numbers and other contact information for attorneys who provide legal services to persons who are incarcerated. The commission shall on a weekly basis provide these names, telephone numbers and other contact information to all sheriffs' offices and to the Department of Corrections. On the Monday following transmission of the information, the sheriffs' offices and the Department of Corrections have constructive notice that communications to and from these attorneys by residents of jails and correctional facilities are subject to the

attorney-client privilege. The attorneys' names, telephone numbers and other contact information are confidential.

Sec. A-4. 5 MRSA §200-N is enacted to read:

§200-N. Confidential attorney-client communications

1. Policies. By January 1, 2024, the Attorney General shall adopt a written policy for the protection of confidential attorney-client communications by employees and agents of the Attorney General, 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.

2. Training. By January 1, 2024, the Attorney General shall develop a training program for all state, county and municipal law enforcement officers and investigators who, as part of a criminal investigation, may inadvertently hear confidential attorney-client communications, which must include, at a minimum, practices and procedures for protecting and ensuring confidential attorney-client communications and practices and procedures to be followed in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality.

Sec. A-5. 15 MRSA §714 is enacted to read:

§714. Intercepted attorney-client communications of jail and correctional facility residents

1. Intercepted attorney-client communications of jail and correctional facility residents. If the sender or the recipient of an intercepted oral communication or wire communication was, at the time the communication was made, a resident in either a jail or an adult or juvenile correctional facility administered by the Department of Corrections and the other party was an attorney and if the resident demonstrates that the jail or correctional facility had actual or constructive notice at the time the communication was made of the attorney's name and, if the communication involved the use of a telephone, the jail or correctional facility had actual or constructive notice at the time that the communication was made of the attorney's telephone number and the communication was made directly to or from that telephone number:

A. The contents of the intercepted oral communication or wire communication and the fact and circumstances of the communication are not admissible in a criminal proceeding, including a proceeding under chapter 305-A;

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 commu-

nication was made, a resident in a jail or correctional facility and the other part 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

C. A person who viewed or listened to the intercepted communication and saw or heard information that may be relevant to a pending or anticipated charge against the resident or a defense the resident may assert, or may lead to the discovery of that evidence, is disqualified from participating in the investigation of the resident and from appearing as a witness in the pending or anticipated criminal proceeding in which the resident is a defendant, including a subsequent proceeding under chapter 305-A on the pending or anticipated charge.

For purposes of this subsection, the inclusion of the attorney's name and telephone number on a list transmitted by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services pursuant to Title 4, section 1804, subsection 3, paragraph P to a sheriff's office or to the Department of Corrections constitutes constructive notice to a jail in the same county as the sheriff's office or to all correctional facilities administered by the Department of Corrections, respectively, beginning on the Monday following the transmission.

2. Application of other law or rule. This section does not limit the applicability of any other provision of law or of the Maine Rules of Evidence regarding the admissibility or inadmissibility in evidence of attorney-client communications that do not meet the requirements of this section.

Sec. A-6. 25 MRSA §2802, first ¶, as amended by PL 2019, c. 103, §1, is further amended to read:

There is created a board of trustees for the academy consisting of ~~18~~ 19 members as follows: the Commissioner of Public Safety, ex officio, the Attorney General, ex officio, the Game Warden Colonel in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, ex officio, the Commissioner of Corrections, ex officio, the Chief of the State Police, ex officio, and the following to be appointed by the Governor: a county sheriff, a chief of a municipal police department, 2 officers of municipal police departments who are not police chiefs, an educator who is not and has never been a sworn member of a law enforcement agency, a criminal prosecutor from one of the offices of the District Attorney, a representative of a federal law enforcement agency, 3 citizens each of whom is not and has never been a sworn member of a law enforcement agency, a municipal official who is not and has never been a sworn member of a law enforcement agency, one nonsupervisory corrections officer representing a state or county correctional facility, one person who is an attorney who represents de-

fendants in criminal cases and one person knowledgeable about public safety who has been recommended to the Governor by the Wabanaki tribal governments of the ~~Arroostook Band of Micmacs~~ Mi'kmaq Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkmikuk, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik and the Penobscot Nation. The member appointed by the Governor based on the recommendation of the Wabanaki tribal governments must be recommended by the tribal governments by a process determined by those governments that provides for the board membership to rotate among the tribal governments.

Sec. A-7. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶M, as amended by PL 2021, c. 342, §2, is further amended to read:

M. Freedom of access requests. The chief administrative officer of a municipal, county or state law enforcement agency shall certify to the board annually that the agency has adopted a written policy regarding procedures to deal with a freedom of access request and that the chief administrative officer has designated a person who is trained to respond to a request received by the agency pursuant to Title 1, chapter 13; ~~and~~

Sec. A-8. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶N, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 342, §3, is amended to read:

N. Unannounced execution of search warrants; ~~and~~

Sec. A-9. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶O is enacted 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. A-10. 25 MRSA §2804-C, sub-§2-G is enacted to read:

2-G. Training regarding confidential attorney-client communications. Beginning January 1, 2024, the board shall include in the basic law enforcement training program a block of instruction on the confidentiality of attorney-client communications, including the processes that law enforcement agencies use to protect and ensure the confidentiality of attorney-client communications and the processes that law enforcement agencies follow in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality.

Sec. A-11. 25 MRSA §2804-D, as amended by PL 2017, c. 436, §1, is further amended to read:

§2804-D. Basic corrections training

1. Required. As a condition to the continued employment of any person as a corrections officer, that person must successfully complete, within the first 12

months of employment, a basic training course as approved by the board. Thereafter, as a condition of continued employment as a corrections officer, the officer must satisfactorily maintain the basic certification. The board, under extenuating and emergency circumstances in individual cases, may extend the 12-month period for not more than 180 days. The board, in individual cases, may waive basic training requirements when the facts indicate that an equivalent course has been successfully completed in another state or federal jurisdiction. A full-time correctional trade instructor must meet the training requirements established under this subsection for corrections officers. Beginning January 1, 2018, the basic training course must include 8 hours of training in how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorder that is provided by a trainer who is certified by a nationally recognized organization that provides evidence-based mental health first aid training. Beginning January 1, 2024, the basic training course must include a block of instruction on the confidentiality of attorney-client communications, including the processes that correctional facilities and jails use to protect and ensure the confidentiality of attorney-client communications and the processes that correctional facilities and jails follow in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality.

Sec. A-12. 30-A MRSA §291 is enacted to read:

§291. Confidential attorney-client communications

By January 1, 2024, each district attorney shall adopt a written policy for the protection of confidential attorney-client communications by employees and agents of the district attorney's office, 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. A-13. 34-A MRSA §1208, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Standards regarding attorney-client communications. The commissioner shall establish mandatory standards:

A. By January 1, 2024, for the protection of confidential attorney-client communications by each county and municipal detention facility. The standards must include, at a minimum:

- (1) Processes to protect and ensure confidentiality of attorney-client communications, including but not limited to requirements that each facility develop and maintain a registry of the names, telephone numbers and other contact information for attorneys who provide legal services to residents of the facility and that the attorneys' names, telephone numbers and other contact information on the registry are

confidential, except that each facility must proactively and by request of the attorney or the attorney's client who is a resident of the facility confirm the registration of an attorney's name, telephone number and other contact information; and

(2) Processes to be followed in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality; and

B. By January 1, 2024, requiring each county and municipal detention facility to designate space within the facility for attorney-client meetings and the exchange of case materials and to make that space available to residents of the facility and their attorneys on a timely basis.

Sec. A-14. 34-A MRSA §1402, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

14. Standards regarding attorney-client communications. The commissioner shall establish mandatory standards:

A. By January 1, 2024, for the protection of confidential attorney-client communications by each correctional facility. The standards must include, at a minimum:

- (1) Processes to protect and ensure confidentiality of attorney-client communications, including but not limited to requirements that each correctional facility develop and maintain a registry of the names, telephone numbers and other contact information for attorneys who provide legal services to persons who are residents of the correctional facility and that the attorneys' names, telephone numbers and other contact information on the registry are confidential, except that each correctional facility must proactively and by request of the attorney or the attorney's client confirm the registration of an attorney's name, telephone number and other contact information; and

(2) Processes to be followed in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality; and

B. By January 1, 2024, requiring each correctional facility to designate space within the correctional facility for attorney-client meetings and the exchange of case materials and to make that space available to residents of the correctional facility and their attorneys on a timely basis.

PART B

Sec. B-1. Report on courthouse space. The State Court Administrator shall submit a report by January 1, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety and the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary on the availability of space in

public areas of courthouses and in secure holding areas of courthouses for confidential attorney-client communications, including the review of written, video and audio materials related to criminal cases. The report must include an assessment of the space available in each courthouse and, to the extent space is inadequate for confidential attorney-client communications, a plan for the development of adequate space within that courthouse.

Sec. B-2. Development of policies and procedures. The County Corrections Professional Standards Council, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 6-D, shall convene meetings of state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies, county and municipal jails, the judicial branch, the Department of Corrections, the Maine Sheriffs' Association, the Office of the Attorney General, the Maine Prosecutors Association, the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to develop a consistent set of policies and procedures to be implemented by all law enforcement agencies, district attorneys' offices, jails, holding facilities, short-term detention areas and correctional facilities, as applicable to the agencies, offices and facilities, that protect and ensure attorney-client communications are confidential and that clearly describe the following:

1. The process for protecting and ensuring the confidentiality of attorney-client communications;
2. The policies to be followed in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality; and
3. The methods by which attorneys and persons who are residents of jails and correctional facilities will be made aware of confidential channels for attorney-client communications and the methods by which persons who are residents of jails and correctional facilities will be provided with information regarding their right to confidential attorney-client communications.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 395
S.P. 666 - L.D. 1661**

**An Act to Require a Liability
Automobile Insurance Policy to
Cover the Costs of Towing and
Storing Certain Vehicles**

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 29-A MRSA §1605, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2007, c. 213, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

C. Be in the amount or limit of at least:

- (1) For damage to property, \$25,000;
- (2) For injury to or death of any one person, \$50,000;
- (3) For one accident resulting in injury to or death of more than one person, \$100,000; ~~and~~
- (4) For medical payments pursuant to section 1605-A, \$2,000-; ~~and~~
- (5) For towing and storage charges pursuant to section 1605-B, \$500.

Sec. A-2. 29-A MRSA §1605-B is enacted to read:

§1605-B. Towing and storage charges

A motor vehicle liability policy issued for a motor vehicle registered or principally garaged in this State must provide coverage in an amount up to \$500 per accident for the reasonable towing and storage charges incurred as a result of an accident involving the insured vehicle if the vehicle is towed at the request of a law enforcement officer. The coverage required by this section applies only to the reasonable towing and storage charges of the insured vehicle. This section does not apply to a policy insuring more than 4 motor vehicles, nor to any policy covering a garage, automobile sales agency, repair shop, service station or public parking place.

Sec. A-3. 29-A MRSA §1861, first ¶, as amended by PL 2017, c. 120, §1, is further amended to read:

A person holding or storing an abandoned vehicle, holding or storing a vehicle towed at the request of the vehicle's operator, owner or owner's agent or holding or storing a vehicle stored at the request of a law enforcement officer may hold the vehicle and all its accessories, contents and equipment, not including the personal effects of the registered owner, until reasonable towing and storage charges of the person holding or storing the vehicle are paid, except that a person may not hold the perishable cargo of a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 390.5, as amended, when the perishable cargo being transported in interstate or intrastate commerce is not owned by the motor carrier or driver of the commercial motor vehicle being held and the person holding or storing the towed vehicle is presented with evidence of insurance, as defined in section 1551, covering the commercial motor vehicle and the vehicle's cargo. For purposes of this paragraph, "perishable cargo" means cargo of a commercial motor vehicle that is subject to spoilage or decay or is marked with an expiration date. The owner of the vehicle shall maintain, at a minimum, the amounts of motor vehicle financial responsibility in accordance with section 1605-B to pay the reasonable towing and

storage charges of the person holding or storing the vehicle.

Sec. A-4. Application. This Part applies to all motor vehicle liability insurance policies executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after July 1, 2024. For purposes of this Part, all policies are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

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

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Insurance - Bureau of 0092

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation of funds for review of rate plans and forms associated with motor vehicle liability policy coverage of towing and vehicle storage.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$20,250
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$20,250

PART B

Sec. B-1. Review of impact on premiums. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance shall review proposed rates provided by insurers offering motor vehicle liability insurance in this State on or after July 1, 2024 to determine the premium impact on rates of requiring coverage in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1605-B. The bureau shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services no later than February 1, 2024. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 396

H.P. 1205 - L.D. 1880

An Act to Amend the Adult Use Cannabis Laws

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

Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §105, first ¶, as amended by PL 2021, c. 628, §1 and c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

The department shall implement and administer a system, referred to in this section as "the tracking system," for the tracking of cannabis plants, adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products from immature cannabis plant to the point of retail sale, return, disposal or destruction. The tracking system must allow for cannabis plants at the stage of cultivation and upon transfer from the stage of cultivation to another licensee to be tracked by group. The department may implement a tracking system that allows adult use cannabis or adult use cannabis products to be tracked by group.

Sec. 2. 28-B MRSA §105, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 628, §1 and amended by c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

The department shall ensure that the system implemented and administered under this section, whether tracking individually or by group, maintains a detailed record at every stage from immature cannabis plant to the point of retail sale, return, disposal or destruction.

Sec. 3. 28-B MRSA §114 is enacted to read:

§114. Confidentiality

The home address, telephone number and e-mail address of the applicant, employees of the applicant and all natural persons having a direct or indirect financial interest in the applied-for license are confidential.

Sec. 4. 28-B MRSA §501, sub-§3, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

D. A nursery cultivation facility may sell to consumers only immature cannabis plants, seedlings, cannabis seeds and agricultural or gardening supplies relating to the cultivation of cannabis pursuant to subsection 11 or from the nursery cultivation facility under this paragraph. Sales to consumers by from a nursery cultivation facility:

(1) Must be conducted within a portion of the licensed premises of the nursery cultivation facility that is dedicated to consumer sales of immature cannabis plants, seedlings, cannabis seeds and agricultural or gardening supplies relating to the cultivation of cannabis. A nursery cultivation facility licensee shall ensure that the portion of the licensed premises of the nursery cultivation facility that is dedicated to consumer sales complies with all applicable requirements of this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter concerning the operation of cannabis stores; and

(2) Are subject to the sales tax imposed pursuant to Title 36, section 1811 and must be collected and remitted as required by subsection 9.

Sec. 5. 28-B MRSA §501, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

10. Tracking. In accordance with the requirements of section 105, a cultivation facility licensee shall track the adult use cannabis it cultivates from immature cannabis plant to the point at which the cannabis plant or the cannabis produced by the cannabis plant is delivered or transferred to a products manufacturing facility, a testing facility, a cannabis store or another cultivation facility or is disposed of or destroyed. If a cultivation facility receives a return of a cannabis plant, cannabis flower or cannabis trim from a products manufacturing facility, a cannabis store or another cultivation facility, the cultivation facility licensee receiving the return shall track the returned cannabis plant, cannabis flower or cannabis trim to the point at which the return is transferred to a products manufacturing facility, a testing facility, a cannabis store or a cultivation facility or is disposed of or destroyed.

Sec. 6. 28-B MRSA §501, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Delivery service. A tier 1 cultivation facility under section 301, subsection 1, a tier 2 cultivation facility under section 301, subsection 2 and a nursery cultivation facility may sell to consumers through a delivery service operated under the same requirements as for cannabis stores under section 504, subsection 9, but a nursery cultivation facility may sell under this subsection only those items authorized for sale under subsection 3, paragraph D. A cultivation facility authorized to conduct retail sales under this subsection shall ensure that the tax imposed on the sale of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products to a consumer pursuant to Title 36, section 1811 is collected and remitted in accordance with the requirements of Title 36, Part 3 and the rules adopted pursuant to Title 36, Part 3.

Sec. 7. 28-B MRSA §502, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

13. Tracking. In accordance with the requirements of section 105, a products manufacturing facility licensee shall track the adult use cannabis it uses in its manufacturing processes from the point the cannabis is delivered or transferred to the products manufacturing facility by a cultivation facility to the point the cannabis or cannabis concentrate or an adult use cannabis product produced using the cannabis or cannabis concentrate is delivered or transferred to another products manufacturing facility, a testing facility or a cannabis store or is disposed of or destroyed. If a products manufacturing facility licensee receives a return of cannabis, cannabis concentrate or an adult use cannabis product from another products manufacturing facility or a cannabis store, the products manufacturing facility licensee shall track the cannabis, cannabis concentrate or adult use

cannabis product until transferred, whether in its original form or as a cannabis product, to another products manufacturing facility or a cannabis store or disposed of or destroyed.

Sec. 8. 28-B MRSA §502, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

14. Return of cannabis plant, flower or trim. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a products manufacturing facility licensee may return a cannabis plant, cannabis flower or cannabis trim to a cultivation facility from which the cannabis plant, cannabis flower or cannabis trim was received, as long as the products manufacturing facility licensee tracks the cannabis plant, cannabis flower or cannabis trim until transferred to the cultivation facility and as long as the cultivation facility accepts returns.

Sec. 9. 28-B MRSA §504, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

8. Tracking. In accordance with the requirements of section 105, a cannabis store licensee shall track all adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products from the point at which the cannabis or cannabis products are delivered or transferred to the cannabis store by a cultivation facility or a products manufacturing facility to the point at which the cannabis or cannabis products are sold to a consumer, are delivered or transferred to a testing facility, are returned to a cultivation facility or a products manufacturing facility from which the cannabis or cannabis products were received or are disposed of or destroyed.

Sec. 10. 28-B MRSA §504, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 667, §3 and amended by c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

9. Limited delivery service. A cannabis store, cultivation facility or products manufacturing facility may operate a limited delivery service for the delivery of immature cannabis plants, seedlings, adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products in accordance with the requirements of this subsection. A cannabis store may not deliver adult use cannabis or an immature cannabis plant, seedling or adult use cannabis product to a person under 21 years of age. A municipality may not prohibit delivery of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products authorized under this subsection.

A. A cannabis store, cultivation facility or products manufacturing facility operating a limited delivery service shall ensure that cannabis store employees engaging in delivery have received training, prescribed by the department by rule, on how to properly verify the age of a person making a purchase for delivery and how to ensure that no deliveries are made to a person under 21 years of age.

B. A cannabis store, cultivation facility or products manufacturing facility operating a limited delivery

service may deliver ~~only to a residential dwelling and may not deliver to any residential dwelling located to any location in a municipality, except locations~~ within a safe zone designated by a municipality under Title 30-A, section 3253. ~~A cannabis store operating a limited delivery service may deliver to a residential dwelling in any municipality in the State regardless of whether the municipality has approved the operation of cannabis stores.~~

C. A cannabis store, cultivation facility or products manufacturing facility operating a limited delivery service may deliver to a hotel or business as long as the cannabis store, cultivation facility or products manufacturing facility has received written consent for delivery to the hotel or business from an authorized employee of the hotel or business and the cannabis store, cultivation facility or products manufacturing facility retains a copy of the written consent. The written consent must be maintained and open to inspection by the department in accordance with section 511.

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. 11. 28-B MRSA §504, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Return of adult use cannabis. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a cannabis store licensee may return a cannabis plant, cannabis flower and cannabis trim to a cultivation facility from which the cannabis plant, cannabis flower or cannabis trim was received, or return cannabis or cannabis products to the products manufacturing facility from which the cannabis or cannabis product was received, as long as the cannabis store licensee tracks the return as required in subsection 8 until transferred to the cultivation facility or products manufacturing facility and as long as the cultivation facility or products manufacturing facility accepts returns.

Sec. 12. 28-B MRSA §602, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

C. Dangerous yeasts, molds and mildew as specified in rules adopted by the department;

Sec. 13. 28-B MRSA §602, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Testing of returns. Cannabis and cannabis products returned pursuant to section 502, subsection 14 or section 504, subsection 11 must be tested prior to being resold or redistributed. The department may limit the mandatory testing required for returned cannabis and cannabis products by rule. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 14. 28-B MRSA §702, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is repealed.

Sec. 15. 28-B MRSA §702, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

C. A prohibition on opt-in advertising or marketing that does not permit an easy and permanent opt-out feature; and

Sec. 16. 28-B MRSA §702, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

D. A prohibition on advertising or marketing directed toward location-based devices, including, but not limited to, cellular telephones, unless the marketing is a mobile device application installed on the device by the owner of the device who is 21 years of age or older and includes a permanent and easy opt-out feature; and

Sec. 17. 28-B MRSA §702, sub-§2, ¶E is enacted to read:

E. Specific limitations on signs, advertising and marketing to minimize the appeal of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products to persons under 21 years of age.

Sec. 18. 28-B MRSA §702, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Restrictions on signs, advertising and marketing. A licensee may advertise or market the promotion of the licensee's business and adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products sold by the licensee, including the display of a sign on the licensed premises and off the licensed premises on the exterior of a motor vehicle in accordance with this section.

Sec. 19. 28-B MRSA §703, sub-§1, ¶F, as amended by PL 2021, c. 558, §4, is further amended to read:

F. May not contain more than 10 milligrams of THC per serving of the product and may not contain more than ~~100~~ 200 milligrams of THC per package of the product, with an allowable variance rate of 10%, except that the allowable variance may not be less than 0.6 milligrams or greater than 5 milligrams. In the calculation of the amount of THC allowed under this paragraph, the allowable variance rate must be in addition to the allowable variance rate applicable to a testing facility pursuant to section 602, subsection 3;

Sec. 20. 28-B MRSA §1501, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

B. Use, possess or transport at any one time up to 2 1/2 ounces of cannabis or 2 1/2 ounces of a combination of cannabis and cannabis concentrate that

includes no more than $\$ 10$ grams of cannabis concentrate;

Sec. 21. 28-B MRSA §1501, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

C. Transfer or furnish, without remuneration, to a person 21 years of age or older up to 2 1/2 ounces of cannabis or 2 1/2 ounces of a combination of cannabis and cannabis concentrate that includes no more than $\$ 10$ grams of cannabis concentrate;

Sec. 22. 28-B MRSA §1501, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

F. Subject to the limitations imposed under paragraph B, purchase up to 2 1/2 ounces of adult use cannabis or 2 1/2 ounces of a combination of adult use cannabis and cannabis concentrate that includes no more than $\$ 10$ grams of cannabis concentrate from a cannabis store; and

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 397

H.P. 916 - L.D. 1420

**An Act to Strengthen Maine's
Elementary and Secondary
Education System by
Clarifying Purposes and
Procedures for Reviews of
Schools**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §258-A, as amended by PL 1985, c. 142, §1, is further amended to read:

§258-A. Inspection of schools

1. Petition or request. The commissioner shall inspect a school or schools in a school administrative unit or a private school approved for tuition purposes that enrolls 60% or more publicly funded students and report the findings and recommendations to the appropriate school board, addressing the concerns of the petition in light of applicable school approval standards, when:

A. Petitioned by 60% of the parents of the children of one school;

B. Requested by the school board or superintendent of schools or, if regarding a private school approved for tuition purposes, the school board of the qualified sending school administrative unit; or

C. Petitioned by 20% of the registered voters of the unit or qualified sending school administrative unit.

For the purposes of this subsection, "qualified sending school administrative unit" means a school administrative unit that contracts for school privileges under section 2701 for at least 20% of its resident students to attend the private school approved for tuition purposes that is the subject of the request or petition.

2. Periodic reviews. The commissioner shall periodically review all public schools and all private schools which that receive public funds; to determine their compliance with the applicable provisions of this Title and the Maine Human Rights Act.

3. Special reviews. The commissioner shall fulfill the monitoring functions required by any state or federal grants to school units or schools.

4. Private schools. The commissioner may, as a condition of approval, inspect any private school which that applies for approval status.

5. Comprehensive reviews. Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year and every 2 years thereafter, the commissioner shall conduct a comprehensive review of 5 schools, school administrative units or private schools approved for tuition purposes selected at random. If a school, school administrative unit or private school approved for tuition purposes is selected, and at the time of selection is within 2 years of an accreditation review by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges or its successor organization or has been through a comprehensive review under this subsection in the last 10 years, the commissioner shall randomly select a different school, school administrative unit or private school approved for tuition purposes in its place. For selected schools, school administrative units and private schools approved for tuition purposes:

A. The commissioner shall notify the school, school administrative unit or private school approved for tuition purposes no later than 14 days before the date the review is to take place;

B. On receipt of the notice described in paragraph A, the school, school administrative unit or private school approved for tuition purposes shall ensure that the physical site of the school or schools under review are available for inspection and make available to the commissioner documents related to:

(1) Basic school approval standards under this Title;

(2) Compliance with the Maine Human Rights Act;

(3) The statewide assessment program established under section 6202;

(4) Implementation of the system of learning results established in section 6209; and

(5) Health and safety requirements; and

C. The commissioner shall provide a school, school administrative unit or private school approved for tuition purposes that is unable to demonstrate compliance with basic school approval standards or other requirements of this Title with a corrective action plan.

If the commissioner finds that a school, school administrative unit or private school approved for tuition purposes is not in compliance with the Maine Human Rights Act, the commissioner shall refer the finding to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4504, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 859, Pt. A, §§20 and 25, is amended to read:

1. Implementation. The commissioner shall determine which schools and school units are in compliance with the basic school approval standards, in accordance with the procedures of the basic school approval rules and the provisions of this Title, and the Maine Human Rights Act.

If the commissioner finds that a school or school administrative unit is not in compliance with the Maine Human Rights Act, the commissioner shall refer the finding to the Maine Human Rights Commission.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 398

H.P. 877 - L.D. 1363

An Act to Support Extraction of Common Minerals by Amending the Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §490-MM, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Cement. "Cement" means any of various calcined mixtures of clay and limestone that can be mixed with water and used as an ingredient in making mortar or concrete.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §490-MM, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 653, §23 and affected by §33, is amended to read:

8. Metallic mineral. "Metallic mineral" means any mineral, ore or excavated material ~~to be excavated from the natural deposits on or in the earth for its metallic mineral content to be used for commercial or industrial purposes.~~ "Metallic mineral" ~~does not include thorium or uranium that has metal or a metalloid element as its economically valuable constituent, regardless of the chemical end product of the metal or metalloid element.~~

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §490-MM, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 653, §23 and affected by §33, is amended to read:

11. Mining, mining operation or mining activity. "Mining," "mining operation" or "mining activity" means activities, facilities or processes necessary for the extraction or removal of metallic minerals or overburden or for the preparation, washing, cleaning or other treatment of metallic minerals and includes the bulk sampling, advanced exploration, extraction or beneficiation of metallic minerals as well as waste storage and other stockpiles and reclamation activities, but does not include exploration ~~or any of the following activities:~~

A. The physical extraction, crushing, grinding, sorting, storage or heating of calcium carbonate or limestone to produce cement when such activity is subject to article 6, article 8-A or Title 12, chapter 206-A or when such activity covers one acre or less of surface area in total;

B. The exploration for or physical extraction, crushing, grinding, sorting or storage of borrow, topsoil, clay or silt when such activity is subject to article 7 or Title 12, chapter 206-A or when such activity covers 5 acres or less of surface area in total;

C. The exploration for or physical extraction, crushing, grinding, sorting or storage of gemstones, aggregate, dimension stone or other construction materials from a quarry that is subject to article 8-A or Title 12, chapter 206-A or when such activity covers one acre or less of surface area in total; and

D. The exploration for or physical extraction, crushing, grinding, sorting or storage of any other metallic minerals when such activity has been excluded from the requirements of this article pursuant to a determination made by the department under section 490-NN, subsection 4.

Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §490-NN, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Determination of applicability of Maine Metallic Mineral Mining Act requirements. As provided in this subsection and following the adoption of rules by the department pursuant to this subsection, a person proposing to conduct exploration for or physical extraction, crushing, grinding, sorting or storage of metallic minerals as described in section 490-MM, subsection 11, paragraph D may request a written determination from the department that the requirements of this article do not apply to the activity. The department shall adopt rules governing the requirements for issuance of such a determination under this subsection, which must include, but are not limited to:

A. Provisions for ensuring that the activity will generate only mine waste that does not have the potential to create acid rock drainage, alkali rock drainage or drainage or other discharges that could cause violations of water quality criteria or standards other than sedimentation or turbidity and will not release or expose radioactive or other materials that could endanger human health or the environment. The provisions under this paragraph must include, but are not limited to, preextraction sampling requirements;

B. Provisions for ensuring that the activity, if excluded from the requirements of this article, is subject to requirements of article 6, article 7, article 8-A or Title 12, chapter 206-A as applicable, including, but not limited to, applicable requirements and standards under those laws regarding the effect of the activity on wildlife habitat and other protected natural resources; and

C. Provisions for requiring monitoring as necessary to demonstrate compliance with applicable standards and to protect water quality and human health during and after the activity.

An activity excluded from the requirements of this article as determined by the department pursuant to this subsection is not subject to the otherwise applicable requirements of this article, the otherwise applicable rules adopted pursuant to this article, except for those rules adopted by the department pursuant to this subsection, or the fees for metallic mineral mining set forth in section 352, subsection 4-A. Rules adopted by the department pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §490-NN, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Mining excise tax. A person engaging in mining activities pursuant to this article and a person, pursuant to article 6, article 7, article 8-A or Title 12, chapter 206-A, engaging in activities described in section 490-MM, subsection 11, paragraph D following a determination by the department under subsection 4 is subject to the mining excise tax under Title 36, chapter 371. A person engaging in the activities described in section 490-MM, subsection 11, paragraphs A to C is not subject to the mining excise tax under Title 36, chapter 371.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 399
S.P. 278 - L.D. 720**

**An Act to Expand Eligibility
for Supervised Community
Confinement for Prisoners with
a Prognosis Likely to Result in
an Incapacitating Medical
Condition**

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

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3036-A, sub-§10, as amended by PL 2021, c. 376, §5, 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 2-A 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 that care outside a correctional facility is not medically appropriate, the commissioner shall revoke the transfer to supervised community confinement.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3036-A, sub-§13, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 376, §7, is amended to read:

13. **Data tracking.** The department shall track data for all prisoners who apply for supervised community confinement and approval, denial and, if approved, completion of the program. Such data must include, but is not limited to, demographic data regarding race and ethnicity, gender, age and convictions leading to the prisoner's current incarceration. The department shall publish on its publicly accessible website the data tracked pursuant to this subsection in a manner that does not violate the confidentiality requirements of section 1216 or any other provision of state or federal law.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 400
S.P. 328 - L.D. 769**

An Act to Reduce the Enrollment Requirement for Minor Political Parties That Seek Official Party Status

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §301, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2021, c. 335, §1, is further amended to read:

E. The party's candidate for Governor or for President received at least 5% of the total votes cast in the State for Governor or for President in the last preceding gubernatorial or presidential election or at least ~~10,000~~ 5,000 voters were enrolled in the party as of the last general election, except that a qualified party does not have to meet the requirements of this paragraph until the 2nd general election after it has qualified and thereafter.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 401
S.P. 323 - L.D. 764**

An Act to Ensure That Effective Dates of First Special Session Direct Initiatives of Legislation Will Occur After the November 2023 Election

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 Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 provides that the electors may propose to the Legislature, for its consideration, any bill, resolve or resolution by written petition, and the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, chapter 11 sets out

the procedure for such a people's direct initiative of legislation; and

Whereas, 4 direct initiatives were introduced during the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature; and

Whereas, 3 of those direct initiatives concern participation in the political process; and

Whereas, unless enacted by the Legislature without change, those direct initiatives will be presented to voters on the general election to be held on November 7, 2023; and

Whereas, participation in elections may entail "core political speech" protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, the Legislature desires to consider enacting one or more of the direct initiatives without change during the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature without affecting participation in the November general election; and

Whereas, the effective date of any direct initiative enacted during the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, which is 90 days after adjournment, may occur during the November election cycle, which may result in a change to the election rules in the middle of an election and thereby affect participation in the November general election; and

Whereas, this Act seeks to delay the effective date of any direct initiative enacted during the First Special Session until after the November 2023 election in order to not affect participation in this election, but not to otherwise change the direct initiatives as proposed to the Legislature by the electors; 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. Effective date. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, bills enacted during the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature that are direct initiatives of legislation pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 and are identified as L.D. 1610, "An Act to Prohibit Campaign Spending by Foreign Governments and Promote an Anticorruption Amendment to the United States Constitution," L.D. 1611, "An Act to Create the Pine Tree Power Company, a Nonprofit, Customer-owned Utility," and L.D. 1772, "An Act to Require Voter Approval of Certain Borrowing by Government-controlled Entities and Utilities and to Provide Voters More Information Regarding That Borrowing," have an effective date of January 1, 2024, unless the direct initiative provides for an

effective date later than January 1, 2024, in which case the effective date in that direct initiative applies.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 9, 2023.

**CHAPTER 402
H.P. 613 - L.D. 966**

An Act to Align the Automobile Title Requirements with Those of Antique Automobiles

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §652, sub-§13, as amended by PL 2009, c. 435, §10, is further amended to read:

~~13. Certain automobiles, commercial vehicles and vehicles~~ **Vehicles more than 25 years old.** ~~Automobiles and all over-the-road commercial vehicles with a model year prior to 1995~~ **Vehicles more than 25 years old,** except when the Secretary of State determines it is in the best interest of the State and the applicant to issue a title to a vehicle ~~with a model year prior to 1995~~ **more than 25 years old;**

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming updates.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,271	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$7,271	\$0

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 403
S.P. 581 - L.D. 1463**

An Act to Amend the Definition of "Farming" Under the Motor Vehicle Laws to Include Equines Not Raised for Racing

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§17-A is enacted to read:

17-A. Commercial track. "Commercial track" has the same meaning as in Title 8, section 275-A, subsection 1.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§23, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

23. Farming. "Farming" means engaging in farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil as a livelihood and includes dairying; raising livestock, equines not raised for racing at a commercial track, freshwater fish, fur-bearing animals or poultry; producing, cultivating, growing and harvesting fruit, produce or floricultural or horticultural commodities; or any practices on a farm that are incident to or in conjunction with these farming operations. For the purposes of this Title, "farming" does not include forestry, or the growing of timber or the operation of a farm for recreational activity.

Sec. 3. Report. By November 6, 2024, the Secretary of State shall provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters that describes the financial impact to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles from including "equines not raised for racing at a commercial track" in the definition of "farming" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 23. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 404
S.P. 677 - L.D. 1690**

An Act Regarding Ongoing Absentee Voting and Tracking of Absentee Ballots

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

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §753-A, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. UUUU, §3 and affected by §7, is amended to read:

8. Application for ongoing absentee voter status. ~~A voter who will be at least 65 years of age by the next election or who self-identifies as having a disability~~ may apply for status as an ongoing absentee voter. Each qualified applicant must automatically receive an absentee ballot for each ensuing statewide election, municipal election and any other election for which the voter is entitled to vote and need not submit a separate request for each election.

A. An application for status as an ongoing absentee voter must be made by a voter using procedures designed by the Secretary of State. ~~These procedures~~

~~must include a process for notifying the voter that if the voter moves out of the municipality, that voter's status as an ongoing absentee voter in that municipality terminates.~~ A voter may obtain assistance in completing an application for ongoing absentee voter status pursuant to subsection 5.

B. The clerk or Secretary of State shall terminate a voter's ongoing absentee voter status only upon:

- (1) The written request of the voter;
- (2) The death or disqualification of the voter;
- (3) The cancellation of the voter's registration record in the central voter registration system;
- (4) The return of an absentee ballot as undeliverable; or
- ~~(5) The failure of the voter to vote by absentee ballot for a general election; or~~
- (6) The designation of the voter's status as inactive in the central voter registration system.

This subsection does not apply to uniformed service voters or overseas voters who are covered by the federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 52 United States Code, Section 20302 (2019).

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect December 31, 2025.

Effective December 31, 2025.

**CHAPTER 405
H.P. 1289 - L.D. 2010**

**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. 3 MRSA §995, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 682, §1, is amended to read:

5. Coordination with State Auditor; complaints alleging fraud, waste, inefficiency or abuse. The director may access confidential information disclosed by the State Auditor under Title 5, section ~~244-D~~ 244-E, subsection 3 in order to ensure appropriate agency referral or coordination between agencies to respond appropriately to all complaints made under Title 5, section ~~244-D~~ 244-E.

Sec. A-2. 4 MRSA §116, first ¶, as amended by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. B, §1, is further amended to read:

All revenue received by the Supreme Judicial Court or Superior Court, whether directly or pursuant to an agreement entered into with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, from fines, forfeitures, penalties, fees and costs accrues to the State, except as otherwise provided under section 1057; Title 7, section 3910-A; Title 12, section 10203; Title 17, section 1015; Title 23, section 1653; Title 29-A, section 2602; and Title 34-A, section ~~1210-D~~ 1210-E, subsection ~~§ 8~~.

Sec. A-3. Effective date. That section of this Part that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 116 takes effect July 1, 2023.

Sec. A-4. 4 MRSA §163, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. B, §2, is further amended to read:

1. District Court funds. Except as otherwise provided by law, all fines, forfeitures, surcharges, assessments and fees collected in any division of the District Court or by the violations bureau must be paid to the clerk of that District Court, who shall deposit them in a special account in a timely manner. Once each month, the clerk shall remit the sums to the Treasurer of State, who shall credit them to the General Fund. At the same time, the clerk shall remit the sums that have been collected in accordance with section 1057; Title 5, chapter 316-A; Title 7, section 3910-A; Title 17, section 1015; Title 29-A, section 2411, subsection 7; and Title 34-A, section ~~1210-D~~ 1210-E, subsection ~~§ 8~~. Funds received by the clerk as bail in criminal cases must be deposited daily in a special account. The clerk shall deposit the funds in an interest-bearing account unless the clerk determines that it is not cost-effective to do so. Interest accrued in the account is the property of and accrues to the State. The forfeiture and setoff of bail is governed as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. A-5. Effective date. That section of this Part that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 163, subsection 1 takes effect July 1, 2023.

Sec. A-6. 5 MRSA §1622, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 21, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (7) to read:

(7) For a ~~good~~ goods or a service the vendor did not provide.

Sec. A-7. 5 MRSA §1762, first ¶, as amended by PL 2021, c. 554, §3, is further amended to read:

A public improvement, as defined in this chapter, public school facility or other building or addition constructed or substantially renovated in whole or in part with public funds or using public loan guarantees, with an area in excess of 5,000 square feet, may not be constructed without having secured from the designer an evaluation of life-cycle costs, as computed by a qualified architect or engineer. The requirements of this section with respect to substantial renovation pertain only to that portion of the building being renovated. Construction may proceed only upon disclosing, for the design chosen, the life-cycle costs as determined in section 1764 and the capitalization of the initial construction costs of the facility or building. The life-cycle costs must be a primary consideration in the selection of the design. ~~As~~ At a minimum, the design must meet the energy efficiency building performance standards adopted by the Department of Public Safety in the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code as defined in Title 10, section 9721, subsection 2.

Sec. A-8. 5 MRSA §1764, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 554, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Bureau of General Services to adopt rules and procedures. The Bureau of General Services shall adopt rules, including energy conservation guidelines that conform ~~as~~ at a minimum to the energy efficiency building performance standards adopted by the Department of Public Safety for conducting an energy-related life-cycle costs analysis of alternative architectural or engineering designs, or both, and shall evaluate the efficiency of energy utilization for designs in the construction and lease of public improvements and public school facilities.

Sec. A-9. 5 MRSA §1831, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 785, §3, is further amended to read:

1. Adoption of rules. ~~Every~~ A department or agency of State Government, subject to chapters 141 to 152, purchasing services or awarding grants or contracts ~~which that~~ are not subject to the authority of the Department of ~~Administration~~ Administrative and Financial Services, as defined in chapters 153 and 155, shall establish a procedure by which these services are purchased or by which grants or contracts are awarded. This procedure must be adopted in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, ~~chapter 375~~ no

~~later than January 1, 1991~~ and must be approved by the State Purchasing Agent prior to ~~their~~ the procedure's adoption. The State Purchasing Agent shall ensure that the rules adopted under this section meet the standards of public notice, administrative review, and rights to appeal as set forth in chapter 155, subchapter ~~1-A.~~ Any 1-A. A department or agency of State Government that does not adopt rules under this section ~~by January 1, 1991,~~ is subject to rules adopted by the State Purchasing Agent under chapter 155, subchapter ~~1-A~~ 1-A.

Sec. A-10. 5 MRSA §1831, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. A, §76, is further amended to read:

3. Application. The procedure adopted by a department or agency ~~in~~ under this section may be used by the department or agency for any qualifying purchase or award of a contract or grant. ~~Nothing in this~~ This section may ~~not~~ not be construed to require the adoption of new procedures for every new purchase, contract or award. ~~Nothing in this~~ This section may ~~not~~ not be construed to require the State Purchasing Agent or the Department of ~~Administration~~ Administrative and Financial Services to approve any contract, grant or award that is not presently approved by the State Purchasing Agent or the Department of ~~Administration~~ Administrative and Financial Services under chapters 153 and 155.

Sec. A-11. 5 MRSA §4592, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 393, §22, is amended to read:

C. A failure to take steps ~~that may be necessary~~ to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded, denied services, segregated or otherwise treated differently than other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services, unless, in the case of a private entity, the private entity can demonstrate that taking those steps would fundamentally alter the nature of the good goods, service, facility, privilege, advantage or accommodation being offered or would result in an undue burden;

Sec. A-12. 5 MRSA §4592, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 393, §24, is amended to read:

B. To afford an individual or a class of individuals, on the basis of a disability or disabilities of the individual or class, directly or through contractual, licensing or other arrangements, with the opportunity to participate in or benefit from a ~~good~~ goods or a service, facility, privilege, advantage or accommodation in a manner that is not equal to that afforded to other individuals; and

Sec. A-13. 5 MRSA §4592, sub-§4, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 393, §24, is amended to read:

C. To provide an individual or a class of individuals, on the basis of a disability or disabilities of the individual or class, directly or through contractual, licensing or other arrangements, with a ~~good~~ goods or a service, facility, privilege, advantage or

accommodation that is different or separate from that provided to other individuals, unless this action is necessary to provide the individual or class of individuals with a good, goods or a service, facility, privilege, advantage or accommodation or other opportunity that is as effective as that provided to others.

Sec. A-14. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§49-C, as corrected by RR 2013, c. 1, §12, is amended to read:

49-C.

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife	Landowners and Sportsmen	Not Authorized	12 MRSA §10157
	<u>Land Users</u>		
	Relations Advisory Board		

Sec. A-15. 5 MRSA §17928, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 384, §8 and amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §45, is further amended to read:

A member who by election remains covered, as to qualification for benefits, under section 17924 as written prior to its amendment by Public Law 1991, chapter 887, section 7, qualifies for a disability retirement benefit on meeting the requirements of section 17924, subsection 1, ~~paragraphs C and D~~. When a member so qualified retires after approval for disability retirement by the chief executive officer in accordance with this ~~Article~~ article, the member is entitled to receive a disability retirement benefit equal to 66 2/3% of the member's average final compensation.

Sec. A-16. 5 MRSA §18252-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 90, §1 and c. 286, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. Except as provided by section 18252-C, a person hired by a participating local district, or rehired following a break in service, after the date on which the employer provides a plan under section 18252-B must elect at the time of initial hiring or rehiring whether to be a member under the Participating Local District Retirement Program or to be covered under a plan provided by the employer under section 18252-B.

Sec. A-17. 5 MRSA §18252-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 90, §2 and c. 286, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

B. An employee of the participating local district who is a member under the Participating Local District Retirement Program on the date on which the employer provides a plan under section 18252-B may elect to remain a member under that program or to become covered under a plan provided by the employer under section 18252-B. Except as provided by section 18252-C, a person must make an election within 90 days of the date on which the employer provides a plan under section 18252-B.

(1) If that person elects not to remain a member, the election is effective as of the first day of the month in which no contributions or pick-up contributions are made to the Participating Local District Retirement Program by that person. A person who elects not to remain a member may, at that person's discretion, withdraw accumulated contributions in accordance with section 18306-A.

Sec. A-18. 5 MRSA §18453, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 364, §2 and c. 370, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Employee Special Plan #2. Except as provided in this subsection, a retirement benefit to police officers, firefighters, sheriffs, full-time deputy sheriffs, county corrections employees, dispatchers, emergency medical services persons as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12 or any other participating local district employees who have completed 20 to 25 years of creditable service, the number of years to be selected by the participating local district. A participating local district may not elect to provide retirement benefits to its dispatchers in a plan that requires less than 25 years of creditable service. For the purposes of this subsection, "county corrections employees" means employees of the county who are employed at a county jail and whose duties include contact with prisoners or juvenile detainees. The benefits are 1/2 of the member's average final compensation.

Sec. A-19. 5 MRSA §18453, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2019, c. 364, §3 and c. 370, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Firefighter, Emergency Medical Services Person and Dispatcher Special Plan #1. A retirement benefit equal to 1/2 of the member's average final compensation to a firefighter, including the chief of a fire department, a dispatcher or an emergency medical services person as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, who has completed at least 25 years of creditable service in that capacity and who retires upon or after reaching 55 years of age.

Sec. A-20. 5 MRSA §18453, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 364, §4 and c. 370, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Firefighter, Emergency Medical Services Person and Dispatcher Special Plan #2. A retirement benefit to a firefighter, including the chief of a fire department, a dispatcher or an emergency medical services person as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, who has completed at least 25 years of creditable service in that capacity and who retires upon or after reaching 55 years of age. The benefits are 2/3 of the member's average final compensation.

Sec. A-21. 5 MRSA §18453, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2019, c. 364, §5 and c. 370, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

5. Firefighter, Emergency Medical Services Person and Dispatcher Special Plan #3. Except as provided in this subsection, a retirement benefit to a firefighter, including the chief of a fire department, a dispatcher or an emergency medical services person as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, who has completed 20 to 25 years of creditable service in that capacity, the number of years to be selected by the participating local district, and who retires at any age. A participating local district may not elect to provide retirement benefits to its dispatchers in a plan that requires less than 25 years of creditable service. The benefits are 2/3 of the member's average final compensation.

Sec. A-22. 10 MRSA §1105, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 175, §1, is further amended to read:

C. "Necessities" includes food for human or animal consumption; seeds; potable water; pharmaceutical products, including prescription medications; wearing apparel; shoes; building materials; gas and electricity for light, heat and power; ice; fuel of all kinds; and fertilizer and fertilizer ingredients; together with tools, utensils, implements, machinery and equipment required for the actual production or manufacture of the same. "Necessities" includes any other vital or necessary ~~good~~ goods or service except those:

- (1) Subject to continuous maximum price regulation under the provisions of any state or federal law;
- (2) As to which the State's authority is preempted; or
- (3) Furnished or provided by:
 - (a) Insurers; or
 - (b) Nonprofit hospitals, medical service organizations or health maintenance organizations authorized to transact business within the State pursuant to Title 24 and Title 24-A.

Sec. A-23. 10 MRSA §1500-G, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 302, §1, is amended to read:

1. False representation of authentic Indian products. A person may not offer or display for sale or sell ~~a good goods~~ goods in a manner that falsely suggests ~~it is the goods are~~ the goods are Indian-produced, ~~an Indian product products~~ an Indian product products or the ~~product products~~ product products of a particular Indian or Indian tribe or Indian arts and crafts organization in a manner that violates 25 United States Code, Section 305e.

Sec. A-24. 12 MRSA §543, sub-§1, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §3, is amended to read:

1. Director. The executive head of the survey, referred to in this section as "the director," holds the offices of director of the survey and State Geologist. The

executive head of the survey shall personally attend to the duties of those offices so far as practicable.

Sec. A-25. 12 MRSA §6404-J, first ¶, as amended by PL 2013, c. 49, §6, is further amended to read:

The commissioner shall suspend or revoke the elver fishing license of any license holder convicted of violating section 6575 ~~or 6575-A~~.

Sec. A-26. 12 MRSA §6525-A, sub-§1, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §56, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Setting nets or seines near weirs. A person, other than a weir owner or the weir owner's crew members, may not set or assist in setting a net or seine within 2,000 feet of the mouth of a weir that is:

- A. In operating condition;
- B. Licensed under Title 38, chapter 9; and
- C. Operated by an operator who is licensed under section 6501.

Sec. A-27. 12 MRSA §10157, as amended by PL 2015, c. 277, §2 to 8, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§10157. Landowners and Sportsmen Land Users Relations Advisory Board

Sec. A-28. 12 MRSA §10157, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 277, §3, is amended to read:

1-A. Appointment and composition. The Landowners and ~~Sportsmen~~ Land Users Relations Advisory Board, referred to in this chapter as "the advisory board" and established by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 49-C, consists of the following members:

- A. Eleven members, appointed by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife:
 - (1) One representative of a statewide small woodland owners association;
 - (2) One representative of a large landowners association;
 - (3) One representative of a statewide farmers organization;
 - (4) Three representatives ~~of sportsmen who hunt, fish or trap;~~ of sportsmen who hunt, fish or trap;
 - (5) Two representatives of outdoor recreationists;
 - (6) Two representatives of environmentalist organizations; and
 - (7) One representative of land trust organizations.

Sec. A-29. 12 MRSA §10255, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. Y, §4, is further amended to read:

3. Distribution from fund. Money distributed from the fund may be used for marketing the plates and for the production and marketing of goods using the environmental plate design. After the Treasurer of State has reimbursed the Secretary of State for costs of producing and issuing environmental registration plates in accordance with Title 29-A, section 455, the Treasurer of State shall, at the end of each quarter in the fiscal year, distribute the balance in the fund as follows:

- A. Sixty percent of the balance must be deposited in the Parks General Operations Fund established in section 1825, subsection 1-A; and
- B. Forty percent of the balance must be deposited in the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund established in section 10253.

Sec. A-30. 12 MRSA §10353, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) A warden shall, when possible, while in and about the woods, caution all sportsmen participants in outdoor recreation of the danger from fires in the woods and, if possible, extinguish a fire left burning by anyone.

Sec. A-31. 12 MRSA §12503, sub-§2, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §23, is amended to read:

2. Land used for agricultural purposes; domicile. 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.

Sec. A-32. 15 MRSA §321, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 619, is amended to read:

- A. A person is charged with or convicted of a violation of Title 17-A, ~~sections~~ section 201, 202, 203, 204, 207, 207-A, 208, 208-A, 208-B, 208-C, 208-D, 208-E, 208-F, 209, 209-A, 210, 210-A, 210-B, 210-C, 211, 252, 253, 301, 302, 303, 506-A or 556;

Sec. A-33. 17 MRSA c. 3, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. A-34. 17-A MRSA §1111-B, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 724, §1, is amended by amending subparagraph (17) to read:

- (17) Violation of a protection from harassment order issued pursuant to Title 5, chapter 337-A, a protective order in crimes between family members issued pursuant to Title 15, chapter 12-A or a protection from abuse order issued pursuant to Title 19-A, former chapter 101 or Title 19-A, chapter 103;

Sec. A-35. 19-A MRSA §1658, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 340, §2, is amended to read:

- C. A final order, other than in a protection from abuse matter under former chapter 101 or chapter 103, that has been in effect for at least 12 months grants the petitioner exclusive parental rights and responsibilities with respect to all aspects of the child's welfare, with the exception of the right and responsibility for support, without reserving for the parent any rights to make decisions, to have access to records or to have contact with the child, and termination of the parent's parental rights and responsibilities is necessary to protect the child from serious harm or the threat of serious harm.

Sec. A-36. 20-A MRSA §1311, sub-§6, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

- E. If a certificate of approval indicates that the state board has authorized state aid to be paid in accordance with the alternate method prescribed by former Title 20, section 3460, the total estimated amount of state aid payable on account of the school construction project described in the certificate of approval ~~shall~~ must be treated as outstanding school indebtedness for the purpose of computing the borrowing capacity of the district to finance that project by issuing its bonds or notes. State aid ~~shall~~ must be determined by applying the applicable percentage of state aid to the total estimated cost of the project, as set forth in the certificate of approval.

Sec. A-37. 20-A MRSA §1352, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

- C. When a referendum is called for the purposes of approving the addition of a municipality to the district, the article ~~shall~~ must be in the form set forth in section ~~1401~~ 1465, subsection 2, ~~paragraph A 3~~.

Sec. A-38. 20-A MRSA §1352, sub-§2, ¶I, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

- I. When a referendum is called for the purpose of approving the agreement to transfer a municipality from one district to another district, the article ~~shall~~

must be the form set forth in section ~~1406~~ 1467, subsection 2.

Sec. A-39. 20-A MRSA §1462, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13, is amended to read:

3. Financing assumed debts. A regional school unit shall assume the outstanding indebtedness of a school administrative unit in existence prior to the operational date of the new regional school unit for school construction projects approved for subsidy under chapter 609 and pursuant to section 1506. If a regional school unit board of directors has assumed the outstanding indebtedness of a school administrative unit in existence prior to the operational date of the new regional school unit, the directors of the regional school unit board may, notwithstanding any other statute or any provision of any trust agreement, use any sinking fund or other money set aside by the school administrative unit in existence prior to the operational date of the new regional school unit to pay off the indebtedness for which the money was dedicated. A regional school unit board of directors is not required to assume the outstanding indebtedness of a school administrative unit in existence prior to the operational date of the new regional school unit in its regional school unit for nonstate-funded projects pursuant to section 15905-A and pursuant to section ~~1481~~ 1481-A.

Sec. A-40. 20-A MRSA §1463, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13, is amended to read:

2. Transfer of governing authority. The regional school unit board of directors, on the date established pursuant to subsection 1, shall assume responsibility for the management and control of the public schools and programs within the school administrative units in existence prior to the operational date of the new regional school unit that are within the regional school unit. Those school administrative units in existence prior to the operational date of the new regional school unit on the date established in subsection 1 have no further responsibility for the operation or control of the public schools and programs within the school administrative unit except those pursuant to section ~~1481~~ 1481-A.

Sec. A-41. 20-A MRSA §2404, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 448, §3, is further amended to read:

C. Except as provided in paragraphs G, H, and I and ~~K~~, if capacity is insufficient to enroll all students who wish to attend the school, the public charter school shall select students through a random selection process. A list maintained to fill potential vacancies may be carried over to the succeeding year.

Sec. A-42. 20-A MRSA §4805, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 719, §2, is amended to read:

6. National Women's History Week. National Women's History Week is the week containing March 8th, ~~in accordance with Title 1, section 122.~~

Sec. A-43. 20-A MRSA §5813, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

§5813. Driver education

Students may be charged a fee for driver education as provided under section ~~4604~~ 8704.

Sec. A-44. 20-A MRSA §6601-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. E, §1 and c. 719, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§6601-A. Free or reduced-price school meals; Internet-based school meal applications

The department shall contract for the development and implementation of an Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 and the School Breakfast Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 220. The department shall make available to public schools the Internet-based application for free or reduced-price meals developed under this section on the department's publicly accessible website. The department shall make the Internet-based application in an understandable and uniform format and, to the maximum extent practicable, in a language that parents and legal guardians can understand. A public school may make the Internet-based application available for school meal applications on the public school's publicly accessible website. All public schools shall continue to distribute paper applications for school meals to all students. A public school is solely responsible for processing that school's online applications. Data submitted through the Internet-based application may not be visible to the department and must be transmitted directly to the applicable public school. All public schools shall accept data submitted through the Internet-based application.

Sec. A-45. 20-A MRSA §8457, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 398, §26, is further amended to read:

1. General powers and duties. A cooperative board has all of the powers and duties of a school board as provided in section 1001, subsections 1, 2, 4 to 7 and 11-A to 19; section 1002; section 1256, subsections 1, 2 and 4 to 7; section 1257; ~~sections 1313 to section 1314~~; section 1315; section 4801; section 13201; and section 13202. For such purposes, references in those sections to "school administrative unit," "administrative unit," "school unit," "unit," "school administrative district," "district," "regional school unit," "RSU," "alternative organizational structure" or "AOS" mean career and technical education region; references in those sections to "school board," "school committee," "board," "board of directors" or "directors" mean cooperative board; references in those sections to "director" mean a

member of a cooperative board; and references in those sections to "they" mean either, as appropriate in the context, cooperative board or members of the cooperative board.

Sec. A-46. 20-A MRSA §9501, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 369, Pt. A, §29 and PL 2011, c. 286, Pt. B, §5, is further amended to read:

2. Exemptions. Educational programs related to the real estate professions that are subject to approval under Title 32, chapter ~~59~~ 114, commercial driver education schools subject to approval by the Secretary of State under Title 29-A, chapter 11, subchapter 3, schools of barbering and schools of cosmetology subject to approval by the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation under Title 32, chapter 126, educational programs offered by any Maine nonprofit corporation, any educational programs offered by any professional or trade association primarily for the benefit of its own members and any educational institution authorized by the laws of this State to grant a degree are exempt from the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. A-47. 21-A MRSA §1062-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 563, §18, is further amended to read:

1. Registration. A political action committee required to register under section 1052-A, 1053-A or 1053-B or a ballot question committee required to register under section 1053-A or ~~1056-B~~ that fails to do so or that fails to provide the information required by the commission for registration may be assessed a fine of no more than \$2,500. In assessing a fine, the commission shall consider, among other things, whether the violation was intentional, the amount of campaign and financial activity that occurred before the committee registered, whether the committee intended to conceal its campaign or financial activity and the level of experience of the committee's volunteers and staff.

Sec. A-48. 21-A MRSA §1062-A, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 563, §19, is further amended to read:

4. Maximum penalties. The maximum penalty under this subchapter is \$10,000 for reports required under section 1053-A, ~~1056-B~~ or 1059, except that if the dollar amount of the financial activity that was not timely filed or did not substantially conform to the reporting requirements of this subchapter exceeds \$50,000, the maximum penalty is 100% of the dollar amount of that financial activity.

Sec. A-49. 21-A MRSA §1062-A, sub-§8-A, as amended by IB 2015, c. 1, §11, is further amended to read:

8-A. Penalties for failure to file report. The commission may assess a civil penalty for failure to file a report required by this subchapter. The maximum

penalty for failure to file a report required under ~~section 1056-B~~ or section 1059 is \$10,000 or the amount of financial activity not reported, whichever is greater.

Sec. A-50. 22 MRSA §1592, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 696, §186, is amended to read:

§1592. Discrimination for refusal

~~No~~ A person, hospital, health care facility, firm, association, corporation or educational institution, directly or indirectly, ~~by himself or another, shall~~ may not discriminate against ~~any~~ a physician, nurse or other person by refusing or withholding employment from or denying admittance, when ~~such that~~ physician, nurse or other person refuses to perform, or assist in the performance of an abortion, nor ~~shall such~~ may that refusal constitute grounds for loss of any privileges or immunities to which ~~such that~~ physician, nurse or other person would otherwise be entitled.

Sec. A-51. 22 MRSA §1722, sub-§1, ¶B, as reallocated by RR 2007, c. 2, §9, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

For the purposes of this paragraph, a hospital's total hospital-only expenses include any item that is listed on the hospital's Medicare cost report as a subprovider, such as a psychiatric unit or rehabilitation unit, and does not include nonhospital cost centers shown on the hospital's Medicare cost report, such as home health agencies, nursing facilities, swing beds, skilled nursing facilities and hospital-owned physician practices. For purposes of this paragraph, a hospital's bad debt is as defined and reported in the hospital's Medicare cost report and as submitted to the Maine Health Data Organization pursuant to ~~Title 22~~, chapter 1683.

Sec. A-52. 22 MRSA c. 405-C, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. A-53. 22 MRSA §2061, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 609, §3, is amended to read:

5. Projects for program of independent housing with services not required to be licensed. If the project is for a program of independent housing with services that is not required to be licensed under this Title, the participating health care facility has agreed to comply with the requirements applicable to assisted living providers with regard to the standardized contract under section ~~7916~~ 7862 and residents' rights under section ~~7902-A~~ 7853, subsection 6 and rules adopted pursuant to those provisions. This requirement does not apply to the refinancing of an authority loan outstanding on April 1, 2002 or to a project specifically authorized under this chapter.

Sec. A-54. 22 MRSA §2164, first ¶, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §126, is amended to read:

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or the commissioner's duly authorized

agent must have free access at all reasonable hours to any factory, warehouse or establishment in which foods are manufactured, processed, packed or held for introduction into commerce, or to enter any vehicle being used to transport or hold such foods in commerce for the purpose of:

Sec. A-55. 22 MRSA §2164, sub-§1 is amended to read:

1. Inspection. ~~Of inspecting such~~ Inspecting the factory, warehouse, establishment or vehicle to determine if any of the provisions of this subchapter are being violated; and

Sec. A-56. 22 MRSA §2164, sub-§2 is amended to read:

2. Examination of samples. ~~To secure~~ Securing samples or specimens of ~~any~~ food after paying or offering to pay for ~~such~~ the sample.

It ~~shall be~~ is the duty of the commissioner to make or cause to be made examination of samples secured under this section to determine whether or not any provision of this subchapter is being violated.

Sec. A-57. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§10, ¶E, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 331, §13 and c. 354, §5 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, 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 department 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-58. 22 MRSA §2430-G, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 367, §16, c. 387, §§14 and 15 and c. 669, §5, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (2) and enacting the following in its place:

(2) Keep the books and records maintained by the registered caregiver, registered dispensary, cannabis testing facility or manufacturing facility for a period of 4 years; and

Sec. A-59. 22 MRSA §2519-A, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 777, §1, is amended to read:

§2519-A. Detention

If a livestock product or poultry product or a product exempted from the definitions of "livestock product" and "poultry product" or any dead, dying, disabled or diseased livestock or poultry is found by an authorized representative of the commissioner upon premises where it is held for, during or after distribution in intrastate commerce or is otherwise subject to this chapter and there is reason to believe that the product or animal is adulterated or misbranded and is useable as human food or that it has not been inspected, in violation of the

provisions of this chapter or the federal acts or the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, or that the product or animal has been or is intended to be distributed in violation of any of these provisions, it may be detained by a representative for a period not to exceed 30 days, pending action under section ~~2522~~ 2524-A or notification of a federal authority having jurisdiction over the product or animal. The product or animal may not be moved by a person from the place at which it is located when detained, until released by the representative. All official marks may be required by the representative to be removed from the product or animal before it is released, unless it appears to the satisfaction of the commissioner or the commissioner's designee that the product or animal is eligible to retain the marks.

Sec. A-60. 22 MRSA §2660-E, first ¶, as amended by PL 1997, c. 705, §13, is further amended to read:

In addition to fees authorized under ~~Title 22-A~~, section ~~9 210~~, the commissioner may impose an annual operation fee upon each public water system in the State.

Sec. A-61. 22 MRSA §3173-C, sub-§3, ¶F, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §159, is amended to read:

F. Services furnished to an individual by a Health Maintenance Organization, as ~~defined~~ described in the United States Social Security Act, Section 1903(m), in which the individual is enrolled; and

Sec. A-62. 22 MRSA §3174-T, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 2001, c. 450, Pt. A, §3, is further amended to read:

E. Coverage under the Cub Care program may be purchased for children described in subparagraphs (1) and (2) for a period of up to 18 months as provided in this paragraph at a premium level that is revenue neutral and that covers the cost of the benefit and a contribution toward administrative costs no greater than the maximum level allowable under ~~COBRA~~ the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, COBRA, of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, 29 United States Code, Sections 1161 to 1168 (Supp. 1997). The department shall adopt rules to implement this paragraph. The following children are eligible to enroll under this paragraph:

(1) A child who is enrolled under paragraph A or B and whose family income at the end of the child's 12-month enrollment term exceeds the maximum allowable income set in that paragraph; and

(2) A child who is enrolled in the Medicaid program and whose family income exceeds the limits of that program. The department shall terminate Medicaid coverage for a child who

enrolls in the Cub Care program under this subparagraph.

Sec. A-63. 22 MRSA §3178, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §2, is amended to read:

§3178. Payment to conservator or guardian

If an applicant for or a recipient of aid is found by the department to be incapable of taking care of ~~himself or his~~ the applicant's or recipient's own health, welfare or money, payment shall must be made only to a legally appointed guardian or conservator for ~~his~~ the applicant's or recipient's benefit.

Sec. A-64. 22 MRSA §3203, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §3, is amended to read:

§3203. Report

~~On or before February 1, 1975, and thereafter annually, on or before September 1st, the department shall submit a detailed annual report on the federal supplemental income program and the state supplemental income program to the Governor in accordance with Title 5, sections 43, 44, 45 and 46 and to the Legislative Council. The report shall must include copies of all pertinent state and federal rules and regulations, and recommendations for policy, budgetary and legislative action, and any advisory recommendations as may be recommended by the Maine Committee on Aging and the Maine Human Services Council.~~

Sec. A-65. 22 MRSA §3271, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §3, is amended to read:

2. The department, to the extent allowed by Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act, as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder, shall establish, ~~with the advice of the Maine Committee on Aging and the Maine Human Services Council,~~ standard levels of state supplemental income benefits for blind, disabled and elderly people. The benefits ~~shall must~~ be provided under a modified flat benefit system, and may vary by marital status, and by living arrangements to the extent allowed by Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act, as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder. The benefits ~~shall may~~ not be based on individual budgeted need and ~~shall may~~ not vary by category or geographical area. Benefits for a couple, except as provided under section 3273, subsection 1, paragraph B, ~~shall must~~ be equal to the sum of the amount of benefit for an individual and 50% of the benefit for an individual.

Sec. A-66. 22 MRSA §4016, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 354, §4, is amended to read:

§4016. Confidentiality of employee records

Notwithstanding Title 5, section ~~554~~ 7070, subsection 2, paragraph E or any other provision of law, the confidentiality of employee records is abrogated in relation to required reporting, cooperating with the department or guardian ad litem in an investigation or

other child protective activity or giving evidence in a child protective proceeding.

Sec. A-67. 22 MRSA §4309, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. OO, §8, is further amended to read:

4. Eligibility of minors who are parents. An otherwise eligible person under the age of 18 who has never married and who has a dependent child or is pregnant is eligible only if that person and child reside in a dwelling maintained by a parent or other adult relative as that parent's or relative's own home or in a foster home, ~~maternity home~~ or other adult-supervised supportive living arrangement unless:

- A. The person has no living parent or the whereabouts of both parents are unknown;
- B. No parent will permit the person to live in the parent's home;
- C. The department determines that the physical or emotional health or safety of the person or dependent child would be jeopardized if that person and dependent child lived with a parent;
- D. The individual has lived apart from both parents for a period of at least one year before the birth of any dependent child; or
- E. The department determines, in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to this section, which must be in accordance with federal regulations, that there is good cause to waive this requirement.

For the purposes of this subsection, "parent" includes legal guardian.

Sec. A-68. 22 MRSA §5304, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 793, §12, is repealed.

Sec. A-69. 22 MRSA §5304, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1983, c. 409, §2, is repealed.

Sec. A-70. 22 MRSA §5305, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 793, §12, is amended to read:

State agencies shall cooperate fully with the bureau ~~and council~~ in carrying out this Part and Part 2. The bureau ~~and council~~ are is authorized to request such personnel, financial assistance, facilities and data as are reasonably required to assist the bureau ~~and council~~ to fulfill ~~their~~ the bureau's powers and duties.

Sec. A-71. 22 MRSA §5308, as amended by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. CCCC, §6, is further amended to read:

§5308. Office of Child and Family Services

There is within the Department of Health and Human Services the Office of Child and Family Services. The office must be a separate, distinct administrative unit, ~~which may that is~~ not be integrated in any way as a part or function of any other administrative unit of the department. The office is equal in organizational level and status with other major organizational units within

the department or its successors. The office is under the immediate and full supervision of the commissioner or the chief officer of whatsoever unit succeeds the department.

It is the intent of this Part that the office ~~shall function~~ function as a central office administrative unit of the department ~~with the advice of the council~~ and that the powers, duties, authority and responsibility of the office may not be delegated, decentralized or assigned to regional, local or other units of the department, except as provided in this section, ~~and~~ section 6108 ~~and Title 5, section 464~~. Regarding any portion of this Part and Part 2 that relate to provision of services directly to eligible people through staff employed subject to the Civil Service Law by the department or other organizational units of State Government, the office may carry out its powers and duties through regional or other administrative units of the department or State Government.

Regarding any portion of this Part and Part 2 that relate to development, execution and monitoring of agreements, the office shall carry out its powers and duties directly with public or private, nonprofit agencies without acting through other administrative units of the department as intermediaries, except as provided in section 6108. Functions relating to agreements do not require the approval of any other unit of the department, except as the office is responsible and accountable to the commissioner ~~and except as the office shall function with the advice of the council pursuant to Title 5, section 464 and with the consent of the Maine Committee on Aging pursuant to section 5112, subsection 3~~ and except as provided by section 6108.

The office is the sole agency of State Government responsible for administration of this Part and Part 2 subject to the direction of the commissioner. The office shall fully coordinate with appropriate state agencies and fully utilize existing support services.

Sec. A-72. 22 MRSA §5309, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §§213 to 215, is amended to read:
§5309. Director

The bureau is administered by a director.

The director ~~shall~~ must be a person qualified by training and experience with human services or by satisfactory experience of a comparable nature in the direction, organization and administration of public or private human services. The director ~~shall~~ must be immediately and fully responsible to the commissioner and ~~shall~~ may not be partially or indirectly responsible to any other official of the department.

The director shall serve full time in a position that is separate from and not integrated in any way with another position in the department. The director may not concurrently hold another title and shall perform duties

solely germane to the powers and duties pursuant to this Part and Part 2.

The director ~~shall possess~~ has full authority and responsibility for administering all the powers and duties of the bureau provided in section 5310, subject to the direction of the commissioner, ~~and with the advice of the council pursuant to section 5316, and the advice of the Maine Committee on Aging pursuant to section 5112, subsection 3~~, and except as otherwise provided in section 6108.

The director shall assume and discharge all responsibilities vested in the bureau. The director may not in any case assign to another unit of the department that is not responsible to the director any power or duty granted to the bureau by statute, or by rules or procedures adopted pursuant to this Part and Part 2.

The director may employ, subject to the Civil Service Law and within the limits of available funds, competent professional personnel and other staff necessary to carry out the purposes of this Part and Part 2. The director shall prescribe the duties of the staff and assign a sufficient number of staff full time to the bureau to achieve its powers and duties. Regarding the provision of human services by the bureau directly to eligible people, the director may arrange to house staff or assign staff who are responsible to the director to regional or other units of the department or State Government. Regarding the development, execution and monitoring of agreements, the director may not house nor assign staff to any other unit of the department or State Government. Such staff shall report solely and directly to the director. ~~The director shall assign staff to the council as provided in sections 5305 and 5315.~~

Sec. A-73. 22 MRSA §5310, first ¶, as amended by P&SL 1975, c. 90, §C, §5, is further amended to read:

The bureau shall establish in accordance with the purposes and intent of this Part and Part 2, ~~with the advice of the council and~~ subject to the direction of the commissioner, the overall planning, policy, objectives and priorities for all functions and activities relating to human services, including services to older people funded by Title IV or Title VI, or their successors or amendments or additions thereto of the United States Social Security Act, as amended, and excepting all other services to older people ~~which that~~ that are conducted or supported in the State. In order to carry out the above, the bureau ~~shall have~~ has the power and duty to:

Sec. A-74. 22 MRSA §5310, sub-§7, as amended by P&SL 1975, c. 90, §C, §5, is further amended to read:

7. Function as the organizational unit of State Government with the sole responsibility for conducting and coordinating, ~~with the advice of the council or of the committee and~~ subject to the direction of the commissioner, functions assigned to it by the commissioner,

and functions authorized by this Part and Part 2 and so much of the several Acts, amendments and successors to them enacted by the people of the State of Maine and those authorized by the United States Acts, amendments and successors to them as relate to human services, including services to older people funded by Titles IV and VI, or their successors or amendments or additions thereto of the United States Social Security Act, as amended, and excepting all other services to older people:

- A. The Priority Social Services Act of 1973 except services to older people in accordance with section 6108; and
- B. Title IV and VI, in their entirety, of the United States Social Security Act, as amended.

The bureau is designated as the single agency of State Government solely responsible for administering, subject to the direction of the commissioner, any state plans as may be required by the above Acts, and for administering programs or Acts of the State or United States relating to such human services ~~which~~ that are not the specific responsibility of another state agency under state or federal law;

Sec. A-75. 22 MRSA §5310, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 793, §12, is amended to read:

~~8. Assist, with the advice of the council, the Legislative and Executive Branches~~ legislative and executive branches of State Government, especially the Governor, commissioner and Bureau of the Budget, to coordinate all government efforts relating to human services, except services to older people, by:

- A. Submitting to each branch of State Government no later than September 1st of each year an annual report covering its activities for the immediately past fiscal year and future plans, ~~including reports of the committee;~~
- B. Reviewing all proposed legislation, fiscal activities, plans, policies and other administrative functions relating to ~~such~~ the human services made by or requested of all state agencies. The bureau ~~shall have~~ has the authority to submit to those bodies findings, comments and recommendations, which ~~shall be~~ are advisory. ~~Such~~ The findings and comments ~~shall~~ must recommend what modification in proposals or actions ~~shall~~ must be taken to make proposed legislation, fiscal activities and administrative activities consistent with such policies and priorities; and
- C. Making recommendations to the respective branches of State Government related to improving the quality of such human services and ~~shall consult~~ consulting with and ~~be~~ being consulted by all responsible state agencies regarding the policies, priorities and objectives of functions related to human services;

Sec. A-76. 22 MRSA §6203, as amended by PL 1989, c. 878, Pt. A, §64, is further amended to read:

§6203. Rules; agreements

1. Rules. The department shall ~~promulgate~~ adopt such rules as may be necessary for the effective administration of adult day care pursuant to this chapter, in accordance with ~~the Maine Administrative Procedure Act~~, Title 5, chapter 375. In the development of these rules, the department shall consult with ~~the Maine Committee on Aging~~, the associations representing care facilities and area agencies on aging.

2. Agreements. In order to provide adult day care and other services, the department may enter into agreements with long-term health care facilities and community-based programs, separate and distinct from any other agreements between the department and the same facility or programs.

~~Any~~ A facility or program providing adult day care pursuant to this chapter shall enter into an agreement with the department. Each agreement ~~shall~~ must specify, among other things, the services to be provided, the fees for services, the method of payment, records to be maintained and the provisions for evaluating the services provided.

Sec. A-77. 22 MRSA §7302, sub-§5, as repealed and replaced by PL 2009, c. 652, Pt. A, §32, is amended to read:

5. In-home and community support services. "In-home and community support services" means health and social services and other assistance required to enable adults with long-term care needs to remain in their places of residence. These services include, but are not limited to, self-directed care services; medical and diagnostic services; professional nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapy; dietary and nutrition services; home health aide services; personal care assistance services; companion and attendant services; ~~handyman home repair and home maintenance~~, chore and homemaker services; respite care; hospice care; counseling services; transportation; small rent subsidies; various devices that lessen the effects of disabilities; and other appropriate and necessary social services.

Sec. A-78. 22 MRSA §7802, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 1989, c. 400, §13 and PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. CCCC, §7, is further amended to read:

1-A. Consolidation of functions. All staff performing general licensing functions within the Office of Child and Family Services, including the out-of-home abuse and neglect investigating team when investigating pursuant to section ~~5005 8354~~, subsection ~~3~~ 2, paragraph C, ~~shall be~~ are consolidated as a single organizational unit.

Sec. A-79. 22 MRSA §8204, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 515, §3, is amended to read:

1. License required. ~~Any An~~ individual who operates a child placing agency ~~shall be~~ is subject to the licensing requirements of the department, as specified under this chapter and under chapter 1663. ~~Any An~~ individual who advertises ~~himself or holds himself out as~~ or claims to perform the service of placing or finding homes for children for the purpose of adoption, ~~shall be~~ is deemed to operate a child placing agency.

Sec. A-80. 22 MRSA §8204, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 515, §3, is amended to read:

2. License not required. ~~Any An~~ individual who does not advertise ~~himself or hold himself out as~~ claim to perform the service of placing or finding homes for children for the purpose of adoption, but who places or assists in placing a child for adoption, ~~shall not be deemed is not considered~~ to operate a child placing agency and ~~shall is~~ is not be subject to the licensing requirements of the department, as specified under this chapter and under chapter 1663.

Sec. A-81. 22 MRSA §8602, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 389, §5 and amended by PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

The Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with adult day care providers ~~and the Maine Committee on Aging~~, shall ~~promulgate~~ adopt rules for adult day care programs ~~which shall that~~ include, but ~~are~~ are not be limited to, rules pertaining to the health and safety of the adult clients and staff, the quality of the program provided, the administration of medication and licensing procedures.

Sec. A-82. 24 MRSA §2308-A, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 344, §5, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Title 24-A, section 222, subsections 2 to 10 and Title 24-A, section 222, subsections ~~4~~ 13-A to 18;

Sec. A-83. 24-A MRSA §721, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is amended to read:

3. Reinsurance ceded as authorized by ~~section 734~~ shall ~~subchapter 3~~ must be deducted in determining risk retained. As to surety risks, deduction ~~shall~~ must be made of the amount assumed by any authorized cosurety and the value of any security deposited, pledged or held subject to the surety's consent and for the surety's protection.

Sec. A-84. 24-A MRSA §2209, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 677, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

1. Required notice. A regulated insurance entity or insurance support organization may not prepare or request an investigative consumer report about an insurance consumer in connection with an insurance transaction involving an application for insurance, a policy renewal, a policy reinstatement or a change in

insurance benefits unless the regulated insurance entity complies with ~~Title 10, section 1314~~ the federal Consumer Credit Protection Act, 15 United States Code, Section 1681d and informs the consumer in writing that the consumer may request to be interviewed in connection with the preparation of the investigative consumer report.

Sec. A-85. 24-A MRSA §2328, as amended by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. B, §10 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

§2328. Examinations

The superintendent shall examine the affairs, transactions, accounts and records ~~of each rating organization licensed in this State as provided in section 2310~~, of each advisory organization licensed in this State as provided in section 2321-A, and of joint underwriters and joint reinsurers as defined in section 2322-A, as often as the superintendent ~~deems~~ considers advisable, but not less frequently than once every 5 years. The examination must be conducted in the same manner and is subject to the same applicable provisions as apply to examination of insurers in chapter 3. The reasonable costs of any such examination must be paid by the organization or association so examined. In lieu of any such examination, the superintendent may accept the report of an examination made by the insurance supervisory official of another state, pursuant to the laws of such state.

If the examination of a rating organization is satisfied by acceptance of another state's report on that rating organization, the superintendent shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over banking and insurance concerning the superintendent's analysis of that report, any deficiencies noted by the superintendent or in the other state's report and what action has been taken to correct those deficiencies.

Sec. A-86. 24-A MRSA §2482, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 680, §1, is amended to read:

1. Appeal to review panel appointed by commission. Not later than 30 days after the commission has given notice of a disapproved product or advertisement filed with the commission, the insurer or 3rd-party filer whose filing was disapproved may appeal the determination to a review panel appointed by the commission. The commission shall promulgate rules to establish procedures for appointing a review panel and provide for notice and hearing. An allegation that the commission, in disapproving a product or advertisement filed with the commission, acted arbitrarily, capriciously or in a manner that is an abuse of discretion or otherwise not in accordance with the law is subject to judicial review in accordance with section 2474, subsection ~~§~~ 4.

Sec. A-87. 24-A MRSA §2540, as amended by PL 1979, c. 141, is further amended to read:

§2540. "Wholesale life insurance" defined

"Wholesale life insurance" is that plan of life insurance, other than salary savings life insurance or pension trust insurance and annuities, under which individual policies are issued to the employees of any employer and where such policies are issued on the lives of not less than 3 employees at date of issue. Premiums for such policies shall must be paid either wholly from the employer's funds, or funds contributed by ~~him~~ the employer, or partly from such funds and partly from funds contributed by the insured employees. ~~In addition to the wholesale plans referred to in this section, wholesale life insurance may also be issued to any group of persons eligible for franchise health insurance under section 2740, subject to the terms and conditions of that section.~~

Sec. A-88. 24-A MRSA §2736-C, sub-§6, ¶A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 332, Pt. K, §1, is further amended to read:

A. Each carrier must actively market individual health plan coverage, ~~including any standardized plans defined pursuant to subsection 8,~~ to individuals in this State.

Sec. A-89. 24-A MRSA §2736-C, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2011, c. 364, §8, is further amended to read:

9. Exemption for certain associations. The superintendent may exempt a group health insurance policy or group nonprofit hospital or medical service corporation contract issued to an association group, organized pursuant to section 2805-A, from the requirements of subsection 3, paragraph A; and subsection 6, paragraph A; ~~and subsection 8~~ if:

- A. Issuance and renewal of coverage under the policy or contract is guaranteed to all members of the association who are residents of this State and to their dependents;
- B. Rates for the association comply with the premium rate requirements of subsection 2 or are established on a nationwide basis and substantially comply with the purposes of this section, except that exempted associations may be rated separately from the carrier's other individual health plans, if any;
- C. The group's anticipated loss ratio, as defined in subsection 5, is at least 75%;
- D. The association's membership criteria do not include age, health status, medical utilization history or any other factor with a similar purpose or effect;
- E. The association's group health plan is not marketed to the general public;
- F. The association does not allow insurance agents or brokers to market association memberships, ac-

cept applications for memberships or enroll members, except when the association is an association of insurance agents or brokers organized under section 2805-A;

G. Insurance is provided as an incidental benefit of association membership and the primary purposes of the association do not include group buying or mass marketing of insurance or other goods and services; and

H. Granting an exemption to the association does not conflict with the purposes of this section.

Except for individuals with grandfathered health plans under the federal Affordable Care Act, this subsection does not apply to policies, contracts or certificates that are executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2014.

Sec. A-90. 24-A MRSA §2904, first ¶, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §254, is amended to read:

Whenever any person, including an administrator, executor, or guardian, recovers a final judgment against any other person for any loss or damage specified in section 2903, the judgment creditor is entitled to have the insurance money applied to the satisfaction of the judgment by bringing a civil action, in the judgment creditor's own name, against the insurer to reach and apply the insurance money, if when the right of action accrued, the judgment debtor was insured against such liability and if before the recovery of the judgment the insurer had had notice of such accident, injury or damage. The insurer has the right to invoke the defenses described in this section in the proceedings. The provisions of this paragraph and section 2903 do not apply:

Sec. A-91. 24-A MRSA §3423, sub-§1, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §281, is amended to read:

1. If a domestic stock insurer's paid-in capital stock, as represented by the aggregate par value of its outstanding capital stock, becomes impaired, or the assets of a domestic mutual insurer are less than its liabilities and the minimum amount of basic surplus required to be maintained by it under this Title for authority to transact the kinds of insurance being transacted, the superintendent shall at once determine the amount of deficiency and serve notice upon the insurer to cure the deficiency and file proof thereof with the insurer superintendent within the period specified in the notice, which period may not be less than 30 nor more than 90 days from the date of the notice. Such notice may be so served by delivery to the insurer, or by mailing to the insurer addressed to its registered office in this State.

Sec. A-92. 24-A MRSA §3871, sub-§2, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §319, is amended to read:

2. ~~If an~~ An order to show cause why a receiver, conservator, rehabilitator or liquidator of the insurer

should not be appointed is issued while the subscriber's policy is in force or within one year after its termination.

Sec. A-93. 24-A MRSA §4128, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §§332 to 334, is amended to read:

§4128. Licensing of agents

Insurance producers of societies must be licensed in accordance with chapter 16 ~~provided the examination requirements of chapter 16 are not applicable to any insurance producer who was in the service of a society on January 1, 1978, and provided except~~ that no insurance producer's license is required ~~of the following if:~~

1. Officer devoting substantial time to activities other than solicitation or negotiation of insurance contracts. ~~Any An~~ officer, employee or secretary of ~~any such a society or of any subordinate lodge or branch thereof who of that society~~ devotes substantially all of the officer's, employee's or secretary's time to activities other than the solicitation or negotiation of insurance contracts and ~~who~~ receives no commission or other compensation directly dependent upon the number or amount of contracts solicited or negotiated;

2. Agent devoting less than 50% of time to solicitation and procurement of insurance contracts. ~~Any An~~ agent or representative of a society ~~who~~ devotes less than 50% of the agent's or representative's time to the solicitation and procurement of insurance contracts for ~~such the~~ society. ~~Any A~~ person, who in the preceding calendar year has solicited and procured life insurance in excess of \$200,000, face amount, or, in the case of any other kind or kinds of insurance that the society may write, on the persons of more than 25 individuals and who has received or will receive a commission or other compensation ~~therefor, for the solicitation and procurement~~ is presumed to be devoting 50% of the person's time to the solicitation or procurement of insurance contracts for ~~such the~~ society; or

3. Persons who do not effect insurance. ~~Any A~~ member of a society ~~who~~ does not effect insurance and ~~whose that member's~~ solicitation or negotiation is incidental to securing new members for the member's society and ~~whose that member's~~ only remuneration consists of prizes in the form of merchandise or payments of a nominal amount.

Sec. A-94. 24-A MRSA §4381, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §375, is amended to read:

§4381. Offsets

1. In all cases of mutual debts or mutual credits between the insurer and another person in connection with any action or proceeding under this chapter, ~~such~~ credits and debts ~~shall must~~ be set off and the balance only ~~shall be~~ allowed or paid, except as provided in subsection 2.

2. ~~No An~~ offset ~~shall be~~ is not allowed in favor of ~~any such a person where if:~~

A. The obligation of the insurer to ~~such the~~ person would not at the date of the entry of any liquidation order or otherwise, as provided in section 4376, entitle ~~such the~~ person to share as a claimant in the assets of the insurer; ~~or~~

B. The obligation of the insurer to ~~such the~~ person was purchased by or transferred to ~~such the~~ person with a view of its being used as an offset; ~~or~~

C. The obligation of ~~such the~~ person is to pay an assessment levied against the members of a mutual insurer, or against the subscribers of a reciprocal insurer, or is to pay a balance upon the subscription to the capital stock of a stock insurer.

Sec. A-95. 25 MRSA §2469, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 194, §1 and affected by §3, is amended to read:

A. With an assembly that incorporates a sensor control component and an alarm notification that detects elevations in propane, natural gas or any ~~liquefied liquefied~~ petroleum gas;

Sec. A-96. 25 MRSA §2469, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. D, §5, is further amended to read:

2. Fuel gas detector required. The building owner shall install, or cause to be installed, in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements at least one approved fuel gas detector in every room containing an appliance that combusts propane, natural gas or any ~~liquefied liquefied~~ petroleum gas in:

- A. Each unit in any building of multifamily occupancy;
- B. A fraternity house, sorority house or dormitory that is affiliated with an educational facility;
- C. A children's home, emergency children's shelter, children's residential care facility, shelter for homeless children or specialized children's home as defined in Title 22, section 8101, subsections 1, 2, 4, 4-A and 5, respectively;
- D. A hotel, motel or inn;
- E. A mixed use occupancy that contains a dwelling unit;
- F. Beginning January 1, 2026, a business occupancy;
- G. Beginning January 1, 2026, a mercantile occupancy; or
- H. Beginning January 1, 2026, an assembly occupancy.

Sec. A-97. 25 MRSA §2469, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 194, §1 and affected by §3, is amended to read:

4. **Transfer of building.** A person who, after January 1, 2022, acquires by sale or exchange a building listed in subsection 2, paragraph A shall install fuel gas detectors in accordance with subsection 2 in the acquired building within 30 days of acquisition or occupancy of the building, whichever is later, if fuel gas detectors in accordance with subsection 2 are not already present, and shall certify at the closing of the transaction that fuel gas detectors will be installed. This certification must be signed and dated by the person acquiring the building. A fuel gas detector must be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements at the time of installation in each area containing an appliance fueled by propane, natural gas or ~~liquefied~~ liquefied petroleum gas. A person may not have a claim for relief against a property owner, a property purchaser, an authorized agent of a property owner or purchaser, a person in possession of real property, a closing agent or a lender for any damages resulting from the operation, maintenance or effectiveness of a fuel gas detector. Violation of this subsection does not create a defect in title.

Sec. A-98. 26 MRSA §42-A, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 1987, c. 559, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

A. The development and application of a statewide safety education and training program to familiarize employers, supervisors, employees and union leaders with techniques of accident investigation and prevention, ~~including education and training assistance to employers and employees under the chemical substance identification law in sections 1715 and 1720;~~

Sec. A-99. 26 MRSA §1043, sub-§11, ¶D is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

D. Service is considered to be localized within a state if:

(1) The service is performed entirely within a state; or

(2) The service is performed both within and outside a state, but the service performed outside a state is incidental to the individual's service within the State, including service that is temporary or transitory in nature or consists of isolated transactions.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, "employment" includes all service performed after January 1, 1947 by an officer or member of the crew of an American vessel on or in connection with the vessel, as long as the operating office from which the operations of the vessel operating on navigable waters within, or within and outside, the United States are ordinarily and regularly supervised, managed, directed or controlled is within the State.

Sec. A-100. 26 MRSA §1162, as amended by PL 2021, c. 456, §11, is further amended to read:

§1162. Withdrawals

Moneys must be requisitioned from the State's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund solely for the payment of benefits and for the payment of refunds pursuant to section 1043, subsection 11, paragraph F, subparagraph (2) and section 1225 in accordance with rules prescribed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall from time to time requisition from the Unemployment Trust Fund the amounts, not exceeding the amounts standing to this State's account therein, as the commissioner considers necessary for the payment of the benefits and refunds for a reasonable future period. Upon receipt thereof the Treasurer of State shall deposit the moneys in the benefit account and warrants must be issued for the payment of benefits and refunds solely from the benefit account. All warrants issued for the payment of benefits and refunds must bear the signature of the commissioner or the commissioner's duly authorized agent for that purpose. When so signed and delivered to the payee, the warrants become a check against a designated bank or trust company acting as a depository of the State Government. The commissioner is the final judge of the legality or propriety of any award of benefits, or the amount thereof, appearing in any such warrant prepared by the commissioner, subject only to the right of appeal as provided in section 1194, ~~subsections subsection 8 and 9.~~ Any balance of moneys requisitioned from the Unemployment Trust Fund that remains unclaimed or unpaid in the benefit account after the expiration of the period for which the sums were requisitioned must either be deducted from estimates for, and may be utilized for the payment of, benefits and refunds during succeeding periods or, in the discretion of the commissioner, be redeposited with the United States Secretary of the Treasury, to the credit of this State's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund, as provided in section 1161.

Sec. A-101. 26 MRSA §1285, sub-§1, ¶C, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §93, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. To execute in writing an agreement between the public employer and the bargaining agent. An agreement under this paragraph is subject to negotiation and may not exceed 2 years;

Sec. A-102. 28-A MRSA §1066-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1997, c. 373, §91, is further amended to read:

1. Issuance of licenses. The bureau may issue licenses under this section for the sale of malt liquor to be consumed on the premises to taverns as defined in section 2, subsection ~~16~~ 15, paragraph T-1.

Sec. A-103. 28-A MRSA §1074, as amended by PL 2021, c. 598, §6 and c. 658, §194, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1074. Outdoor stadiums

1. Issuance of licenses. The bureau may issue a license under this section for the sale of malt liquor, wine and spirits for on-premises consumption to an outdoor stadium, as defined in section 2, subsection 15, paragraph M. A concessionaire or lessee may be issued a license under this section, regardless of whether it controls the premises, as long as that concessionaire or lessee complies with the notice provisions applicable to qualified catering services in section 1076, subsection 7 prior to exercising the license.

2. No sales at events for children. A licensee under this section may not sell malt liquor, wine or spirits at an outdoor stadium at any event primarily involving primary or secondary schoolchildren.

3. Conditions on sales. A licensee under this section may not sell malt liquor, wine or spirits in the spectator stands at an outdoor stadium. A licensee may sell malt liquor, wine or spirits only by the glass in plastic or paper cups.

Sec. A-104. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§5, ¶K, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 742, §1 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §100, is amended to read:

K. A rectifier and a holder of a distillery or small distillery license shall comply with all applicable requirements of Title 38, section ~~4612~~ 1615.

Sec. A-105. 28-A MRSA §1404, sub-§1, ¶D, as repealed by PL 2021, c. 622, §4 and amended by c. 658, §245, is repealed.

Sec. A-106. 28-A MRSA §1404, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2021, c. 622, §4 and c. 658, §246, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

E. On receipt of the copy of the completed purchase order form and payment for excise taxes submitted under paragraph C, the bureau shall promptly process the payment and submit copies of the completed purchase order form indicating that excise taxes have been paid to the unbonded wholesale licensee and to the certificate of approval holder with which the unbonded wholesale licensee wishes to place the order.

Sec. A-107. 28-A MRSA §1405, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 622, §5 and c. 658, §248, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

C. The bonded wholesale licensee shall submit a copy of the completed purchase order form to the certificate of approval holder with which the bonded wholesale licensee wishes to place the order.

Sec. A-108. 29-A MRSA §255, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. B, §6 and affected by §24, is amended to read:

A. The Secretary of State has received a written request along with a copy of a protection order that has been issued under Title 5, section 4654 or 4655; Title 15, section 321; Title ~~19~~ 19-A, section ~~765~~ 4108 or ~~766~~ 4110; or Title 22, chapter 1071 to protect the requestor from harassment or abuse; or

Sec. A-109. 30-A MRSA §1601, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

This section does not apply to ~~sections 1602 and section 1603~~ and section 1606, subsection 1.

Sec. A-110. 30-A MRSA §1603, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2; and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

§1603. Contracts subject to cancellation or suspension

Except for contracts made under section ~~4602~~ 1606, subsection 1, any contract for the employment of prisoners made by the county commissioners with any person, firm or corporation, ~~shall~~ must be made subject to the right of the county commissioners to withdraw, cancel or suspend the contract in whole or in part.

Sec. A-111. 30-A MRSA §1658, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. B, §3, is further amended to read:

The county commissioners may purchase, lease, contract or enter into agreements for the use of facilities to house minimum security prisoners who have been sentenced to the county jail. These prisoners must be involved in restitution, work or educational release, or rehabilitative programs. The funds to purchase, lease or contract for these facilities and to provide any programs in these facilities may be taken from the funds received by the counties pursuant to Title 34-A, section ~~1210-D~~ 1210-E. Any facilities used to house prisoners pursuant to the authority granted by this section are subject to standards established by the Department of Corrections pursuant to Title 34-A, section 1208-A.

Sec. A-112. Effective date. That section of this Part that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 1658 takes effect July 1, 2023.

Sec. A-113. 30-A MRSA §1671, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 329, Pt. A, §18, is further amended to read:

A. Developing and adopting a mission statement ~~consistent with the purposes of the State Board of Corrections under Title 34-A, section 1801;~~

Sec. A-114. 32 MRSA §83, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 693, §2, is further amended to read:

5. Ambulance service. "Ambulance service" means any person, persons or organization ~~which that~~ holds itself out to be a provider of transportation of ill or injured persons or ~~which that~~ routinely provides transportation for ill or injured persons. For the purposes of this chapter, the Maine Army National Guard, the Maine Air National Guard and the United States Armed Forces ~~shall are~~ not be considered ambulance services. ~~It~~ "Ambulance service" does not mean a person, persons or an organization ~~which that~~ transports ill or injured persons for reasons not connected with their illness or injury. ~~It~~ "Ambulance service" does not mean a nursing home licensed under Title 22, chapter 405, a ~~boarding home residential care facility or assisted living program~~ licensed under Title 22, chapter ~~1665~~ 1664, a children's home licensed under Title 22, chapter 1669, or similar residential facility when transporting its own residents or those of another similarly licensed facility when those residents do not require emergency medical treatment.

Sec. A-115. 32 MRSA §2561, as amended by PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §10, is further amended to read:

§2561. Membership; qualifications; tenure; vacancies

The Board of Osteopathic Licensure, as established by Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 29, and in this chapter called the "board," consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor. Members must be residents of this State. Six members must be graduates of a school or college of osteopathic medicine approved by the American Osteopathic Association and must have been, at the time of appointment, actively engaged in the practice of the profession of osteopathic medicine in the State for a continuous period of at least 5 years preceding their appointment to the board. Two members must be physician assistants licensed under this chapter who have been actively engaged in the profession of physician assistant in this State for at least 5 years preceding appointment to the board. Three members must be public members. Consumer groups may submit nominations to the Governor for the members to be appointed to represent the interest of consumers. A full term of appointment is for 5 years. Appointment of members must comply with Title 10, section ~~60~~ 8009. A member of the board may be removed from office for cause by the Governor.

Sec. A-116. 32 MRSA §3302, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 210, Pt. D, §3, is further amended to read:

1. License required. A license is required for any individual who is engaged in plumbing or performing plumbing installations. ~~No~~ A license is not required for any activity for which a permit is not required under Title ~~30~~ 30-A, section ~~3223~~ or its successor ~~4215~~. This section does not apply to the following:

A. Plumbing by regular employees of public utilities as defined in Title 35-A, section 102, when working as such;

B. Plumbing by oil burner technicians, duly licensed under chapter 139, and propane and natural gas installers, licensed under chapter 139, except that this exception only applies to hot and cold water connections to existing piping in the same room where the installation is taking place and does not apply beyond any existing branch connection supplying water;

C. Plumbing by a person in a single-family residence occupied or to be occupied by that person as that person's bona fide personal abode as long as the installation conforms with board laws and rules; and

D. Plumbing by a pump installer who is duly licensed pursuant to section 4700-1, subsection 2, except that this exception is limited to installing piping from the cold water distribution pipe at the pressure tank's main shut-off valve to the existing water supply piping as long as the piping is located in the same room as the tank, the length of the piping is no longer than 15 feet and the piping does not extend beyond any existing branches. Such plumbing must conform to the board's laws and rules.

Sec. A-117. 33 MRSA §1952, as amended by PL 2019, c. 496, §§1 to 3 and repealed by c. 498, §21, is repealed.

Sec. A-118. 33 MRSA §1953, as amended by PL 2019, c. 496, §4 and repealed by c. 498, §21, is repealed.

Sec. A-119. 33 MRSA §1959, as amended by PL 2019, c. 496, §5 and repealed by c. 498, §21, is repealed.

Sec. A-120. 33 MRSA §1979, as amended by PL 2019, c. 496, §6 and repealed by c. 498, §21, is repealed.

Sec. A-121. 34-A MRSA §1214, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. B, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Establishment. The Office of Victim Services, referred to in this section as the "office," is established within the department to advocate for compliance by the department, any correctional facility, any detention facility, community corrections as defined in section ~~1210-D~~ 1210-E, subsection 2 1, paragraph A or any contract agency with all laws, administrative rules and institutional and other policies relating to the rights and dignity of victims.

Sec. A-122. 34-A MRSA §1214, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 676, Pt. B, §5, is further amended to read:

B. Intercede on behalf of victims with officials of the department, any correctional facility, any detention facility, community corrections as defined in section ~~1210-D~~ 1210-E, subsection 2 1, paragraph A or any contract agency or assist these persons in the resolution of victim-related issues;

Sec. A-123. Effective date. Those sections of this Part that amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 1214, subsection 1 and subsection 3, paragraph B take effect July 1, 2023.

Sec. A-124. 35-A MRSA §1316, as amended by PL 2021, c. 659, §§5 to 9 and c. 702, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1316. Testimony presented by employees of public utilities, competitive electricity providers, affiliated interests or utility contractors to legislative committees, the Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocate

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Employee" means a person who currently performs or formerly performed a service for wages or other remuneration under a contract of hire, expressed or implied, for a public utility, competitive electricity provider, affiliated interest or utility contractor.

A-1. "Affiliated interest" has the same meaning as in section 707, subsection 1, paragraph A.

B. "Employer" means a public utility, competitive electricity provider, affiliated interest or utility contractor licensed to do business in this State with one or more employees.

C. "Legislative committee" means a joint standing committee or a joint select committee of the Legislature, a task force, commission or council or any other committee established by the Legislature and composed wholly or partly of Legislators for the purpose of conducting legislative business.

D. "Own time" means an employee's vacation or personal time, earned as a condition of employment.

E. "Utility contractor" means a person that provides goods or services to a public utility or competitive electricity provider.

2. Right of employees to provide testimony. Employees have the right to represent themselves and to testify before or provide information to a legislative committee, the commission or the Public Advocate on their own time. An employee who complies with this section may not be denied the right to testify before or provide information to a legislative committee, the commission or the Public Advocate.

2-A. Right of utility contractors to provide testimony. A utility contractor has the right to testify before or provide information to a legislative committee, the commission or the Public Advocate.

3. Discharge of, threats to or discrimination against employees for testimony presented to legislative committees, the commission or the Public Advocate. A supervisor may not discharge, threaten or otherwise discriminate against an employee regarding the employee's compensation, terms, conditions, location or privileges of employment because the employee, in compliance with this section, in good faith testifies before or provides information to a legislative committee, the commission or the Public Advocate regarding the operation of the business of a public utility or competitive electricity provider or because the employee brings the subject matter of the testimony or information to the attention of a person having supervisory authority.

This subsection does not apply to an employee who has testified before or provided information to a legislative committee, the commission or the Public Advocate unless the employee has first brought the subject matter of the testimony or information in writing to the attention of a person having supervisory authority with the employer and has allowed the employer a reasonable time to address the subject matter of the testimony or information. If appropriate, the employer shall respond in writing.

4. Exceptions. The protections created in subsections 3 and 9 do not apply to testimony or information that, upon reasonable inquiry by the employee or utility contractor, would be found to be false.

5. Civil actions for injunctive relief or other remedies by employees. An employee who alleges a violation of rights under this section and who has made reasonable efforts to exhaust all grievance procedures, as provided for in the contract of employment or that otherwise may be available at the employee's place of employment, may bring a civil action, including an action for injunctive relief, within 90 days after the occurrence of that alleged violation or after the grievance procedure or similar process terminates. 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 must establish each element of the employee's case by a preponderance of the evidence.

5-A. Civil actions for injunctive relief or other remedies by utility contractors. A utility contractor that alleges a violation of rights under this section may bring a civil action, including an action for injunctive relief, within 90 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. A utility contractor must establish each element of the utility contractor's case by a preponderance of the evidence.

6. Remedies ordered by court. A court, in rendering a judgment in an action brought pursuant to this section, may order reinstatement of the employee, the payment of back wages, full reinstatement of fringe benefits and seniority rights or any combination of these remedies. If an employee or utility contractor is the prevailing party, a court shall award the employee or utility contractor all or a portion of the costs of litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees and witness fees.

7. Agreements. This section does not diminish or impair the rights of a person under any collective bargaining agreement. A public utility, competitive electricity provider or affiliated interest may not enter into an agreement preventing employees from exercising their rights to testify before or provide information to a legislative committee, the commission or the Public Advocate pursuant to this section.

8. Jury trial; common-law rights. Any action brought under this section may be heard by a jury. Nothing in this section derogates any common-law rights of an employee or employer.

9. Contracts with utility contractors. If a utility contractor, in compliance with this section and in good faith, testifies before or provides information to a legislative committee, the commission or the Public Advocate, a public utility or competitive electricity provider may not respond to such action by the utility contractor by:

- A. Terminating or threatening to terminate a contract with the utility contractor; or
- B. Harming or threatening to harm the utility contractor financially.

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.

11. Penalties. The commission may impose penalties for violations of this section. This subsection does not apply in the case of an employee of a utility contractor alleging a violation under subsection 3.

12. Rulemaking. 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. A-125. 35-A MRSA §2503, sub-§18, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 141, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

18. Rights of applicable licensing authority. Nothing in Title ~~30~~ 30-A, section ~~2151~~ 3008, subsection

~~1, paragraph H, 5~~ impairs the rights of the applicable licensing authority.

Sec. A-126. 35-A MRSA §3206-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 398, Pt. G, §4, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

If the commission orders a divestiture pursuant to this subsection, the distribution utility must complete the divestiture within 12 months of the order to divest, unless the commission grants an extension. Upon application by the distribution utility, the commission may grant an extension for the purpose of permitting the utility to complete a divestiture that has been initiated in good faith but not finalized within the 12-month period. The commission shall oversee and approve a divestiture in accordance with rules adopted pursuant to section 3204, subsection 4.

Sec. A-127. 36 MRSA c. 109, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. A-128. 37 MRSA c. 5, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. A-129. 37 MRSA c. 7, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. A-130. 37 MRSA c. 9, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. A-131. 37-B MRSA §796, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 464, §3, is amended to read:

3. Revised data sheets. Within 3 months after the discovery of new information about a hazardous chemical or extremely hazardous substance identified in the data sheet required by subsection 1, ~~paragraph A~~ or within 3 months after obtaining a hazardous chemical or extremely hazardous substance for which reporting is required by subsection 1, ~~paragraph A~~, the owner or operator of a facility shall prepare and submit a revised data sheet or a revised list of chemicals for which data sheets are available that meets the requirements of subsection 1, ~~paragraph A~~ and contains the new information to the local emergency planning committee, the commission, and the fire department having jurisdiction over the facility.

Sec. A-132. 38 MRSA §440, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. C, §§86 and 106 and PL 1989, c. 6; c. 9, §2 and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

Zoning ordinances adopted or extended pursuant to this section need not depend upon the existence of a zoning ordinance for all of the land and water area within a municipality, despite the provisions of Title 30-A, section ~~4503, 4352~~ to the contrary, provided such ordinances are except that an ordinance is required for entrance of the municipality into the Federal Flood Insurance Program. Ordinances or amendments adopted by authority of this section shall may not extend beyond

an area greater than that necessary to comply with the requirements of the Federal Flood Insurance Program.

Sec. A-133. 38 MRSA §440, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 403, §9, is further amended to read:

Zoning ordinances adopted or amended pursuant to this section ~~shall~~ **must** designate as a resource protection zone or its equivalent, as defined in the guidelines adopted pursuant to section 438-A, subsection 1, all areas within the floodway of the 100-year flood plain along rivers and in the velocity zone in areas subject to tides, based on detailed flood insurance studies and as delineated on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps and Flood Insurance Rate Maps. This provision does not apply to areas zoned for general development or its equivalent, as defined in the guidelines adopted pursuant to section 438-A, subsection 1, as of ~~the effective date of this paragraph July 16, 1986,~~ or within areas designated by ordinances as densely developed. The determination of which areas are densely developed ~~shall~~ **must** be based on a finding that, as of ~~the effective date of this paragraph July 16, 1986,~~ existing development meets the definition in former section 436, subsection 3.

Sec. A-134. 38 MRSA §480-U, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 214, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) The cranberries must be cultivated in accordance with organic production standards established in ~~Title 7, section 551, subsection 2 and section 553, subsection 1, paragraph A~~ the rules and regulations of the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service's National Organic Program.

Sec. A-135. 38 MRSA §555, as amended by PL 1997, c. 424, Pt. B, §8, is further amended to read:

§555. Budget approval

The commissioner shall submit budget recommendations for disbursements from the fund in accordance with section 551, subsection 5, paragraphs A, C, F and H for each biennium. The budget must be submitted as part of the unified current services budget legislation in accordance with Title 5, sections 1663 to 1666. The State Controller shall authorize expenditures therefrom as approved by the commissioner. Expenditures pursuant to section 551, subsection 5, paragraphs B, D, ~~and E and G~~ and E may be made as authorized by the State Controller following approval by the commissioner.

Sec. A-136. 38 MRSA §704 is amended to read:

§704. Trial; costs

When ~~any such an~~ answer is filed pursuant to section 703 and an issue in fact or in law is joined, it ~~shall~~

must be decided as similar issues are decided at common law. If judgment is for the defendant, ~~he shall the defendant is entitled to recover his the defendant's~~ costs.

Sec. A-137. 38 MRSA §718 is amended to read:

§718. --offer of increased compensation

The owner of the mill, dam or canal may within ~~said month~~ the time provided in section 717 offer in writing to the owner of the land injured, an increase of compensation for the future. If the owner of the land does not agree to accept it, but brings a new complaint for the purpose of increasing it, ~~he recovers no the owner of the land may not recover~~ costs unless ~~he that owner~~ obtains an increase greater than the offer.

Sec. A-138. 38 MRSA §719 is amended to read:

§719. --offer to accept less compensation

The owner of the land injured may within ~~said month~~ the time provided in section 717 offer in writing to the owner of the mill, dam or canal to accept a reduced compensation for the future. If the owner of the mill, dam or canal declines to pay it, and brings a new complaint to obtain a reduction, ~~he shall the owner of the mill, dam or canal may not recover no~~ costs, unless ~~such the~~ compensation is reduced to a sum less than what was offered.

Sec. A-139. 38 MRSA §727 is amended to read:

§727. If complaint abates, rights preserved by new complaint

If ~~such a~~ complaint referenced in section 725 or 726 is abated or defeated for want of form, or if, after a verdict for the plaintiff, judgment is reversed, ~~he the plaintiff~~ may bring a new complaint at any time within one year ~~thereafter~~ and ~~thereon~~ recover the damages sustained during the 3 years preceding the institution of the first complaint, or at any time afterwards.

Sec. A-140. 38 MRSA §963, sub-§1, ¶A, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §259, is amended to read:

A. Application of the performance standard to the land or water area in question will result in undue hardship to the applicant, ~~provided that hardship to the applicant, provided except that hardship shall~~ may not be construed to include hardship:

(1) ~~Any hardship attributable~~ Attributable to any act, course of conduct or failure to act of the applicant or the applicant's predecessor in interest beginning with the owner of record on the effective date of this chapter or of a performance standard adopted pursuant ~~thereto~~ to this chapter from which a variance is sought; or

(2) ~~Any hardship that~~ That is not unique to the petitioner's land;

Sec. A-141. 38 MRSA §974 is amended to read:

§974. Right of owner to search for lost logs

The owner of ~~such~~ logs, masts or spars referred to in section 971 or the owner's agent may at any time, ~~by himself or his agent,~~ enter in a peaceable manner upon any mill, mill-brow, boom or raft of logs or other timber in search of ~~such that~~ lost property. Whoever willfully prevents or obstructs ~~such a search for that lost property~~ forfeits for each offense not less than \$20 nor more than \$50, to the person by whom or on whose account ~~such~~ the entry was claimed, to be recovered in a civil action.

Sec. A-142. 38 MRSA §1104, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 466, §3, is amended to read:

C. The trustee against whom the recall petition is filed ~~shall be~~ is a candidate at the special election without nomination, unless ~~he~~ the trustee resigns within 10 days after the original filing of the petition. ~~There shall be no A primary~~ may not be held. Candidates for the office may be nominated under the usual procedure of nomination for a primary election by filing nomination papers, not later than 5 p.m., 4 weeks preceding the election and have their names placed on the ballot at the special election.

Sec. A-143. 39-A MRSA §201, sub-§3-A, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 629, §2, is further amended to read:

B. The employee is a law enforcement officer, corrections officer, E-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 dispatcher" means a person who receives calls made to the E-9-1-1 system and dispatches emergency services. "E-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 ~~the whose membership whose~~ consists exclusively of counties, municipalities and other political or administrative subdivisions in the development of the report.

This paragraph is repealed October 1, 2025.

Sec. A-144. 39-A MRSA §308, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 885, Pt. A, §8 and affected by §§9 to 11, is amended to read:

2. Employment status reports. At the previous employer's request, any person receiving compensation under this Act who has not returned to that person's previous employment must submit quarterly employment status reports to that employer. The report is due 90 days after the date of injury, or after the filing of the report under subsection ~~3 1,~~ and every 90 days thereafter. The report must be in a form prescribed by the board and must indicate whether the employee has been employed, changed employment or performed any services for compensation during the previous 90 days, the nature of the employment or services, the name and address of the employer or person for whom the services were performed and any other information that the board by rule may require. Any employer requesting a quarterly report under this subsection must provide the employee with the prescribed form at least 15 days prior to the date on which it is due.

Sec. A-145. PL 2019, c. 650, §20, amending clause is amended to read:

Sec. 20. 29-A MRSA §2390, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 165, §10 and c. 229, §34, is further amended ~~by amending the first paragraph~~ to read:

Sec. A-146. PL 2021, c. 528, §10 is amended to read:

Sec. 10. Maine Veterans' Homes; Caribou and Machias locations. Notwithstanding any decision of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes prior to the effective date of this section, the Maine Veterans' Homes located in Caribou and Machias may not be closed until the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes submits a report under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 611 that includes a proposal to close those homes and the process required under Title 37-B, section 612 has been followed.

Sec. A-147. PL 2021, c. 688, §3 is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Staggered terms. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section ~~3702~~ 3802, subsection 5, initial appointments to the Essential Support Workforce Advisory Committee must be staggered as follows:

1. One member appointed by the President of the Senate must be appointed for a one-year term; one member must be appointed for a 2-year term; and 3 members must be appointed for 3-year terms; and
2. One member appointed by the Speaker of the House must be appointed for a one-year term; one member must be appointed for a 2-year term; and 3 members must be appointed for 3-year terms.

PART B

Sec. B-1. 14 MRSA §8813 is enacted to read:

§8813. Recognition of judgments under prior law

An action taken between August 8, 2022 and January 1, 2023 to recognize a foreign judgment that would have been valid under former chapter 753 is valid. For purposes of this section, "foreign judgment" has the same meaning as in former section 8502, subsection 2.

Sec. B-2. 14 MRSA §8913 is enacted to read:

§8913. Recognition of judgments under prior law

An action taken between August 8, 2022 and January 1, 2023 to recognize a foreign judgment that would have been valid under former chapter 753 is valid. For purposes of this section, "foreign judgment" has the same meaning as in former section 8502, subsection 2.

PART C

Sec. C-1. 5 MRSA §1642, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 96 and amended by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §34, is further amended to read:

3. Income supplementation programs. "Income supplementation programs" means programs designed to supplement the income of a person or family and includes Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, ~~food stamps~~ the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,

food distribution, general assistance, supplemental security income or any other income related program utilizing state-administered funds.

Sec. C-2. 7 MRSA §412, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 505, is amended to read:

2. Practical information. Prepare practical information concerning the establishment and operation of various methods of direct-marketing, including promotion, advertisement, management, ~~food stamp~~ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program purchases and liability insurance;

Sec. C-3. 19-A MRSA §2001, sub-§5, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 694, Pt. B, §2 and affected by Pt. E, §2 and amended by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §34, is further amended to read:

G. Gross income does not include the amount of money received from means-tested public assistance programs, including, but not limited to, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, supplemental security income, ~~food stamps~~ the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and general assistance.

Sec. C-4. 19-A MRSA §2154, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 537, §39 and affected by §62, is amended to read:

8. Use of new hire information. The department shall use the information it receives under this section to locate persons and identify sources of income for purposes of:

- A. Establishing, enforcing and modifying child support obligations;
- B. Collecting overpayments of public assistance and overissue of ~~food stamps~~ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits when benefits are no longer being paid; and
- C. Determining eligibility and enforcing eligibility rules for cash assistance, ~~food stamps~~ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, Medicaid and other benefit programs funded or administered by the department.

Sec. C-5. 22 MRSA §21, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 675, §1, is repealed.

Sec. C-6. 22 MRSA §21, sub-§10, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. NNNNNNN, §4, is further amended to read:

10. Program. "Program" means ~~the food stamps~~ SNAP or the Medicaid program or another program.

Sec. C-7. 22 MRSA §21, sub-§11, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. NNNNNNN, §4, is further amended to read:

11. Recipient. "Recipient" means a recipient of benefits under ~~the food stamp~~ SNAP or ~~the Medicaid programs~~ program or another program.

Sec. C-8. 22 MRSA §21, sub-§11-B is enacted to read:

11-B. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP. "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" or "SNAP" means the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program established pursuant to section 3104.

Sec. C-9. 22 MRSA §42, sub-§8, ¶A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. YY, §2, is further amended to read:

A. The Office of MaineCare Services is authorized to adopt rules that have retroactive application when necessary to maximize available federal revenue sources, specifically regarding the federal Medicaid program, or to conform to the state Medicaid plan as filed with the Federal Government. The Bureau of Family Independence is authorized to adopt rules in the MaineCare program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and ~~food stamp programs~~ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that have retroactive application to comply with federal requirements or to conform to the state Medicaid plan as filed with the Federal Government.

Sec. C-10. 22 MRSA §42, sub-§8, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 612, §1, is amended to read:

C. For any benefits or services in the MaineCare program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or ~~food stamp programs~~ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that beneficiaries have received prior to the date of adoption of retroactive rules adopted pursuant to this subsection, such rules may not reduce or otherwise negatively affect the reimbursement or other payments, benefits or services that those beneficiaries are entitled to have covered or paid under the previously applicable rules. The reimbursement or other payments, benefits or services under the amended rules must be equal to or greater than under the rules previously in effect.

Sec. C-11. 22 MRSA §42, sub-§8, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 612, §1, is amended to read:

D. This subsection does not give the department the authority to adopt retroactively any rule that has an adverse financial impact on any MaineCare provider or member, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or ~~food stamp~~ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipient or the beneficiary or recipient of any other program administered by the department. Specific statutory authority is required for adoption of a retroactive rule that has an adverse financial impact on any MaineCare

provider or member, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program or ~~food stamp~~ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipient or the beneficiary or recipient of any other program administered by the department.

Sec. C-12. 22 MRSA §3811, sub-§4, as corrected by RR 2015, c. 1, §22, is amended to read:

4. Program benefits. "Program benefits" means money payments or food coupons issued by the department pursuant to an application for benefits made by an individual to Aid to Families with Dependent Children established in former chapter 1053, the ~~food stamp program~~ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program established in chapter 851 or the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program established in chapter 1053-B, or money payments or vouchers issued by a municipal general assistance program established pursuant to chapter 1161, or payments for medical services issued by the department pursuant to the MaineCare program established pursuant to chapter 855.

Sec. C-13. 22 MRSA §3825, sub-§1, ¶C is enacted to read:

C. "SNAP" means the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program established under chapter 851.

Sec. C-14. 22 MRSA §3825, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 551, §2, is amended to read:

2. TANF and ~~food stamps~~ SNAP. To the extent allowable by federal law, a TANF or ~~food stamp~~ SNAP overpayment may not be collected from a person who was a minor dependent in the household at the time the overpayment accrued.

Sec. C-15. 22 MRSA §5304, sub-§11, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 793, §12, is amended to read:

C. Any income maintenance, income supplement, public assistance, general assistance, welfare, or donated food program or ~~food stamp program~~ the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Sec. C-16. 26 MRSA §1191, sub-§9, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 554, §1, is amended to read:

D. Amounts may be deducted and withheld under this subsection only after amounts are deducted and withheld for any overpayments, child support obligations, ~~food stamp~~ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program overissues or any other amounts required to be deducted and withheld under this chapter.

PART D

Sec. D-1. 35-A MRSA §307, as amended by PL 2023, c. 145, §1 and repealed and replaced by c. 168, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§307. Changes in schedules; notice; suspension; rate increase limit

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Final determination of the public utility's revenue requirement" means a decision by the commission on the merits of a public utility's request after consideration of at least the public utility's direct case in support of its request.

B. "General increase in rates" means a change in a rate, toll or charge of a public utility, the effect of which is to increase the annual operating revenue of the public utility by more than 1%. "General increase in rates" does not include a rate change made for the sole purpose of implementing a gas cost adjustment rate pursuant to section 4703 or a rate change made for the sole purpose of implementing an energy conservation adjustment rate pursuant to section 3154.

2. Notice requirements. A public utility may not change a schedule, including a schedule of joint rates, unless the public utility provides notice to the commission 30 days prior to the time the changes are to take effect. The public utility must indicate all proposed changes on the schedule in effect at the time notice is provided. For good cause shown, the commission may allow changes after less than the notice specified in this subsection or modify the requirements of this section and section 308 with respect to publishing, posting and filing of a schedule, either in a particular instance or by rule applicable to a special circumstance or condition.

At the commission's discretion, the commission may require the information relating to changes described in this subsection to be filed in a general increase in rates at the same time as the schedules are filed. The commission may require a public utility whose gross revenues exceed \$5,000,000 annually to notify the commission not more than 2 months in advance of filing a general increase in rates under this section that a filing is planned and to disclose the approximate amount of the increase and the approximate rate of return and include a general statement of the major issues that might be presented and the approximate rate of return the utility would be seeking.

3. Suspension pending investigation. Pending an investigation and order pursuant to section 310, subsection 1, at any time within the period preceding the effective date of the schedule, the commission may suspend the operation of the schedule or any part of the schedule by filing with the schedule and delivering to the public utility affected a statement of its reasons for the suspension. The suspension may not be for a period longer than 12 months from the effective date of the order of suspension unless:

A. All parties agree to extend the suspension beyond 12 months; or

B. The commission determines that the party seeking the extension would be unreasonably disadvantaged because of circumstances beyond that party's control unless the extension were granted, as long as the party prior to the request for extension had prosecuted its case in good faith and with due diligence.

4. General rate increase case limitation. A public utility may not file a schedule for a general increase in rates pursuant to this section within one year of a prior filing for a general increase in rates pursuant to this section, unless the proceeding initiated by a prior filing was terminated without a final determination of the public utility's revenue requirement or with approval of the commission. The limitation of this subsection does not prevent a public utility, at any time, from notifying the commission in advance, either voluntarily or in accordance with a commission requirement under this section, of plans by the public utility to file a general increase in rates.

Nothing in this subsection may be construed to limit a public utility's right, at any time, to petition pursuant to section 1322 for temporary rate relief.

5. General rate increase notice requirement. A public utility seeking a general increase in rates shall send a notice of the increase to its customers by either first-class mail or the method by which the customer receives bills from the utility. The commission shall prepare the notice in consultation with the utility. If, after the notice of the general increase in rates is sent, the utility seeks a rate increase greater than what was stated in the notice, the utility shall promptly notify the commission. If the utility demonstrates good cause, the commission may allow the utility to seek an increase greater than what was stated in the notice subject to reasonable conditions established by the commission, including, but not limited to, requiring the utility to send a new notice to its customers describing the revised proposed increase.

PART E

Sec. E-1. 15 MRSA §1026, sub-§3, ¶B-1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 397, §4, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) That was committed against a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section ~~4002~~ 4102, subsection 4 ~~6~~, paragraphs A to E or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section ~~4002~~ 4102, subsection ~~3-A~~ 4;

Sec. E-2. 15 MRSA §1026, sub-§3, ¶B-1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 397, §4, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) That is a violation of a condition of release committed while the defendant is released on bail for a charge that involves: a violation of

Title 17-A, chapter 11; a crime against a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section ~~4002~~ 4102, subsection 4 6, paragraphs A to E; or a crime against a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section ~~4002~~ 4102, subsection ~~3-A~~ 4;

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved, except as otherwise indicated.

Effective July 10, 2023, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 406

H.P. 1299 - L.D. 2017

An Act to Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive 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, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state employee collective bargaining agreements will become due and payable immediately; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Legislature to act upon those portions of collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the executive branch that require legislative action; and

Whereas, the Governor 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 2023-24 and 2024-25. 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 ratified by December 31, 2023.

Sec. 2. 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 5 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. 3. 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. 4. 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. 5. 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 not to exceed \$99,000,000 in total for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025 to implement the economic terms of the most recent collective bargaining agreements made from July 2023 to December 2023 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. 6. 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 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 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.

Sec. 7. 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 and for other economic items contained in this Act in fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25. Positions supported from sources of funding other than the General Fund and the Highway Fund must be funded from those other sources.

Sec. 8. 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 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 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.

Sec. 9. Authorization for reimbursement of costs associated with comprehensive review of classification and compensation system. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services may be reimbursed up to \$1,200,000 from the Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for additional resources necessary to finalize the efforts of the ongoing comprehensive review of the classification and compensation system for employees of the executive branch of State Government and to conduct a market pay study that compares the salaries of state employees with employees performing comparable work for a sampling of private and public employees in the State, other New England states and other states as appropriate by September 30, 2024.

Sec. 10. 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.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 10, 2023.

CHAPTER 407

S.P. 843 - L.D. 2019

An Act to Authorize Funding for Collective Bargaining Agreements with Certain Judicial Department 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 has negotiated 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, 2023; 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 2023-24 and 2024-25. 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 must be adjusted consistent with the terms of any agreements ratified by December 31, 2023.

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 in an amount up to \$2,957,670.02 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and in an amount up to \$4,362,810.90 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 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, 2023 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 10, 2023, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 408
S.P. 102 - L.D. 202**

**An Act to Clarify the
Requirements for Adult Use
Cannabis Stores to Transact
Sales at Specified Events**

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

Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §102, sub-§39-A is enacted to read:

39-A. Permitted premises for a specified event. "Permitted premises for a specified event" means the premises described in a specified event permit issued to a cannabis store pursuant to section 504-A where a cannabis store is authorized to sell adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products.

Sec. 2. 28-B MRSA §102, sub-§51-A is enacted to read:

51-A. Specified event. "Specified event" means an event that occurs outside the licensed premises of a cannabis store that is not conducted primarily for the benefit or enjoyment of individuals under 21 years of age and that is not more than 10 consecutive days in duration or 10 occurrences in duration. For purposes of this subsection, "occurrence" means an event that is less than 24 hours in duration and that occurs during the same calendar year as another occurrence.

Sec. 3. 28-B MRSA §102, sub-§51-B is enacted to read:

51-B. Specified event permit. "Specified event permit" means a temporary authorization for a cannabis store to conduct sales of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products on the permitted premises for a specified event in accordance with section 504-A.

Sec. 4. 28-B MRSA §504, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

3. Compliance with packaging, labeling and health and safety requirements. All adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products sold or offered for sale ~~at~~ by a cannabis store must meet all applicable packaging, labeling and health and safety requirements of subchapter 7 and the rules adopted under subchapter 7.

Sec. 5. 28-B MRSA §504-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 759, Pt. C, §2 and c. 669, §5, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§504-A. Off-premises Specified event sales

Sec. 6. 28-B MRSA §504-A, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 735, §1 and amended by c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the department ~~may~~ shall issue a specified event permit to a cannabis store to sell adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products ~~at on the permitted premises for a specified event located outside the licensed premises~~ in accordance with the requirements of this section. Transportation of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products between the licensed premises and the permitted premises for a specified event is subject to the requirements of section 505. A cannabis store authorized to sell adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products under this section is subject to the provisions of section 504.

Sec. 7. 28-B MRSA §504-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 735, §1 and amended by c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

1. Permit application. At least 30 days prior to a specified event, a cannabis store seeking authorization to sell adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products at ~~the~~ a specified event shall submit a permit appli-

cation, on a form issued by the department, and a non-refundable \$200 permit application fee to the department. The application must include or be appended with:

- A. Proof of approval, in accordance with subsection 2, from the municipality ~~in which~~ where the specified event ~~is located as described in subsection 2~~ will occur to sell adult use cannabis or adult use cannabis products at the specified event;
- B. ~~A~~ The location and description of the specified event, including the date of the event, the date the cannabis store intends to sell adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products and the name and description of the organization sponsoring the event; and
- C. If the specified event is ~~being~~ held on private property, the written permission of the property owner for the cannabis store ~~licensee~~ to sell adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products on the property;
- D. A description of the adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products the cannabis store intends to sell at the specified event;
- E. The number of cannabis store employees required to work at the specified event;
- F. A diagram and description of the permitted premises for the specified event; and
- G. As applicable, a diagram and description of the security measures the cannabis store intends to implement on the permitted premises for the specified event to prevent unauthorized access to adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products, including access by persons under 21 years of age.

Sec. 8. 28-B MRSA §504-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Permit issuance. Within 14 calendar days of receipt of a permit application that meets the requirements of subsection 1, the department shall review the application and issue a specified event permit to the cannabis store or deny the application for good cause in accordance with section 206, subsection 2.

Sec. 9. 28-B MRSA §504-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 735, §1 and amended by c. 669, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Municipal approval. At least 45 days prior to a specified event, a cannabis store shall submit a request for municipal approval to the municipality where the specified event will occur. The cannabis store shall include in the request the information required under subsection 1, paragraphs B to G and any other information or fee required by the municipality. The municipality may restrict the sale of certain adult use cannabis or adult use cannabis products at the specified event. Proof

of municipal approval required under subsection 1, paragraph A must be in a form approved by a municipal official or the municipal legislative body of the municipality where the specified event will occur. As used in this subsection, "municipal official" and "municipal legislative body" have the same meanings as in Title 30-A, section 2001. Local authorization for the operation of a cannabis establishment within a municipality, pursuant to section 401, is not required for a municipality to approve a specified event permit.

Sec. 10. 28-B MRSA §504-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 735, §1 and amended by c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

3. Limitations on off-premises sales. A cannabis store issued a specified event permit under this section may sell adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products at a specified event only as authorized under the permit. A specified event permit issued by the department under this section for a specified event may not authorize:

- A. Sales at the specified event for a period greater than the duration of the event;
- B. Sales anywhere other than on the permitted premises for the specified event; or
- C. The consumption of adult use cannabis or adult use cannabis products at the location of sale at on the permitted premises for the specified event; or,
- D. ~~Sales of adult use cannabis products that are consumed by smoking. For the purposes of this paragraph, "smoking" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 1541, subsection 6.~~

Sec. 11. 28-B MRSA §504-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 735, §1 and amended by c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

4. Conditions. Sales of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products under a specified event permit ~~issued under this section~~ are subject to the following conditions.

- A. A cannabis store ~~authorized to sell adult use cannabis products at a specified event held outdoors shall transact~~ conduct all sales in a tent or similar structure with a single point of entry ~~that requires entry~~ into the tent or structure ~~in order~~ to view or purchase adult use cannabis or adult use cannabis products.
- B. A cannabis store ~~may not allow a person under 21 years of age to enter a tent or structure in which sales are conducted~~ and shall verify that a person entering the tent or structure is at least 21 years of age in the same manner as required under section 504, subsection 4.
- C. A cannabis store shall provide signs notifying customers that adult use cannabis and adult use

cannabis products may not be consumed ~~at the location of sale at~~ on the permitted premises of the specified event.

D. A cannabis store shall ensure that all adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products are secured when not under the direct control and supervision of the licensee cannabis store or an ~~the cannabis store's~~ employee ~~of the licensee.~~

E. A cannabis store shall record all sales conducted at the specified event using a video recording device in a manner that captures, to the extent practicable, only the individual making the purchase. The recording must be retained by the cannabis store ~~in a manner prescribed by the department by rule~~ for 45 days, and the cannabis store shall make it available for inspection at the department's request.

Sec. 12. 28-B MRSA §504-A, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 735, §1 and amended by c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

5. Guidance. The department shall develop and publish on a publicly accessible website guidance documents to assist cannabis stores in applying for ~~and complying with permits a specified event permit~~ under this section and ~~lawfully engaging in the off premises sale of adult use cannabis products~~ to establish best practices for conducting sales of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products at a specified event.

Sec. 13. 28-B MRSA §504-A, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Suspension or revocation. On the department's own initiative or upon complaint and after investigation, the department, by written order, may for good cause as described in section 206, subsection 2 suspend or revoke a specified event permit issued to a cannabis store. The department shall revoke a specified event permit if:

A. Municipal approval granted in accordance with subsection 2 is revoked by the municipality; or

B. As applicable, the owner of the property where the specified event will occur revokes the property owner's written permission required under subsection 1, paragraph C.

Sec. 14. 28-B MRSA §504-A, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 735, §1 and amended by c. 669, §5, is repealed.

Sec. 15. 28-B MRSA §504-A, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 759, Pt. C, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 16. 28-B MRSA §505, as amended by PL 2021, c. 667, §5; c. 669, §5; and c. 759, Pt. C, §3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§505. Transportation of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products

A licensee and its employees may transport adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products between the licensed premises of the licensee and:

1. Other licensed premises. The licensed premises of any other cannabis establishment;

2. Delivery location. The location of a delivery in accordance with section 504, subsection 9; and

3. Permitted premises. The permitted premises for a specified event in accordance with section 504-A.

All transportation of adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products must be documented by the licensee or an employee of the licensee in accordance with rules adopted by the department.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 409

H.P. 932 - L.D. 1436

An Act to Provide Remedies for Survivors of Commercial Sexual Exploitation

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §2262, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 674, §1, is amended to read:

~~Criminal~~ Except as provided in section 2262-A, criminal history record information relating to a specific criminal conviction may be sealed under this chapter only if:

Sec. 2. 15 MRSA §2262-A is enacted to read:

§2262-A. Special statutory prerequisites for sealing criminal history record information related to engaging in prostitution

Criminal history record information relating to a criminal conviction for engaging in prostitution under Title 17-A, former section 853-A must be sealed under this chapter if:

1. Eligible criminal conviction. The criminal conviction is an eligible criminal conviction;

2. Time since sentence fully satisfied. At least one year has passed since the person has fully satisfied each of the sentencing alternatives imposed under Title 17-A, section 1502, subsection 2 for the eligible criminal conviction; and

3. Other convictions. The person has not been convicted of a violation of Title 17-A, section 852, 853, 853-B or 855 or for engaging in substantially similar conduct in another jurisdiction.

Sec. 3. 15 MRSA §2263, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 674, §1, is amended to read:

§2263. Motion; persons who may file

A person may file a written motion seeking a court order sealing the person's criminal history record information relating to a specific criminal conviction in the underlying criminal proceeding based on a court determination that the person satisfies the statutory prerequisites specified in section 2262 or 2262-A. The written motion must briefly address each of the statutory prerequisites.

Sec. 4. 15 MRSA §2264, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 674, §1, is amended to read:

5. Hearing; order; written findings. The court shall hold a hearing on a motion filed under this section. At the conclusion of the hearing, if the court determines that the person who filed the motion has established by a preponderance of the evidence each of the statutory prerequisites specified in section 2262 or 2262-A, the court shall grant the motion and shall issue a written order sealing the criminal history record information of the eligible criminal conviction that was the subject of the motion. If, at the conclusion of the hearing, the court determines that the person has not established one or more of the statutory prerequisites specified in section 2262 or 2262-A, the court shall issue a written order denying the motion. The order must contain written findings of fact supporting the court's determination. A copy of the court's written order must be provided to the person and the prosecutorial office that represented the State pursuant to subsection 3.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 410

S.P. 720 - L.D. 1795

An Act to Create Greater Transparency for Facility Fees Charged by Health Care Providers and to Establish the Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8712, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Facility fees charged by health care providers. By January 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the organization shall produce and post on its publicly accessible website a report on the payments for facility fees made by payors to the extent that payment information is already reported to the organization. The organization shall submit the report required by this subsection to the Office of Affordable Health Care established in Title 5, section 3122 and the joint standing

committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health data reporting and health insurance matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the report to a first regular or second regular session of the Legislature, depending on the year in which the report is submitted.

For the purposes of this subsection, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Facility fee" means any fee charged or billed by a health care provider for outpatient services provided in a hospital-based facility or freestanding emergency facility that is intended to compensate the health care provider for the operational expenses of the health care provider, separate and distinct from a professional fee, and charged or billed regardless of how a health care service is provided.

B. "Health care provider" means a person, whether for profit or nonprofit, that furnishes bills or is paid for health care service delivery in the normal course of business. "Health care provider" includes, but is not limited to, a health system, hospital, hospital-based facility, freestanding emergency facility or urgent care clinic.

Sec. 2. Task force established. The Task Force to Evaluate the Impact of Facility Fees on Patients, referred to in this section as "the task force," is established as follows.

1. Appointments; composition. Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the task force consists of 8 voting members and 2 ex officio nonvoting members as follows:

A. Four members must be appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

- (1) One member of the Senate;
- (2) One member representing a statewide organization supporting the interests of health care consumers;
- (3) One member representing the interests of health insurance carriers; and
- (4) One member with expertise, knowledge and background in health care policy;

B. Four members must be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:

- (1) One member of the House of Representatives;
- (2) One member representing a statewide organization of retired persons;
- (3) One member representing a statewide organization of hospitals; and
- (4) One member representing a hospital in the State; and

C. Two ex officio nonvoting members as follows:

- (1) The Director of the Office of MaineCare Services within the Department of Health and Human Services or the director's designee; and
- (2) The Director of the Office of Affordable Health Care or the director's designee.

2. Chairs. The member of the Senate is the Senate chair and the member of the House of Representatives is the House chair of the task force. Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the chairs may appoint, as nonvoting members, individuals with expertise in health care policy, health care financing or health care delivery. Any additional members appointed pursuant to this subsection are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement under subsection 5.

3. Appointments; convening. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this Act. 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 Act 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.

4. Duties. The task force shall:

- A. Review the industry practices for charging facility fees, uses of the funds received as facility fees and impacts on patients of paying facility fees charged by health care providers;
- B. Review federal transparency requirements for hospitals and health insurance carriers regarding cost of treatment, identify any gaps or redundancies between state laws and federal laws and identify any problems with enforcement of those laws;
- C. Consider efforts in other states and by national organizations related to regulation of, or minimization of, facility fees and the potential effects such efforts might have on health care costs in this State; and
- D. Make recommendations for changes in laws or rules regarding facility fees and medical cost transparency based on the information examined under this subsection.

5. Compensation. The legislative members of the task force are entitled to receive the legislative per diem, as set out in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses related to their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force. Public members not otherwise compensated by their employers or other entities that they represent are entitled to receive reimbursement of

necessary expenses and, upon a demonstration of financial hardship, a per diem equal to the legislative per diem for their attendance at authorized meetings of the task force.

6. Quorum. A quorum is a majority of the voting members of the task force, including those members invited to participate who have accepted the invitation to participate.

7. Staffing. The Legislative Council shall provide staff support for the task force. To the extent needed when the Legislature is in session, the Legislative Council may contract for such staff support if sufficient funding is available.

8. Consultants; additional staff assistance. The task force may solicit the services of one or more outside consultants to assist the task force to the extent resources are available. Upon request, the Office of Affordable Health Care, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance and the Maine Health Data Organization shall provide additional staffing assistance to the task force to ensure the task force has the information necessary to fulfill their duties under this section.

9. Reports. The task force shall submit a report no later than December 6, 2023 that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services and the committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

10. Additional funding; sources. The task force may apply for and receive funds, grants or contracts from public and private sources to support its activities under this section.

11. Definition. For purposes of this section, "facility fees" and "healthcare provider" have the same meanings as in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 8712, subsection 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 411

S.P. 815 - L.D. 1986

**An Act Relating to Net Energy
Billing and Distributed Solar
and Energy Storage Systems**

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

Sec. 1. 2 MRSA §9, sub-§6-A is enacted to read:

6-A. Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program. The Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program, referred to in this subsection as "the 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 office, as funding allows, shall develop the program no later than July 1, 2024.

A. As used in this subsection, the following terms have the following meanings.

(1) "Distributed solar facility" means a solar generating facility interconnected to a transmission and distribution utility as defined in Title 35-A, section 102, subsection 20-B.

(2) "Energy storage system" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 3481, subsection 6.

B. The program must be designed to obtain and provide available federal funds to support cost-effective distributed solar facilities and energy storage systems. The office shall consult with the Public Utilities Commission in developing and administering the program.

C. In order to support the office's activities in administering the program, the office may request funds from the Public Utilities 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. Notwithstanding Title 35-A, section 117, if the office requests funding in accordance with this paragraph, 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 Title 35-A, section 116, subsection 4, the commission may provide funding from the Public Utilities Commission Regulatory Fund in accordance with this paragraph.

D. The office 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 paragraph limits other uses of federal funds received by the office consistent with applicable federal requirements.

E. Except as provided in paragraph C, 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.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3209-A, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Applicability to projects between one megawatt and 2 megawatts. A distributed generation resource with a nameplate capacity of at least one megawatt and not more than 2 megawatts may be used for net energy billing under this section only if the requirements of paragraph A are met.

A. On or before December 31, 2024, the proposed distributed generation resource must reach commercial operation by the date specified in the net energy billing agreement or by the date specified with an allowable modification to that agreement.

An entity proposing the development of a distributed generation resource that does not meet the requirement of this subsection may petition the commission for a good-cause exemption due to external delays outside of the entity's control, which the commission may grant if it finds that without the external delays the entity could reasonably have been expected to meet the requirement.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3209-B, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 390, §2, is amended to read:

7. Applicability. The applicability of this section is limited by the requirements of section 3209-A, subsection 7 and subsection 9.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3209-B, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Limitation. After December 31, 2023, a distributed generation resource may be used for net energy billing under this section only if the distributed generation resource is collocated with all of the distributed generation resource's net energy billing customers and those customers are subscribed to 100% of the facility's output under this section. This limitation does not apply to a distributed generation resource with a net energy billing agreement that was executed on or before December 31, 2023. An amendment, revision or reissuance of an agreement under this subsection that occurs after December 31, 2023 may not be interpreted to affect the date on which the agreement was initially executed.

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3209-C is enacted to read:

§3209-C. Net energy billing cost recovery

The commission shall ensure that benefits of distributed generation under net energy billing are reported and net energy billing costs are allocated in accordance with this section.

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

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 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.

B. "Net energy billing" means net energy billing arrangements under section 3209-A or 3209-B.

C. "Net energy billing costs" means all legitimate and verifiable costs incurred by a transmission and distribution utility directly attributable to net energy billing. "Net energy billing costs" does not include any costs incurred by a project sponsor as defined in section 3209-A, subsection 1, paragraph D, a net energy billing customer or any other entity, as determined by the commission by rule.

2. Determination of costs and benefits. The commission annually shall determine the net energy billing costs and benefits of distributed generation under net energy billing for the previous year.

A. When determining the benefits of distributed generation under net energy billing, the commission shall use any available regional avoided energy supply cost study that the commission finds to be applicable to the determination and has been developed through a transparent process, with input from state agencies, public advocates and utilities or energy efficiency administrators from at least 3 other states in New England. When relevant information specific to this State is not provided in the regional study, the commission may use the re-

gional information in the regional study or information from other sources supported by evidence in the commission's record.

B. The commission shall allocate to each investor-owned transmission and distribution utility its pro rata share of net energy billing costs. If the commission finds that a benefit of distributed generation under net energy billing provides a monetized net financial benefit to an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility that the commission does not otherwise account for when setting rates for the utility, the net financial benefit must be applied to offset the net energy billing costs allocated under this paragraph. The allocation must be based on each utility's total retail kilowatt-hour energy sales to ratepayers that pay net energy billing costs. The commission may determine the means to be used for the allocation required under this subsection, and those means may include the direct transfer of funds between transmission and distribution utilities.

3. Reporting of costs and benefits. The commission shall submit an annual report no later than March 31st to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities matters describing net energy billing costs and benefits of distributed generation under net energy billing determined by the commission under subsection 2. The report must include, but is not limited to, costs authorized to be collected by transmission and distribution utilities in rates and benefits directly received by ratepayers. The commission shall distinguish costs and benefits that are monetized from costs and benefits that are not monetized. If costs or benefits are monetized, the commission shall specify the entities to which the monetized value accrues, which may include, but are not limited to, electricity customers, electricity supply providers and transmission and distribution utilities.

4. Rules. The commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section. Rules adopted by the commission under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §3209-D is enacted to read:

§3209-D. Distributed generation procurement

The commission may direct an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to enter into one or more contracts for energy or renewable energy credits from distributed generation 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.

1. Definition. As used in this section, the following term has the following meaning.

A. "Distributed generation 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:

(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.

2. Competitive solicitations and initial procurement. The commission may conduct one or more competitive solicitations in order to select distributed generation resources for contracts under this subsection.

A. No later than January 31, 2024, the commission shall determine whether to conduct a competitive solicitation pursuant to this subsection.

B. If the commission conducts a competitive solicitation under paragraph A and determines that an initial procurement of energy or renewable energy credits is in the public interest, the commission shall select distributed generation resources for contracts under this section.

3. Additional contracting authority. After conducting one or more competitive solicitations under subsection 2, the commission may direct an investor-owned transmission and distribution utility to enter into one or more additional contracts for energy or renewable energy credits from distributed generation resources if the commission finds that such contracts are in the public interest.

A. A contract for energy or renewable energy credits from a distributed generation resource under this subsection may not establish a price for such energy or renewable energy credits that is greater than the highest price established in the procurements under subsection 2.

4. Contract terms. A contract entered into pursuant to this section must be for a term of no more than 20 years unless the commission finds a contract for a longer term to be in the public interest.

5. Net energy billing agreement termination. A distributed generation resource that is awarded a contract under this section is ineligible for net energy billing under section 3209-A or section 3209-B and the commission shall require all net energy billing arrangements or agreements be terminated as a condition of awarding a contract under this section.

6. Report. The commission shall include in its biennial report required by section 3210-G, subsection 3 information regarding the status of contracts for energy or renewable energy credits from distributed generation resources pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to, the number of distributed generation resources that have been awarded contracts, the total capacity of those resources and the estimated ratepayer savings as a result of those contracts.

Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §3209-E is enacted to read:

§3209-E. Net energy billing cost management

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-D, subsection 1, paragraph A.

B. "Net energy billing cost" means a cost borne by ratepayers that is determined by the commission to be reasonably attributable to distributed generation projects participating in net energy billing arrangements under section 3209-A and section 3209-B.

C. "Opt-in program" means a program to reduce net energy billing costs in which a distributed generation resource may elect to participate.

2. Opt-in programs. The commission may develop and implement one or more opt-in programs in accordance with this section.

A. The commission shall conduct one or more proceedings to examine and evaluate opt-in program designs, including, but not limited to, designs that include long-term financial mechanisms and buy-down arrangements. In conducting an examination and evaluation in accordance with this paragraph, the commission shall consult with the Finance Authority of Maine and give preference to designs that enable the continued development and operation of distributed generation resources.

B. After examining and evaluating opt-in programs under paragraph A, if the commission finds the implementation of an opt-in program to be in the public interest, the commission shall establish and implement the opt-in program by rule.

C. The commission may not require a distributed generation resource to participate in an opt-in program established in accordance with this section.

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. 8. 35-A MRSA §3210-G, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 477, §2, is amended to read:

3. Report. No later than March 31, 2023 and biennially thereafter, the commission shall submit a report 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 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. 9. Interconnection of energy storage. In developing rules governing the interconnection of renewable resources and energy storage pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3474, subsection 3, the Public Utilities Commission shall consider whether modification of an interconnection application for the sole purpose of adding an energy storage system should materially impact the position of the project in an interconnection queue.

Sec. 10. Cost management report. By March 31, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology regarding the proceedings and any actions taken under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3209-E.

Sec. 11. Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program design. In developing the Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 2, section 9, subsection 6-A, the Governor's Energy Office shall ensure that the program is designed to address the recommendations contained in the Final Report of the Distributed Generation Stakeholder Group dated January 6, 2023 and submitted by the office to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 390, section 4.

Sec. 12. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Distributed Solar and Energy Storage Program N470

Initiative: Provides allocations to establish the program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$500	\$500

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Provides allocations for expenditures related to contracted services.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$252,553
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$252,553

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$252,553
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$252,553

SECTION TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$253,053
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$500	\$253,053

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 412
H.P. 163 - L.D. 258**

**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, 2023,
June 30, 2024 and June 30,
2025**

**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: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position to manage the high volume of contracts necessary to implement the programs of the Office of Employee Health and Wellness.

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$102,076	\$107,833

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$102,076	\$107,833
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Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455

Initiative: Establishes 2 Public Service Coordinator I positions to support state employees with all benefits and retirees with health insurance, including educational sessions on retirement for state employees.

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$182,060	\$192,674

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$182,060	\$192,674
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Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455

Initiative: Establishes one Office Specialist II position to provide advanced office and administrative support to the executive director and other team members of the Office of Employee Health and Wellness.

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$89,088	\$94,240

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$89,088	\$94,240
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Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000

FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND TOTAL	\$10,000	\$10,000
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Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Office Assistant II position from the Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance program.

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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ACCIDENT - SICKNESS - HEALTH INSURANCE 0455

PROGRAM SUMMARY

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$373,224	\$394,747

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$373,224	\$394,747
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FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000

FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND TOTAL	\$10,000	\$10,000
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Administration - Human Resources 0038

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position to provide expertise to the Bureau of Human Resources in the legislative and rule-making processes and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$122,487	\$129,126
All Other	\$5,375	\$5,375
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$127,862	\$134,501

Administration - Human Resources 0038

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position to provide expertise on classification and compensation and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$106,169	\$111,898
All Other	\$5,375	\$5,375
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$111,544	\$117,273

Administration - Human Resources 0038

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position to provide professional services in the areas of diversity, equity and inclusion and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$122,487	\$129,126
All Other	\$5,375	\$5,375
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$127,862	\$134,501

Administration - Human Resources 0038

Initiative: Provides funding for one Public Service Coordinator I position, 3 Human Resource Analyst positions and related costs to complete the classification

plan every 10 years and the market pay study every 4 years.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$433,420	\$457,080
All Other	\$21,500	\$21,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$454,920	\$478,580

ADMINISTRATION - HUMAN RESOURCES 0038

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
Personal Services	\$784,563	\$827,230
All Other	\$37,625	\$37,625
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$822,188	\$864,855

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

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,152,023	\$2,152,023
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,152,023	\$2,152,023

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

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,395,555	\$1,623,418
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,395,555	\$1,623,418

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

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,547,578	\$3,775,441
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,547,578	\$3,775,441

Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$63,500	\$63,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$63,500</u>	<u>\$63,500</u>

Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$17,500	\$18,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$17,500</u>	<u>\$18,500</u>

Adult Use Cannabis Regulatory Coordination Fund Z264

Initiative: Deappropriates one-time funding provided in Public Law 2023, chapter 17 for an upgrade to the trace and track system.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$150,000)	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$150,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>

ADULT USE CANNABIS REGULATORY COORDINATION FUND Z264

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$150,000)	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$150,000)</u>	<u>\$0</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$81,000	\$82,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$81,000</u>	<u>\$82,000</u>

Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$81,000	\$85,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$81,000</u>	<u>\$85,000</u>

Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015

Initiative: Establishes one Office Associate II position to provide support in the marketing and pricing of spirits in the State and provides funding for related All Other costs.

STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$72,985	\$77,430
All Other	\$7,300	\$7,387

STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL	<u>\$80,285</u>	<u>\$84,817</u>
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Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015

Initiative: Establishes 5 Liquor Licensing Inspector positions to provide investigative and protective services inspecting and licensing retail liquor stores, restaurants and clubs throughout the State per statutory requirements and provides funding for related All Other costs.

STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	5.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$440,735	\$465,045
All Other	\$77,228	\$77,703

STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL	<u>\$517,963</u>	<u>\$542,748</u>
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Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015

Initiative: Establishes one Liquor Tax Auditor position in the liquor licensing division to determine the validity of excise tax receipts and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$76,961	\$81,111
All Other	\$5,763	\$5,763

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$82,724</u>	<u>\$86,874</u>
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Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015

Initiative: Establishes one Office Associate II position in the liquor licensing division to organize excise tax collection transactions and process license violations and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$72,985	\$77,430
All Other	\$5,763	\$5,763

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$78,748</u>	<u>\$83,193</u>
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Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide liquor licensing enforcement operations provided by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$100,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
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Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide Central Fleet Management services provided by the department.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$25,500	\$25,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$25,500</u>	<u>\$25,500</u>

Alcoholic Beverages - General Operation 0015

Initiative: Reduces funding in the cost of goods sold account to correct for an erroneous baseline entry in Public Law 2023, chapter 17.

STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$180,049,407)	(\$180,049,407)
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$180,049,407)</u>	<u>(\$180,049,407)</u>

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - GENERAL OPERATION 0015 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	2.000	2.000
All Other	\$149,946	\$158,541
	\$118,026	\$222,026
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$267,972</u>	<u>\$380,567</u>

STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	6.000	6.000
All Other	\$513,720	\$542,475
	(\$179,964,879)	(\$179,964,317)
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$179,451,159)</u>	<u>(\$179,421,842)</u>

Budget - Bureau of the 0055

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000	\$1,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,000</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>

Budget - Bureau of the 0055

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,500	\$13,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$12,500</u>	<u>\$13,000</u>

Budget - Bureau of the 0055

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,400	\$3,400
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,400</u>	<u>\$3,400</u>

BUDGET - BUREAU OF THE 0055 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$16,900	\$17,400
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$16,900</u>	<u>\$17,400</u>

Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080

Initiative: Provides funding to cover increased utility, repair and fuel costs for the Bangor campus.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$285,000	\$285,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$285,000</u>	<u>\$285,000</u>

Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080

Initiative: Establishes 2 Plant Maintenance Engineer positions for the Bureau of General Services to assist with the maintenance and repair of water, heating and electric systems in state-owned facilities.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	2.000	2.000
	\$178,820	\$187,808
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$178,820</u>	<u>\$187,808</u>

Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>

Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080

Initiative: Provides funding to cover increased utility and fuel costs and to fund contracted services and repair costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$852,600	\$852,600
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$852,600</u>	<u>\$852,600</u>

Buildings and Grounds Operations 0080

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Building Custodian position from the Buildings and Grounds Operations program.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$13,758)	(\$14,166)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$13,758)	(\$14,166)

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OPERATIONS 0080

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$178,820	\$187,808
All Other	\$852,600	\$852,600
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,031,420	\$1,040,408

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$13,758)	(\$14,166)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$13,758)	(\$14,166)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$285,000	\$285,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$285,000	\$285,000

REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
REAL PROPERTY LEASE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000

Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund 0883

Initiative: Provides funding for capital construction and repair for state-owned buildings.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

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

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

Central Administrative Applications Z234

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$13,000	\$13,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,000	\$13,500

Central Administrative Applications Z234

Initiative: Provides funding to support statewide software systems used to process, control and report on the State's financial information.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,371,117	\$1,371,117
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,371,117	\$1,371,117

Central Administrative Applications Z234

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$563,000	\$563,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$563,000	\$563,000

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATIONS Z234

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,947,117	\$1,947,617
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,947,117	\$1,947,617

Central Fleet Management 0703

Initiative: Establishes one Fleet Support Specialist position for the Central Fleet Management Division.

CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$72,446	\$76,327
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL TOTAL	\$72,446	\$76,327

Central Fleet Management 0703

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for increased operational expenses.

CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$0
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL TOTAL	\$10,000	\$0

Central Fleet Management 0703

Initiative: Provides funding to cover annual maintenance costs associated with a vehicle fleet telematics system.

CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$365,000	\$365,000
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	\$365,000	\$365,000
TOTAL		

Central Fleet Management 0703

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to cover the implementation of an asset management software system and provides funding for the associated maintenance costs.

CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	\$30,000	\$30,000
TOTAL		

CENTRAL FLEET MANAGEMENT 0703

PROGRAM SUMMARY

CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$72,446	\$76,327
All Other	\$405,000	\$395,000
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	\$477,446	\$471,327
TOTAL		

Central Services - Purchases 0004

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to cover the implementation of an asset management software system and provides funding for the associated maintenance costs.

POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND	\$30,000	\$30,000
TOTAL		

Central Services - Purchases 0004

Initiative: Establishes one Postal Services Worker position to support postal services across state agencies.

POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$67,116	\$69,888
POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND	\$67,116	\$69,888
TOTAL		

Central Services - Purchases 0004

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the procurement of replacement equipment for the postal division

and ongoing funding for postage meters, maintenance and supplies.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$98,262	\$98,262
Capital Expenditures	\$1,734,808	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,833,070	\$98,262

CENTRAL SERVICES - PURCHASES 0004

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$98,262	\$98,262
Capital Expenditures	\$1,734,808	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,833,070	\$98,262

POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$67,116	\$69,888
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND	\$97,116	\$99,888
TOTAL		

POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND TOTAL	\$97,116	\$99,888
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Centralized Imaging Services Z372

Initiative: Provides funding to conduct aerial imaging acquisition and processing and use light detection and ranging technology on state agency directed projects.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

CENTRALIZED IMAGING SERVICES Z372

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Z337

Initiative: Eliminates allocation for the COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account. This account was established to fund one-time payments to Maine citizens.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$408,408,000)	(\$408,408,000)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$408,408,000)	(\$408,408,000)

COVID PANDEMIC RELIEF PAYMENT PROGRAM Z337

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25

All Other	(\$408,408,000)	(\$408,408,000)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	(\$408,408,000)	(\$408,408,000)
FUNDS TOTAL		

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000

Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority 0893

Initiative: Provides funding for annual principal and interest payments on funds borrowed through the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority for the purposes of paying the costs associated with the planning, design, renovation, abatement, construction, financing, furnishing and equipping of new and existing facilities to serve as a headquarters for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$3,200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$3,200,000

DEBT SERVICE - GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AUTHORITY 0893

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$6,200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,000,000	\$6,200,000

Departments and Agencies - Statewide 0016

Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for the State's share of the premium contributions for family and medical leave benefits effective January 1, 2025.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$272,075
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$272,075

Departments and Agencies - Statewide 0016

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the State's share of the premium contributions for family and medical leave benefits effective January 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$984,444
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$984,444

DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES - STATEWIDE 0016

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$984,444
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$984,444

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$272,075
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$272,075

Elderly Tax Deferral Program 0650

Initiative: Provides funding to reimburse municipalities for the expansion of the elderly tax deferral program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,500,000

ELDERLY TAX DEFERRAL PROGRAM 0650

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,500,000

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one part-time Public Service Coordinator I position from 20 hours to 40 hours biweekly to support the operations of all service centers, including development of metrics, improved financial reporting and creating and tracking performance measures.

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$27,688	\$27,677
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$27,688	\$27,677

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Establishes one Accounting Technician position, one Staff Accountant position and one Senior Staff Accountant position and provides funding for related All Other costs within the General Government Service Center.

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$242,670	\$255,669
All Other	\$16,125	\$16,125
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$258,795	\$271,794

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Staff Accountant position from 54 hours to 80 hours bi-weekly.

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$26,335	\$27,711
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FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$26,335	\$27,711

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position to support human resources activities for the Department of Health and Human Services and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$106,169	\$111,898
All Other	\$5,375	\$5,375
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FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$111,544	\$117,273

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Public Service Manager I position from 64 hours to 80 hours biweekly to support human resources activities within the Security and Employment Service Center.

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$21,786	\$22,967
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FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$21,786	\$22,967

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

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

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$240,148	\$232,963
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FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$240,148	\$232,963

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Accounting Associate I position from 32 hours to 80

hours biweekly in order to support accounts payable processes including intake, review of documentation and transaction processing for agency partners for the Security and Employment Service Center.

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$41,808	\$44,379
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FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$41,808	\$44,379

Financial and Personnel Services - Division of 0713

Initiative: Establishes one Office Assistant II position to support administrative duties and one Accounting Analyst Supervisor position to manage accounts payable processes and provide supervisory services for the Security and Employment Service Center and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$175,393	\$185,448
All Other	\$10,750	\$10,750
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FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$186,143	\$196,198

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES - DIVISION OF 0713

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.500	6.500
Personal Services	\$641,849	\$675,749
All Other	\$272,398	\$265,213
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FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$914,247	\$940,962

Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement 0886

Initiative: Reduces funding for the Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement program due to maintaining the reimbursement rate to municipalities at 76%.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$3,135,503)
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$3,135,503)

HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENT 0886

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$3,135,503)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$3,135,503)</u>

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position and one System Analyst position to serve geo-spatial mapping needs and provides All Other related costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$228,402	\$253,167
All Other	\$17,826	\$17,826
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$246,228</u>	<u>\$270,993</u>

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Provides funding for security enhancement needs for technology services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,595,000	\$4,095,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,595,000</u>	<u>\$4,095,000</u>

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Provides funding for accessibility tools, the internship program and contracts related to cloud activities reducing overhead billings.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$618,150	\$618,150
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$618,150</u>	<u>\$618,150</u>

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Provides funding for state orthoimagery collection projects coordinated by the geographic information board providing high resolution aerial images of the State.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$553,772	\$553,772
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$553,772</u>	<u>\$553,772</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$300,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>
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Information Services 0155

Initiative: Establishes 4 Public Service Manager II positions in the Project Management Office to develop in-state project management capacity for improved oversight and accountability of project investments and outcomes and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND

	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$528,968	\$557,416
All Other	\$35,652	\$35,652
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$564,620</u>	<u>\$593,068</u>

Information Services 0155

Initiative: Establishes one Information Support Specialist II position and one Senior Information Support Specialist position to support the federal and state information technology systems within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$214,889	\$226,776
All Other	\$17,826	\$17,826

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$232,715</u>	<u>\$244,602</u>
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INFORMATION SERVICES 0155

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$228,402	\$253,167
All Other	\$4,784,748	\$5,284,748
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,013,150</u>	<u>\$5,537,915</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$300,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND

	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$743,857	\$784,192
All Other	\$53,478	\$53,478

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$797,335</u>	<u>\$837,670</u>
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Lottery Operations 0023

Initiative: Establishes one Marketing Specialist position to conduct day-to-day state lottery marketing activities and provides funding for related All Other costs.

STATE LOTTERY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COURT	1.000	1.000

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Personal Services	\$86,868	\$91,658
All Other	\$7,571	\$7,665
STATE LOTTERY FUND	<u>\$94,439</u>	<u>\$99,323</u>
TOTAL		

Lottery Operations 0023

Initiative: Establishes one Inventory and Property Associate I position to perform state lottery warehouse management functions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

STATE LOTTERY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$70,332	\$74,620
All Other	\$7,248	\$7,332
STATE LOTTERY FUND	<u>\$77,580</u>	<u>\$81,952</u>
TOTAL		

LOTTERY OPERATIONS 0023

PROGRAM SUMMARY

STATE LOTTERY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$157,200	\$166,278
All Other	\$14,819	\$14,997
STATE LOTTERY FUND	<u>\$172,019</u>	<u>\$181,275</u>
TOTAL		

Maine Board of Tax Appeals Z146

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,750	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,750</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>

MAINE BOARD OF TAX APPEALS Z146

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,750	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,750</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>

Medical Use of Cannabis Fund Z265

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$17,500	\$18,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$17,500</u>	<u>\$18,500</u>

MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS FUND Z265

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION - 2023

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$17,500	\$18,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$17,500</u>	<u>\$18,500</u>

Office of the Commissioner - Administrative and Financial Services 0718

Initiative: Provides funding to cover the increased costs of the economic models for the State Economist and the Office of Tax Policy.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,550	\$3,550
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,550</u>	<u>\$3,550</u>

Office of the Commissioner - Administrative and Financial Services 0718

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,000	\$12,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$11,000</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER - ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES 0718

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$14,550	\$15,550
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$14,550</u>	<u>\$15,550</u>

Property Tax Stabilization Z368

Initiative: Removes funding for reimbursement to municipalities due to elimination of the property tax stabilization program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$31,000,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$31,000,000)</u>

PROPERTY TAX STABILIZATION Z368

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$31,000,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$31,000,000)</u>

Property Tax Stabilization Mandate Z369

Initiative: Removes funding for mandate cost reimbursement to municipalities due to elimination of the property tax stabilization program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION - 2023

All Other	\$0	(\$550,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$550,000)

PROPERTY TAX STABILIZATION MANDATE Z369

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$550,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$550,000)

Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration 0057

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Occupational Health and Safety Compliance Assistance Specialist position from 52 hours to 80 hours biweekly.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$33,530	\$35,386
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$33,530	\$35,386

Public Improvements - Planning/Construction - Administration 0057

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$48,500	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$48,500	\$50,000

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS - PLANNING/CONSTRUCTION - ADMINISTRATION 0057

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$33,530	\$35,386
All Other	\$48,500	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$82,030	\$85,386

Purchases - Division of 0007

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,500	\$7,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,500	\$7,500

Purchases - Division of 0007

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to fully implement the software portal to allow requested proposals to be submitted, evaluated and awarded within the portal and provides ongoing funding to cover licensing costs to streamline the procurement workflow and contract review process.

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GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$320,000	\$20,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$320,000	\$20,000

Purchases - Division of 0007

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to cover the implementation of an asset management software system and provides funding for the associated maintenance costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$700,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$700,000	\$0

Purchases - Division of 0007

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to cover contractual expenditures related to temporary staffing and multimedia services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$13,400	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,400	\$0

PURCHASES - DIVISION OF 0007

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,040,900	\$27,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,040,900	\$27,500

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides funding to cover the increased costs of the economic models for the State Economist and the Office of Tax Policy.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,550	\$3,550
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,550	\$3,550

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$86,000	\$97,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$86,000	\$97,500

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Establishes 4 Senior Revenue Agent positions within the property tax division and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$392,912	\$414,380

All Other	\$32,620	\$28,020
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$425,532	\$442,400

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position within the Bureau of Revenue Services to assist with comanagement of the income and estate tax division and provides funding for All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$125,369	\$132,516
All Other	\$5,495	\$4,345
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$130,864	\$136,861

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Establishes 2 Tax Section Manager positions to support management of the individual income tax unit within the income and estate tax division and provides funding for All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$221,792	\$233,147
All Other	\$10,990	\$8,690
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$232,782	\$241,837

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Establishes 2 Senior Tax Examiner positions to provide supervisory support for tax examiners within the income and estate tax division and provides funding for All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$206,458	\$217,660
All Other	\$10,990	\$8,690
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$217,448	\$226,350

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Establishes 5 Tax Examiner positions within the income and estate tax division to improve customer service capabilities and provides funding for All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	5.000	5.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$445,675	\$468,745
All Other	\$27,475	\$21,725
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$473,150	\$490,470

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Establishes one Office Specialist I Supervisor position and 2 Office Specialist I positions within the

operations processing unit and provides funding for All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$228,612	\$245,541
All Other	\$16,485	\$13,035
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$245,097	\$258,576

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position within the Office of Tax Policy to address the increasing number, complexity and range of tax policy matters handled by the office.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$102,748	\$108,561
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$102,748	\$108,561

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Reduces funding due to the decommissioning of legacy collection systems.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$2,000,000)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$2,000,000)

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Provides funding to expand the current Revenue Agent to Senior Revenue Agent training program to include a 2nd career ladder from Senior Revenue Agent to Principal Revenue Agent.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$375,381	\$381,481
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$375,381	\$381,481

REVENUE SERVICES, BUREAU OF 0002

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	18.000	18.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$2,098,947	\$2,202,031
All Other	\$193,605	\$185,555
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,292,552	\$2,387,586

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$2,000,000)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$2,000,000)

Risk Management - Claims 0008

Initiative: Provides funding to cover increased claim costs for the risk management division.

RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

Risk Management - Claims 0008

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position to assist with managing the risk management division and to oversee the division's staff and statutory responsibilities.

RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$122,487	\$129,126
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$122,487</u>	<u>\$129,126</u>

Risk Management - Claims 0008

Initiative: Provides one-time funding 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.

RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,500,000	\$500
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,500,000</u>	<u>\$500</u>

RISK MANAGEMENT - CLAIMS 0008

PROGRAM SUMMARY

RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$122,487	\$129,126
All Other	\$5,500,000	\$2,000,500
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,622,487</u>	<u>\$2,129,626</u>

State Benefit Mandate Defrayal Z373

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the cost of the benefit mandate providing coverage of infertility treatment as enacted by Public Law 2021, chapter 692, An Act To Provide Access to Fertility Care.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,800,000	\$3,800,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,800,000</u>	<u>\$3,800,000</u>

State Benefit Mandate Defrayal Z373

Initiative: Eliminates ongoing funding for the cost of the benefit mandate providing coverage of infertility treatment as enacted by Public Law 2021, chapter 692, An Act To Provide Access to Fertility Care.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$3,800,000)	(\$3,800,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$3,800,000)</u>	<u>(\$3,800,000)</u>

STATE BENEFIT MANDATE DEFRAAYAL Z373

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Controller - Office of the 0056

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,000	\$8,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$8,000</u>	<u>\$8,000</u>

State Controller - Office of the 0056

Initiative: Provides funding for contractual services to provide statewide systems training for all agency partners.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>

State Controller - Office of the 0056

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Accounting Technician position from 64 hours to 80 hours biweekly in order to support statewide vendor master file updates and vendor inquiries due to increased transaction volume and to provide appropriate segregation of duties in the accounting division.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$14,494	\$15,286
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$14,494</u>	<u>\$15,286</u>

State Controller - Office of the 0056

Initiative: Establishes one Staff Accountant position to support accounting transaction review and approval due to increased transaction volume and to provide appropriate segregation of duties in the accounting division and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$81,001	\$85,172
All Other	\$5,375	\$5,375
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$86,376</u>	<u>\$90,547</u>

State Controller - Office of the 0056

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,050	\$2,050
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,050</u>	<u>\$2,050</u>

State Controller - Office of the 0056

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,000	\$8,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,000</u>	<u>\$8,000</u>

STATE CONTROLLER - OFFICE OF THE 0056

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$95,495	\$100,458
All Other	\$47,425	\$48,425
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$142,920</u>	<u>\$148,883</u>

Workers' Compensation Management Fund Program 0802

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position to provide oversight for the human resources assistants in workers' compensation and to assist with the processing of workers' compensation claims.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$91,030	\$96,337
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$91,030</u>	<u>\$96,337</u>

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND PROGRAM 0802

PROGRAM SUMMARY

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$91,030	\$96,337

WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$91,030</u>	<u>\$96,337</u>
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ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$17,859,519	(\$12,944,130)
HIGHWAY FUND	(\$13,758)	\$257,909
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$402,176,922)	(\$403,947,059)
FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL SERVICES FUND	\$914,247	\$940,962
POSTAL, PRINTING AND SUPPLY FUND	\$97,116	\$99,888
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES FUND	\$797,335	\$837,670
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	\$5,622,487	\$2,129,626
WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT FUND	\$91,030	\$96,337
CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	\$477,446	\$471,327
REAL PROPERTY LEASE FUND	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND		
ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	\$373,224	\$394,747
STATE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE FUND	(\$179,451,159)	(\$179,421,842)
STATE LOTTERY FUND	\$172,019	\$181,275
FIREFIGHTERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FUND	\$10,000	\$10,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>(\$551,727,416)</u>	<u>(\$587,393,290)</u>

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

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$30,881	\$37,755

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$30,881	\$37,755
FUNDS TOTAL		

ANIMAL WELFARE FUND 0946

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$30,881	\$37,755

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$30,881	\$37,755
FUNDS TOTAL		

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one Consumer Protection Inspector position due to increased demand for the inspection of legal recreational cannabis products and shops and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$89,887	\$94,890
All Other	\$11,000	\$11,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,887	\$105,890
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Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one Consumer Protection Inspector position due to increased demand for food safety inspections and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$89,887	\$94,890
All Other	\$11,000	\$11,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,887	\$105,890
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Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one Consumer Protection Inspector position for the State's meat and poultry inspection program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$44,946	\$47,447
All Other	\$5,500	\$5,500

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,446	\$52,947
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$44,941	\$47,443
All Other	\$8,672	\$8,829

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$53,613	\$56,272
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Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to upgrade the Cony Road facility in Augusta.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$750,000	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$750,000	\$0
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Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the licensing and inspection database for the division of quality assurance and regulations and provides ongoing funding for hosting and maintenance of the new system.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$150,000
Capital Expenditures	\$1,500,000	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$150,000
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Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides additional funding for soil and water conservation districts.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000
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Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides funding to supplement the cost of the annual survey for the pale cyst nematode.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000
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Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides funding to establish a baseline allocation in the Agricultural Development Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$250,000	\$250,000
FUNDS TOTAL		

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides funding for ongoing expenses related to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$750,000	\$750,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$750,000	\$750,000
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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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$94,058	\$117,109
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$94,058	\$117,109
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,767	\$14,552
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,767	\$14,552

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one seasonal Entomology Technician position in the Federal Expenditures Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.538	0.538
Personal Services	\$39,955	\$42,080
All Other	\$2,503	\$2,636
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$42,458	\$44,716

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Environmental Specialist III position, one part-time Environmental Specialist II position and one part-time Office Associate II position from 100% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund to 100% Pesticides Control - Board of program, Other Special Revenue Funds and transfers and reallocates the cost of 2 Assistant Horticulturist positions, one State Horticulturist position and 2 Entomologist III positions from 100% Pesticides Control - Board of program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$321,271	\$319,766
All Other	(\$10,500)	(\$10,500)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$310,771	\$309,266

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one Contract/Grant Manager position to oversee multiple grant programs and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$106,665	\$112,530
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$110,165	\$116,030

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE 0393

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$652,656	\$669,523
All Other	\$1,114,558	\$1,287,609
Capital Expenditures	\$2,250,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,017,214	\$1,957,132

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.538	0.538
Personal Services	\$84,896	\$89,523
All Other	\$11,175	\$11,465
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$96,071	\$100,988

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$261,767	\$264,552
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$261,767	\$264,552

Certified Seed Fund 0787

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$26,167	\$32,392
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$26,167	\$32,392

CERTIFIED SEED FUND 0787

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$26,167	\$32,392
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$26,167	\$32,392

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Consumer Protection Inspector position due to increased demand for the inspection of legal recreational cannabis products and shops and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,292	\$3,292
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,292	\$3,292
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25

All Other	\$585	\$585
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$585	\$585
FUNDS TOTAL		

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Consumer Protection Inspector position due to increased demand for food safety inspections and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,292	\$3,292
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,292	\$3,292

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$585	\$585

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$585	\$585
FUNDS TOTAL		

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Consumer Protection Inspector position for the State's meat and poultry inspection program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,292	\$3,292
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,292	\$3,292

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position to provide safety training and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,292	\$3,292
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,292	\$3,292

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$113,357	\$119,551
All Other	\$1,376	\$1,420

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$114,733	\$120,971
FUNDS TOTAL		

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Provides funding for printing of publications available for purchase from the department.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$29,949	\$29,949

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$29,949	\$29,949
FUNDS TOTAL		

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in the cost of financial and human resources services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$41,731	\$69,050
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$41,731	\$69,050
FUNDS TOTAL		

DACF Administration 0401

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$63,052	\$82,569
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$63,052	\$82,569

DACF Administration 0401

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$447,453	\$454,886
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$447,453	\$454,886

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$79,514	\$80,834

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$79,514	\$80,834
FUNDS TOTAL		

DACF Administration 0401

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$354,440	\$354,440
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$354,440	\$354,440

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$62,985	\$62,985

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$62,985	\$62,985
FUNDS TOTAL		

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Provides funding for the infrastructure and ongoing costs to connect additional state parks and historic sites to the state information technology network.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Environmental Specialist III position to staff a new Maine Land Use Planning Commission enforcement unit and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,292	\$3,292
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,292</u>	<u>\$3,292</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$585	\$585
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$585</u>	<u>\$585</u>

DACF Administration 0401

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,300	\$1,654
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,300</u>	<u>\$1,654</u>

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Office Associate II position to a Secretary Specialist position and transfers and reallocates the cost from 55.7% General Fund and 44.3% Other Special Revenue Funds to 48% General Fund and 52% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$11,635	\$11,631
All Other	\$81	\$81
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$11,716</u>	<u>\$11,712</u>

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Public Service Coordinator I position from range 25 to range 26.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,191	\$3,676
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,191</u>	<u>\$3,676</u>

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Contract/Grant Manager position to oversee multiple grant programs and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,292	\$3,292
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,292</u>	<u>\$3,292</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$585	\$585
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$585</u>	<u>\$585</u>

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Establishes one Senior Planner position to oversee land stewardship obligations and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,292	\$3,292
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,292</u>	<u>\$3,292</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$585	\$585
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$585</u>	<u>\$585</u>

DACF ADMINISTRATION 0401

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$3,191	\$3,676
All Other	\$937,989	\$964,939
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$941,180</u>	<u>\$968,615</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$124,992	\$131,182
All Other	\$219,861	\$248,898
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$344,853</u>	<u>\$380,080</u>

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for annual training required for all pilots.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the weeks of one seasonal Laborer II position from 32 weeks to 52 weeks.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.615)	(0.615)
Personal Services	\$16,801	\$16,801
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$16,801</u>	<u>\$16,801</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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$89,561	\$89,561
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$89,561</u>	<u>\$89,561</u>

Division of Forest Protection Z232

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,011	\$12,433
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,011</u>	<u>\$12,433</u>

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for ongoing aircraft maintenance.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$175,000	\$175,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$175,000</u>	<u>\$175,000</u>

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding for maintenance and repairs to facilities owned by the division of forest protection.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$200,000	\$125,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>

Division of Forest Protection Z232

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$281,158	\$340,924
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$281,158</u>	<u>\$340,924</u>

Division of Forest Protection Z232

Initiative: Provides funding to cover increased costs to purchase firefighting gear that does not contain perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$10,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$10,500</u>

DIVISION OF FOREST PROTECTION Z232

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.615)	(0.615)
Personal Services	\$16,801	\$16,801
All Other	\$570,730	\$648,418
Capital Expenditures	\$200,000	\$125,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$787,531</u>	<u>\$790,219</u>

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the weeks of 6 Entomology Technician positions from 51 weeks to 52 weeks. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,282	\$3,350
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,282</u>	<u>\$3,350</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

GENERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(5.886)	(5.886)
Personal Services	\$3,284	\$3,353
All Other	\$110	\$113
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,394</u>	<u>\$3,466</u>

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 2 all-terrain vehicles, 2 snowmobiles and 2 trailers.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$58,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$58,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Forest Resource Management Z233

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase one all-terrain vehicle.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$12,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$12,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Forest Resource Management Z233

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$97,821	\$120,152
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$97,821</u>	<u>\$120,152</u>

FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT Z233

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,282	\$3,350
All Other	\$97,821	\$120,152
Capital Expenditures	\$70,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$171,103</u>	<u>\$123,502</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(5.886)	(5.886)
Personal Services	\$3,284	\$3,353
All Other	\$110	\$113
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,394</u>	<u>\$3,466</u>

Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives Z329

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to capitalize the Fund to Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives, to be used to match contributions from private and public sources.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>

FUND TO ADDRESS FOOD INSECURITY AND PROVIDE NUTRITION INCENTIVES Z329

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$600,000	\$600,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$600,000</u>

Geology and Resource Information Z237

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,313	\$4,363
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,313</u>	<u>\$4,363</u>

GEOLOGY AND RESOURCE INFORMATION Z237

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,313	\$4,363

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,313</u>	<u>\$4,363</u>
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Harness Racing Commission 0320

Initiative: Reorganizes one seasonal State Racing Steward position to 2 intermittent State Racing Steward positions to provide better coverage for the harness racing season.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.001	0.001

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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Harness Racing Commission 0320

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,862,520	\$5,884,483

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$5,862,520</u>	<u>\$5,884,483</u>
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HARNESS RACING COMMISSION 0320

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.001	0.001
All Other	\$5,862,520	\$5,884,483

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$5,862,520</u>	<u>\$5,884,483</u>
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Land for Maine's Future Z162

Initiative: Provides funding for a 3rd-party vendor to maintain an online grant application and public grant management tool.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
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LAND FOR MAINE'S FUTURE Z162

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
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Land Management and Planning Z239

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the weeks of one seasonal Park Ranger position from 26 weeks to 52 weeks and provides funding for associated All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.500)	(0.500)
Personal Services	\$28,826	\$30,153
All Other	\$1,209	\$1,265
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$30,035</u>	<u>\$31,418</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.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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

Initiative: Provides funding for increased travel and legal costs associated with the federal Forest Legacy Program grant.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$52,443	\$52,443
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$52,443</u>	<u>\$52,443</u>

Land Management and Planning Z239

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$122,963	\$149,264
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$122,963</u>	<u>\$149,264</u>

Land Management and Planning Z239

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Associate position to a Planning and Research Associate I position.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,992	\$2,843
All Other	\$125	\$119
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,117</u>	<u>\$2,962</u>

Land Management and Planning Z239

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Chief Planner position to a Public Service Manager II position.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$9,368	\$14,330
All Other	\$196	\$300
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$9,564</u>	<u>\$14,630</u>

LAND MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING Z239

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$52,443	\$52,443
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$52,443</u>	<u>\$52,443</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.500)	(0.500)
Personal Services	\$41,186	\$47,326
All Other	\$124,493	\$150,948
Capital Expenditures	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,165,679</u>	<u>\$3,198,274</u>

Maine Conservation Corps Z149

Initiative: Provides funding for increased federal grant awards.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$251,883	\$277,764
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$251,883</u>	<u>\$277,764</u>

Maine Conservation Corps Z149

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,323	\$8,904
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$7,323</u>	<u>\$8,904</u>

MAINE CONSERVATION CORPS Z149

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$251,883	\$277,764

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$251,883	\$277,764
FUND TOTAL		

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,323	\$8,904
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,323	\$8,904

Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236

Initiative: Establishes one Environmental Specialist III position to staff a new Maine Land Use Planning Commission enforcement unit and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
All Other	\$90,276	\$95,303
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$93,776	\$98,803

Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Senior Planner position from 60 hours to 80 hours bi-weekly.

GENERAL FUND Personal Services	2023-24	2024-25
	\$23,944	\$25,272
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$23,944	\$25,272

Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236

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

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$9,171	\$11,477
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,171	\$11,477

Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide property leases provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, division of leased space.

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$522	\$522
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$522	\$522

MAINE LAND USE PLANNING COMMISSION Z236

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
	\$114,220	\$120,575

All Other	\$13,193	\$15,499
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$127,413	\$136,074

Milk Commission 0188

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,980,612	\$7,267,968
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,980,612	\$7,267,968

Milk Commission 0188

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the distribution of pandemic volatility payments to Maine dairy farmers who meet specific milk production criteria.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$0

MILK COMMISSION 0188

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,480,612	\$7,267,968
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,480,612	\$7,267,968

Natural Areas Program Z821

Initiative: Provides funding for increased operational expenses related to ongoing projects.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$150,000	\$150,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$150,000	\$150,000

Natural Areas Program Z821

Initiative: Provides funding for increased costs in support of invasive species field operations.

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000

Natural Areas Program Z821

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$3,162	\$3,838
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,162	\$3,838

**NATURAL AREAS PROGRAM Z821
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$153,162	\$153,838

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$153,162	\$153,838
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Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224

Initiative: Provides funding to construct new and renovate existing recreational boating facilities.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
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Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224

Initiative: Provides funding for increased grants to support public boating facilities.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$205,277	\$205,277

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$205,277	\$205,277
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Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of replacement all-terrain vehicles.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$20,000	\$20,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,000	\$20,000
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Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of 2 snow-mobiles.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$20,000	\$20,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,000	\$20,000
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Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224

Initiative: Provides funding for increased operational expenses including rent, fuel, clothing and highway materials due to inflation and a higher staff count.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$39,072	\$39,072

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$39,072	\$39,072
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Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,550	\$30,085

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$22,550	\$30,085
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Off-Road Recreational Vehicles Program Z224

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$380,422)	(\$378,424)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$380,422)	(\$378,424)
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OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES PROGRAM Z224

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$113,523)	(\$103,990)
Capital Expenditures	\$1,040,000	\$1,040,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$926,477	\$936,010
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Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in electricity fees for state parks and historic sites.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$70,000	\$70,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$70,000	\$70,000
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Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for increased heating fuel costs at state parks and historic sites.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$97,800	\$97,800

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$97,800	\$97,800
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Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in the cost of uniforms for Bureau of Parks and Lands staff.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$133,300	\$133,300
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$133,300	\$133,300

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for increased septic pump-ing costs for state parks and historic sites.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$60,000	\$60,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$60,000	\$60,000

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for first aid and cleaning supplies at state parks and historic sites.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$105,536	\$105,536
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$105,536	\$105,536

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for increased operational expenses for state parks and historic sites.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$140,000	\$140,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$140,000	\$140,000

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for infrastructure maintenance and capital improvements.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$430,000	\$430,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$430,000	\$430,000

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.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$100,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$300,000	\$100,000

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for increased credit card fee expenses resulting from higher visitation at state parks and historic sites.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$15,245	\$15,245
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,245	\$15,245

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for increased InforME expenses and credit card fee expenses resulting from the higher volume of campground reservations at state parks and historic sites.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$218,902	\$218,902
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$218,902	\$218,902

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Reduces funding in the All Other line category to comply with a statutory requirement stating only capital improvement expenditures are permissible in this account.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$52,640)	(\$52,640)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$52,640)	(\$52,640)

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for a 3rd-party vendor to maintain an online grant application and public grant management tool.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,629	\$15,629
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$15,629	\$15,629

Parks - General Operations Z221

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$42,793	\$55,406
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$42,793	\$55,406

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$55,578	\$71,300

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$55,578	\$71,300
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Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide property leases provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, division of leased space.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,598	\$1,598
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,598	\$1,598

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Associate position to a Planning and Research Associate I position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,990	\$2,843
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,990	\$2,843

Parks - General Operations Z221

Initiative: Establishes one Senior Planner position to oversee land stewardship obligations and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$96,434	\$101,740
All Other	\$3,500	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$99,934	\$105,240

PARKS - GENERAL OPERATIONS Z221

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$99,424	\$104,583
All Other	\$669,772	\$682,385
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$769,196	\$786,968

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,629	\$15,629
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$15,629	\$15,629

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$221,840	\$237,562
Capital Expenditures	\$730,000	\$530,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$951,840	\$767,562

Pesticides Control - Board of 0287

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$295,759	\$305,540
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$295,759	\$305,540

Pesticides Control - Board of 0287

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

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,214	\$6,377
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$5,214	\$6,377

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,688	\$8,552
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$6,688	\$8,552

Pesticides Control - Board of 0287

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates the cost of one Environmental Specialist III position, one part-time Environmental Specialist II position and one part-time Office Associate II position from 100% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund to 100% Pesticides Control - Board of program, Other Special Revenue Funds and transfers and reallocates the cost of 2 Assistant Horticulturist positions, one State Horticulturist position and 2 Entomologist III positions from 100% Pesticides Control - Board of program, Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% Bureau of Agriculture program, General Fund. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(4.000)	(4.000)
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	(\$321,271)	(\$319,766)
All Other	(\$8,970)	(\$8,876)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$330,241)	(\$328,642)

PESTICIDES CONTROL - BOARD OF 0287

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,214	\$6,377
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$5,214	\$6,377

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(4.000)	(4.000)
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	(\$321,271)	(\$319,766)
All Other	\$293,477	\$305,216

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	(\$27,794)	(\$14,550)
FUNDS TOTAL		

Statewide Hunger Relief Program Z288

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a grant to a food security hub addressing the nutritional needs of homeless, sheltered or food insecure persons.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$2,000,000	\$0
FUNDS TOTAL		

STATEWIDE HUNGER RELIEF PROGRAM Z288

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$2,000,000	\$0
FUNDS TOTAL		

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	\$7,481,950	\$5,431,873
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$424,634	\$456,667
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$21,183,487	\$18,917,268

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$29,090,071	\$24,805,808
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Sec. A-3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Establishes one Research Assistant MSEA-B position dedicated to the criminal division and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$89,186	\$94,242
All Other	\$5,451	\$5,451

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$94,637	\$99,693
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Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for annual case management software maintenance.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$35,000	\$35,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$35,000	\$35,000
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Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding to replace data storage servers at end of life.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,147	\$4,147

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,147	\$4,147
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Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for increased paper costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,260	\$1,260

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,260	\$1,260
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$724	\$724

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$724	\$724
FUNDS TOTAL		

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$133,969	\$216,565

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$133,969	\$216,565
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,578	\$11,663

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$6,578	\$11,663
FUND TOTAL		

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$14,124	\$54,957

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$14,124	\$54,957
FUNDS TOTAL		

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for software upgrades to the database management system.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,384	\$1,858

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,384	\$1,858
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION - 2023

PUBLIC LAW, C. 412

All Other	\$4,438	\$679
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,438</u>	<u>\$679</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,059	\$1,510
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$10,059</u>	<u>\$1,510</u>

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for the replacement of 15 multifunction copier/printers across Office of the Attorney General locations.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,274	\$6,274
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,274</u>	<u>\$6,274</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,491	\$2,491
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,491</u>	<u>\$2,491</u>

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased All Other expenses for Office of the Attorney General positions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$105,101	\$105,101
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$105,101</u>	<u>\$105,101</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,321	\$15,321
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$15,321</u>	<u>\$15,321</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$130,956	\$171,039
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$130,956</u>	<u>\$171,039</u>

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for parking services in Cumberland County.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,860	\$1,860
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,860</u>	<u>\$1,860</u>

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for increased leased space costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,344	\$4,604
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,344</u>	<u>\$4,604</u>

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for an electronic legal research subscription contract.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,500	\$7,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,500</u>	<u>\$7,500</u>

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for uninterrupted power supply server battery replacements.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,000	\$3,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for virtual server environment support and maintenance.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,000	\$6,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Establishes one Attorney General Detective position to investigate Medicaid financial crimes and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$130,742	\$136,910
All Other	\$17,259	\$17,259
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$148,001</u>	<u>\$154,169</u>

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Establishes one Assistant Attorney General position dedicated to the criminal division drug task force and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$119,886	\$126,195
All Other	\$8,693	\$8,693
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$128,579</u>	<u>\$134,888</u>

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,860	\$1,860
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,860</u>	<u>\$1,860</u>

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding to change the job specification and range for one Research Associate MSEA-B position from specification 4, range 23 to specification 9, range 26 to align with the supervisory duties being assigned to this position. This initiative also corrects an error in the baseline budget for this position that was enacted in Public Law 2023, chapter 17.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$8,271	\$8,922
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,271	\$8,922
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,766	\$7,301
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$6,766	\$7,301

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Legal position to a Secretary Associate Legal position.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,714	\$2,857
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,714	\$2,857

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides one-time allocations for the Attorney General to contract with a designated nonprofit and independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$300,000	\$300,000

ADMINISTRATION - ATTORNEY GENERAL 0310

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	2.000	2.000
All Other	\$217,343	\$229,359
	\$330,639	\$402,709
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$547,982	\$632,068
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$130,742	\$136,910
All Other	\$46,940	\$49,526

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$177,682	\$186,436
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$9,480	\$10,158
All Other	\$458,354	\$530,721

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$467,834	\$540,879
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Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: Provides funding for increased paper costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$407	\$407

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$407	\$407
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7	\$7

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$7	\$7
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Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: Provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,442	\$6,065

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,442	\$6,065
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Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: Provides funding for software upgrades to the database management system.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,454	\$218

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,454	\$218
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Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: Provides funding for the replacement of 15 multifunction copier/printers across Office of the Attorney General locations.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,106	\$2,106

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,106	\$2,106
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Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased All Other expenses for Office of the Attorney General positions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$16,600	\$16,600

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,600	\$16,600
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,232	\$1,232
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,232</u>	<u>\$1,232</u>

Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: Provides funding for the after-hours telephone answering service contract with the Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$77,000	\$77,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$77,000</u>	<u>\$77,000</u>

Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: Provides funding for annual maintenance, usage and hosting services for the medicolegal death investigation case management system.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$31,000	\$34,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$31,000</u>	<u>\$34,000</u>

Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: Provides funding for increased operating costs in the Office of Chief Medical Examiner.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>

CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER - OFFICE OF 0412

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$149,009	\$151,396
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$149,009</u>	<u>\$151,396</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,239	\$1,239
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,239</u>	<u>\$1,239</u>

Civil Rights 0039

Initiative: Provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$892	\$914
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$892</u>	<u>\$914</u>

Civil Rights 0039

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased All Other expenses for Office of the Attorney General positions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,420	\$2,420
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,420</u>	<u>\$2,420</u>

CIVIL RIGHTS 0039

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,312	\$3,334
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,312</u>	<u>\$3,334</u>

District Attorneys Salaries 0409

Initiative: Provides funding to restore Personal Services related to the reduction for attrition savings in the District Attorneys Salaries program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$217,766	\$227,082
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$217,766</u>	<u>\$227,082</u>

District Attorneys Salaries 0409

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased hours of one Assistant District Attorney position from 40 hours to 80 hours biweekly funded by General Fund and eliminates another 40-hours-biweekly Assistant District Attorney position funded by Other Special Revenue Funds.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$63,789	\$67,135
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$63,789</u>	<u>\$67,135</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(0.500)	(0.500)
Personal Services	(\$60,047)	(\$63,204)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$60,047)</u>	<u>(\$63,204)</u>

District Attorneys Salaries 0409

Initiative: Establishes 3 limited-period Assistant District Attorney positions for the federal STOP Violence Against Women grant through June 14, 2025.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$368,154	\$383,301
All Other	\$6,889	\$7,172
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$375,043</u>	<u>\$390,473</u>

District Attorneys Salaries 0409

Initiative: Establishes 2 Assistant District Attorney positions to handle sexual assault and domestic violence cases.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$239,772	\$252,390
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$239,772	\$252,390

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS SALARIES 0409

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$521,327	\$546,607
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$521,327	\$546,607

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$368,154	\$383,301
All Other	\$6,889	\$7,172
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$375,043	\$390,473

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(0.500)	(0.500)
Personal Services	(\$60,047)	(\$63,204)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$60,047)	(\$63,204)

FHM - Attorney General 0947

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased All Other expenses for Office of the Attorney General positions.

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,292	\$2,292
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$2,292	\$2,292

FHM - ATTORNEY GENERAL 0947

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,292	\$2,292
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	\$2,292	\$2,292

Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Provides funding for increased paper costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,595	\$2,595

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,595	\$2,595
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Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Provides funding for Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology rate increases, computer replacements and other information technology needs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,223	\$21,967
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,223	\$21,967

Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Provides funding for software upgrades to the database management system.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,770	\$2,366
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,770	\$2,366

Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased All Other expenses for Office of the Attorney General positions.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$156,428	\$156,428
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$156,428	\$156,428

Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Provides funding for increased leased space costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,394	\$14,487
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,394	\$14,487

Human Services Division 0696

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Secretary Associate Legal position to a Research Assistant MSEA-B position.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,743	\$2,742
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,743	\$2,742

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION 0696

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,743	\$2,742
All Other	\$205,410	\$197,843
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$208,153	\$200,585

Maine Recovery Fund Z343

Initiative: Provides funding in the Maine Recovery Fund program, Maine Recovery Fund and eliminates funding in the Maine Recovery Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 203-C.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$500)	(\$500)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$500)	(\$500)

MAINE RECOVERY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
MAINE RECOVERY FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

MAINE RECOVERY FUND Z343

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$500)	(\$500)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$500)	(\$500)

MAINE RECOVERY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
MAINE RECOVERY FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Victims' Compensation Board 0711

Initiative: Provides funding for increased paper costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$71	\$71
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$71	\$71

Victims' Compensation Board 0711

Initiative: Provides funding for software upgrades to the database management system.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,482	\$226
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,482	\$226

Victims' Compensation Board 0711

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased All Other expenses for Office of the Attorney General positions.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,698	\$3,698
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,698	\$3,698

Victims' Compensation Board 0711

Initiative: Provides funding for annual maintenance and hosting services for the victims' compensation program's claim application management system.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$135,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$135,000

Victims' Compensation Board 0711

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for All Other costs for the Victims' Compensation Fund starting on July 1, 2024.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$200,000

VICTIMS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0711 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$335,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$335,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,251	\$3,995
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,251	\$3,995

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$1,221,630	\$1,668,405
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$553,964	\$578,148
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$2,292	\$2,292
MAINE RECOVERY FUND	\$620,691	\$681,755
MAINE RECOVERY FUND	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,399,077	\$2,931,100

Sec. A-4. 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 of auditing workpapers from a paper process to an electronic process.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$73,153	\$69,446
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$73,153	\$69,446

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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,164	\$11,623
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,164	\$11,623

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,782	\$5,960

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,782	\$5,960
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Audit Bureau 0067

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a peer review of the quality control system that is required every 3 years.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$10,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$10,000

AUDIT BUREAU 0067

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,164	\$11,623
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,164	\$11,623

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$76,935	\$85,406

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$76,935	\$85,406
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AUDITOR, OFFICE OF THE STATE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$12,164	\$11,623
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$76,935	\$85,406

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$89,099	\$97,029
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Sec. A-5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY

Baxter State Park Authority 0253

Initiative: Provides funding for general operating expenses to cover cost increases required to continue the same level of services for the protection of natural resources and recreational public access throughout Baxter State Park.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$158,555	\$161,604
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$158,555	\$161,604

Baxter State Park Authority 0253

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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$34,557	\$34,557
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$34,557	\$34,557

Baxter State Park Authority 0253

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for replacements, upgrades and improvements to building infrastructure throughout Baxter State Park, including ranger stations and storage facilities, rental cabins and lean-tos.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$125,000	\$150,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$125,000	\$150,000

Baxter State Park Authority 0253

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 4 pickup trucks and 4 snowmobiles.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$125,000	\$150,000

Capital Expenditures	\$135,000	\$135,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$135,000	\$135,000

Baxter State Park Authority 0253

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for maintenance of infrastructure and capital improvement projects in Baxter State Park.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$60,000	\$60,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$60,000	\$60,000

Baxter State Park Authority 0253

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase safety equipment to support alpine zone trail rehabilitation projects on Mount Katahdin.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$20,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,000	\$0

Baxter State Park Authority 0253

Initiative: Provides funding to replace minor power equipment.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,000	\$15,000

BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY 0253

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$208,112	\$211,161
Capital Expenditures	\$340,000	\$345,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$548,112	\$556,161

BAXTER STATE PARK AUTHORITY DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$548,112	\$556,161
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$548,112	\$556,161

Sec. A-6. 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: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$551,391	\$585,928
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$551,391	\$585,928

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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,545,506	\$7,250,559
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,545,506	\$7,250,559

MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM - BOARD OF TRUSTEES 0556

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,545,506	\$7,250,559
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,545,506	\$7,250,559

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$551,391	\$585,928
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$551,391	\$585,928

MCCS Free Community College - Two Enrollment Years Z335

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for up to 2 years of free community college for all high school graduates in the classes of 2024 and 2025 who enroll in a Maine community college full-time.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000

MCCS FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE - TWO ENROLLMENT YEARS Z335

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
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COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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GENERAL FUND	\$3,545,506	\$7,250,559
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$8,051,391	\$8,085,928

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$11,596,897	\$15,336,487
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Sec. A-7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Corrections 0141

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of technology.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$310,742	\$318,888

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$310,742	\$318,888
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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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$49,731	\$104,760

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$49,731	\$104,760
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Administration - Corrections 0141

Initiative: Provides funding for increased technology contract costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$560,091	\$560,091

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$560,091	\$560,091
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Administration - Corrections 0141

Initiative: Provides funding for increased fees for legal services provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,702	\$22,702

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,702	\$22,702
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Administration - Corrections 0141

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide insurance coverage provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, risk management divi-

sion based on claims experience, coverage increases, attorney's fees on claims and actuarially recommended reserves.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,235	\$4,235

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,235	\$4,235
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ADMINISTRATION - CORRECTIONS 0141

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$947,501	\$1,010,676

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$947,501	\$1,010,676
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Adult Community Corrections 0124

Initiative: Provides funding for a transitional living residence in Bangor.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$112,300	\$112,300

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$112,300	\$112,300
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Adult Community Corrections 0124

Initiative: Provides funding to meet the increased need for housing assistance for residents being released into the community or who are otherwise in need of short-term housing assistance.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,000	\$10,000
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Adult Community Corrections 0124

Initiative: Provides funding for increased lease costs associated with relocation of several adult probation offices.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$84,832	\$84,832

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$84,832	\$84,832
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Adult Community Corrections 0124

Initiative: Provides funding for increased cleaning contract costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$16,000	\$16,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,000	\$16,000
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Adult Community Corrections 0124

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide property leases provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, division of leased space.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,639	\$2,639

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,639	\$2,639
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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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$9,009	\$9,009
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,009	\$9,009

Adult Community Corrections 0124

Initiative: Establishes and transfers funding into the new Corrections Fuel program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,716)	(\$1,716)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,716)	(\$1,716)

Adult Community Corrections 0124

Initiative: Provides additional funding to align with a federally funded grant award.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$359,899	\$359,899
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$359,899	\$359,899

ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 0124

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$233,064	\$233,064
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$233,064	\$233,064

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$359,899	\$359,899
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$359,899	\$359,899

Bolduc Correctional Facility Z155

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,842	\$6,842
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,842	\$6,842

Bolduc Correctional Facility Z155

Initiative: Establishes and transfers funding into the new Corrections Fuel program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$105,000)	(\$105,000)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$105,000)	(\$105,000)
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BOLDUC CORRECTIONAL FACILITY Z155

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$98,158)	(\$98,158)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$98,158)	(\$98,158)

Correctional Center 0162

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$36,639	\$36,639
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$36,639	\$36,639

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,330	\$22,330
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,330	\$22,330

Correctional Center 0162

Initiative: Establishes and transfers funding into the new Corrections Fuel program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$652,955)	(\$652,955)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$652,955)	(\$652,955)

CORRECTIONAL CENTER 0162

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$593,986)	(\$593,986)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$593,986)	(\$593,986)

Correctional Medical Services Fund 0286

Initiative: Provides funding for increased medical services costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,935,146	\$9,591,522
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,935,146	\$9,591,522

CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES FUND 0286

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,935,146	\$9,591,522

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,935,146	\$9,591,522
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Corrections Food Z177

Initiative: Provides funding for increased food costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$471,158	\$471,158

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$471,158	\$471,158
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CORRECTIONS FOOD Z177

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$471,158	\$471,158

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$471,158	\$471,158
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Corrections Fuel Z366

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the increased cost of fuel. The department's fuel expenditures from all accounts within the General Fund are consolidated into this newly created account.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,369,536	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,369,536	\$0
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Corrections Fuel Z366

Initiative: Establishes and funds the Corrections Fuel program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,272,460	\$2,272,460

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,272,460	\$2,272,460
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CORRECTIONS FUEL Z366

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,641,996	\$2,272,460

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,641,996	\$2,272,460
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Corrections Industries Z166

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.

PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$462	\$462

PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND TOTAL	\$462	\$462
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CORRECTIONS INDUSTRIES Z166

PROGRAM SUMMARY

PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$462	\$462
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PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND TOTAL	\$462	\$462
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Downeast Correctional Facility 0542

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,497	\$2,497

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,497	\$2,497
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Downeast Correctional Facility 0542

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,232	\$1,232

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,232	\$1,232
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Downeast Correctional Facility 0542

Initiative: Establishes and transfers funding into the new Corrections Fuel program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$70,081)	(\$70,081)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$70,081)	(\$70,081)
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DOWNEAST CORRECTIONAL FACILITY 0542

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$66,352)	(\$66,352)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$66,352)	(\$66,352)
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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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$77	\$77

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$77	\$77
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JUSTICE - PLANNING, PROJECTS AND STATISTICS 0502

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$77	\$77

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$77	\$77
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Juvenile Community Corrections 0892

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide property leases provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, division of leased space.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,522	\$1,522
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,522	\$1,522

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,236	\$5,236
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,236	\$5,236

Juvenile Community Corrections 0892

Initiative: Establishes and transfers funding into the new Corrections Fuel program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$2,000)	(\$2,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$2,000)	(\$2,000)

JUVENILE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS 0892

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,758	\$4,758
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,758	\$4,758

Long Creek Youth Development Center 0163

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$28,302	\$28,302
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$28,302	\$28,302

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,781	\$11,781
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$11,781	\$11,781

Long Creek Youth Development Center 0163

Initiative: Establishes and transfers funding into the new Corrections Fuel program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$244,460)	(\$244,460)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$244,460)	(\$244,460)

Long Creek Youth Development Center 0163

Initiative: Provides additional funding to align with a federally funded grant award.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$112,851	\$112,851
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$112,851	\$112,851

LONG CREEK YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER 0163

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$204,377)	(\$204,377)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$204,377)	(\$204,377)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$112,851	\$112,851
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$112,851	\$112,851

Mountain View Correctional Facility 0857

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$34,278	\$34,278
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$34,278	\$34,278

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,628	\$12,628
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,628	\$12,628

Mountain View Correctional Facility 0857

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the transportation of raw sewage to a local treatment plant.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$700,000	\$700,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$700,000	\$700,000

Mountain View Correctional Facility 0857

Initiative: Establishes and transfers funding into the new Corrections Fuel program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$397,052)	(\$397,052)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$397,052)	(\$397,052)

MOUNTAIN VIEW CORRECTIONAL FACILITY 0857

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$349,854	\$349,854
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$349,854	\$349,854

Office of Victim Services 0046

Initiative: Provides funding for the Elder Victims Restitution Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,000	\$20,000

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$308	\$308
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$308	\$308

OFFICE OF VICTIM SERVICES 0046

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$308	\$308
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$308	\$308

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,000	\$20,000
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State Prison 0144

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased wastewater treatment costs charged by the local municipal sanitary district.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$59,244	\$63,095

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$59,244	\$63,095
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State Prison 0144

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of electricity.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$72,515	\$72,515

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$72,515	\$72,515
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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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$28,182	\$28,182

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$28,182	\$28,182
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State Prison 0144

Initiative: Establishes and transfers funding into the new Corrections Fuel program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$799,196)	(\$799,196)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$799,196)	(\$799,196)
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STATE PRISON 0144

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$639,255)	(\$635,404)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$639,255)	(\$635,404)
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CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$11,981,734	\$12,335,600
FEDERAL	\$472,750	\$472,750
EXPENDITURES FUND		
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$20,000	\$20,000
PRISON INDUSTRIES FUND	\$462	\$462

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$12,474,946	\$12,828,812
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Sec. A-8. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL, MAINE STATE

New Century Program Fund 0904

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$790	\$801
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$790	\$801

NEW CENTURY PROGRAM FUND 0904

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$790	\$801
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$790	\$801

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

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$37,100	\$37,100
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$37,100	\$37,100

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other	\$37,100	\$37,100
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$37,100	\$37,100

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position to lead a new preparedness division at the Maine Emergency Management Agency and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$124,025	\$130,720
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$129,025	\$135,720

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Establishes one Senior Planner position to act as a resource management coordinator and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$97,308	\$102,614
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$102,308	\$107,614

Administration - Maine Emergency Management Agency 0214

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in services as well as increased rates for the use of the Security and Employment Service Center.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$106,616	\$106,616
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$106,616	\$106,616

ADMINISTRATION - MAINE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY 0214

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$221,333	\$233,334
All Other	\$153,716	\$153,716
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$375,049	\$387,050

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

All Other	\$37,100	\$37,100
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$37,100	\$37,100

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Establishes one Staff Accountant position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$82,539	\$86,766
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$87,539	\$91,766

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Establishes 2 Senior Technician positions and provides funding for related All Other costs to support construction projects.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$199,384	\$210,742
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$209,384	\$220,742
FUND TOTAL		

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Establishes one Procurement Manager position and provides funding for related All Other costs to assist the department with procuring goods and services.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$94,550	\$99,738
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$99,550	\$104,738
FUND TOTAL		

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Establishes 2 Maintenance Mechanic positions and provides funding for related All Other costs to support facility operations and maintenance activities.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$37,494	\$38,962
All Other	\$2,500	\$2,500

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$39,994	\$41,462
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$112,480	\$116,896
All Other	\$7,500	\$7,500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$119,980	\$124,396
FUND TOTAL		

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Establishes one Office Specialist I position and provides funding for related All Other costs to assist the department with administrative requirements for processing federal reimbursements.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$77,880	\$82,513
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$82,880	\$87,513
FUND TOTAL		

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Establishes one Inventory & Property Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs to assist with administration of federal inventory activities.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		

POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$81,833	\$86,659
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$86,833	\$91,659
FUND TOTAL		

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Establishes one Senior Staff Accountant position and provides funding for related All Other costs to support financial activities in the department, including the Master Cooperative Agreement between the State and the National Guard Bureau.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$45,378	\$47,880
All Other	\$2,500	\$2,500

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$47,878	\$50,380
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		

POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$45,383	\$47,884
All Other	\$2,500	\$2,500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$47,883	\$50,384
FUND TOTAL		

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for the cost increase in sustainment, repair and maintenance programs for Maine National Guard facilities.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$258,000	\$258,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$258,000	\$258,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		

All Other	\$258,000	\$258,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$258,000	\$258,000
FUND TOTAL		

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in utility costs at Maine National Guard facilities.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$275,000	\$275,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$275,000	\$275,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		

All Other	\$275,000	\$275,000
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$275,000	\$275,000
FUND TOTAL		

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for calling Maine National Guard members on state active duty under the authority found in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 181-A, subsection 5.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$148,000	\$148,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$148,000	\$148,000

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for radio equipment for vehicles and base stations to enable voice communications for emergency response coordination at the Woodville training site.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,000	\$20,000

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for materials and supplies for Maine National Guard training site maintenance support.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$45,000	\$45,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$45,000	\$45,000

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for family and youth support activities through morale, recreation and educational programs for actively serving Maine National Guard service members.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$30,000	\$30,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,000	\$30,000

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for new Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology end users within the Military Bureau as well as increased rates of existing services from the Office of Information Technology.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,300	\$22,300
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,300	\$22,300

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Establishes one Maintenance Mechanic position and provides funding for related All Other costs to support facilities maintenance at training sites for the Maine Army National Guard.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$74,987	\$77,929
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$79,987	\$82,929
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Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in rates for the use of the Security and Employment Service Center for the Military Bureau.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$12,437	\$12,437
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$12,437	\$12,437
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Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides funding for reimbursement of new Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology staffing dedicated to support the federal and state Office of Information Technology systems.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$232,715	\$244,602

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$232,715	\$244,602
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Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for calling Maine National Guard members on state active duty under the authority found in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 181-A, subsection 5.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$32,400	\$0
All Other	\$12,600	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$45,000	\$0
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Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Establishes one Accounting Technician position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$18,494	\$19,479
All Other	\$1,250	\$1,250

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$19,744	\$20,729
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$55,490	\$58,442
All Other	\$3,750	\$3,750

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$59,240	\$62,192
FUND TOTAL		

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Establishes 2 Accounting Support Specialist positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$165,078	\$173,532
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$175,078	\$183,532
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MILITARY TRAINING AND OPERATIONS 0108

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$133,766	\$106,321
All Other	\$1,049,865	\$1,049,152
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,183,631	\$1,155,473

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	13,000	13,000
Personal Services	\$989,604	\$1,041,101
All Other	\$604,187	\$604,187

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,593,791	\$1,645,288
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Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides funding for employee training, travel and technology contracts within the Veterans Services program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$78,000	\$83,117
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$78,000	\$83,117

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides annual funding for headstone and grave marker maintenance for the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System to comply with National Cemetery Association requirements.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$180,000	\$180,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$180,000	\$180,000

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides funding for the lease of 2 state vehicles to be used by the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cem-

etry System, one vehicle for the Southern Maine Veterans' Cemetery and one vehicle for the Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$18,000	\$19,700
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$18,000	\$19,700

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides funding for the lease of 2 state vehicles to be used by the homeless veterans coordination team within the veterans' homelessness prevention program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000	\$16,300
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,000	\$16,300

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of 6 utility task vehicles, or UTVs, to be used at the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$75,000	\$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase of 320 hours in temporary contracted personal services split between the northern and central Maine cemeteries to bolster seasonal support for grounds maintenance.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,130	\$6,130
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,130	\$6,130

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of heating fuel oil for the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$14,250	\$14,250
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,250	\$14,250

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a roof replacement at the Central Maine Veterans' Cemetery in Augusta.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,000	\$0

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a grout and masonry repair project on the administrative building at the Northern Maine Veterans' Cemetery in Caribou.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Establishes one Contract/Grant Manager position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$107,539	\$113,404
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$112,539</u>	<u>\$118,404</u>

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in rates for the use of the Security and Employment Service Center for the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$42,660	\$42,660
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$42,660</u>	<u>\$42,660</u>

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$146,103	\$147,564
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$146,103</u>	<u>\$147,564</u>

VETERANS SERVICES 0110

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$107,539	\$113,404
All Other	\$569,040	\$367,157
Capital Expenditures	\$75,000	\$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$751,579</u>	<u>\$555,561</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$146,103	\$147,564
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$146,103</u>	<u>\$147,564</u>

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
FEDERAL	\$2,310,259	\$2,098,084
EXPENDITURES FUND		
OTHER SPECIAL	\$146,103	\$147,564
REVENUE FUNDS		

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$4,087,253</u>	<u>\$3,928,036</u>
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Sec. A-10. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER

Disability Rights Center 0523

Initiative: Provides funding for increased costs resulting from inflation and cost-of-living wage increases.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>

DISABILITY RIGHTS CENTER 0523

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,000	\$20,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>

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: 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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$31,842	\$37,202
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$31,842</u>	<u>\$37,202</u>

Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides Federal Expenditures Fund allocations for the Department of Economic and Community Development's administrative program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$500	\$500
FUND TOTAL		

ADMINISTRATION - ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 0069

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$31,842	\$37,202

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$31,842	\$37,202
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Community Development Block Grant Program 0587

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Office Associate II position from the Community Development Block Grant Program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$72,553)	(\$76,998)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$72,553)	(\$76,998)
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM 0587

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$72,553)	(\$76,998)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$72,553)	(\$76,998)
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Housing Opportunity Program Z336

Initiative: Continues 2 limited-period Public Service Coordinator II positions previously established by Public Law 2021, chapter 635 through June 7, 2025 and provides funding for All Other costs to administer the Housing Opportunity Program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$268,772
All Other	\$0	(\$268,772)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM Z336

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$0	\$268,772
All Other	\$0	(\$268,772)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0
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Office of Tourism 0577

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,690,594	\$4,995,418

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,690,594	\$4,995,418
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Office of Tourism 0577

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Public Service Executive I position for the administration of the outdoor recreation economy federal award from the Northern Border Regional Commission and provides funding for related All Other costs. This position ends June 7, 2025.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$150,759	\$152,768
All Other	\$274,941	\$272,932

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$425,700	\$425,700
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Office of Tourism 0577

Initiative: Establishes 2 limited-period Public Service Coordinator I positions to support the administration of the so-called American Rescue Plan Act Travel, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation federal award and provides funding for related All Other costs. These positions end November 7, 2025.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$218,924	\$230,770
All Other	\$8,291,142	\$2,004,375

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$8,510,066	\$2,235,145
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OFFICE OF TOURISM 0577

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$150,759	\$152,768
All Other	\$274,941	\$272,932

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$425,700	\$425,700
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,690,594	\$4,995,418

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$4,690,594	\$4,995,418
FUNDS TOTAL		
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND - ARP		
Personal Services	\$218,924	\$230,770
All Other	\$8,291,142	\$2,004,375
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$8,510,066	\$2,235,145
FUND - ARP TOTAL		
ECONOMIC AND		
COMMUNITY		
DEVELOPMENT,		
DEPARTMENT OF		
DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$31,842	\$37,202
FEDERAL	\$353,647	\$349,202
EXPENDITURES FUND		
OTHER SPECIAL	\$4,690,594	\$4,995,418
REVENUE FUNDS		
FEDERAL	\$8,510,066	\$2,235,145
EXPENDITURES FUND -		
ARP		
DEPARTMENT TOTAL -	\$13,586,149	\$7,616,967
ALL FUNDS		

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

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Adult Education 0364

Initiative: Provides funding for ongoing travel expenses that were reduced in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000	\$1,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,000	\$1,000

Adult Education 0364

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to support adult education programs statewide.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,500,000

ADULT EDUCATION 0364

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000	\$1,501,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,000	\$1,501,000

Child Development Services 0449

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in staff costs attributed to collective bargaining.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,527,838	\$1,527,838
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,527,838	\$1,527,838

Child Development Services 0449

Initiative: Provides funding to the Child Development Services System to develop additional preschool programming.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,836,965	\$5,700,178
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,836,965	\$5,700,178

Child Development Services 0449

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with the existing so-called Part C grant under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
All Other	\$126,091	\$126,091
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$126,091	\$126,091
FUND TOTAL		

Child Development Services 0449

Initiative: Allocates one-time funds for payments for specially designed instruction provided by special purpose private preschools at a rate of \$125 per day, per child, for scheduled school days in accordance with a child's individualized education program. The Department of Education and the Child Development Services System shall make the payments for specially designed instruction provided by special purpose private schools from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

OTHER SPECIAL	2023-24	2024-25
REVENUE FUNDS		
All Other	\$15,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$15,000,000	\$0
FUNDS TOTAL		

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES 0449

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,364,803	\$7,228,016
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,364,803	\$7,228,016

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25
FUND		
All Other	\$126,091	\$126,091
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$126,091	\$126,091
FUND TOTAL		

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,000,000	\$0

Education in Unorganized Territory 0220

Initiative: Provides funding for increased tuition, transportation and special education services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Education in Unorganized Territory 0220

Initiative: Provides funding to maintain an updated fleet of school buses.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$120,000	\$120,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$120,000	\$120,000

Education in Unorganized Territory 0220

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to update mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and address exterior building enclosure deficiencies at Connor Consolidated School in the unorganized territory.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$750,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$750,000	\$0

Education in Unorganized Territory 0220

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to update mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems and address exterior building enclosure deficiencies at the Kingman Elementary School and Edmunds Consolidated School.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$300,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$300,000	\$0

Education in Unorganized Territory 0220

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Janitor/Bus Driver position from the Education in Unorganized Territory program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.606)	(0.606)
Personal Services	(\$39,856)	(\$41,092)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$39,856)	(\$41,092)

EDUCATION IN UNORGANIZED TERRITORY 0220

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.606)	(0.606)
Personal Services	(\$39,856)	(\$41,092)

All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Capital Expenditures	\$1,170,000	\$120,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,130,144	\$1,078,908

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Public Service Manager II position through June 30, 2026 and reduces All Other funding to fund the position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$122,839	\$129,534
All Other	(\$122,839)	(\$129,534)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,051,929	\$1,297,521
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,051,929	\$1,297,521

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to support the collection of wage information for school support staff necessary to estimate the cost of any wage increase on the State and municipalities.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$80,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$80,000	\$0

GENERAL PURPOSE AID FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS 0308

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$122,839	\$129,534
All Other	(\$42,839)	(\$129,534)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$80,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,051,929	\$1,297,521
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,051,929	\$1,297,521

Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased cost of contracted services for hearing officers.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,500	\$12,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,500	\$12,500

Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082

Initiative: Provides funding to support educator work-force development and recognition.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$14,300	\$14,300
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,300	\$14,300

Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082

Initiative: Provides funding for ongoing travel expenses that were reduced in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,197	\$8,197
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,197	\$8,197

Higher Education and Educator Support Services Z082

Initiative: Transfers funding for the license, hosting and maintenance fees for the department's educator credentialing system from the School Finance and Operations program to the Higher Education and Educator Support Services program within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,000	\$25,000

HIGHER EDUCATION AND EDUCATOR SUPPORT SERVICES Z082

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$59,997	\$59,997
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$59,997	\$59,997

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$139,353	\$165,449
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$139,353	\$165,449

Leadership Team Z077

Initiative: Provides funding for ongoing travel expenses that were reduced in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,000	\$10,000

Leadership Team Z077

Initiative: Adjusts funding between the Leadership Team program, School Finance and Operations program, Special Services Team program and Learning Systems Team program within the same fund 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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$135,000	\$135,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$135,000	\$135,000

Leadership Team Z077

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Executive II position to provide leadership required to increase public prekindergarten to grade 12 and adult education offerings related to climate and energy. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$145,625	\$153,419
All Other	\$9,410	\$8,860
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$155,035	\$162,279

LEADERSHIP TEAM Z077

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$145,625	\$153,419
All Other	\$293,763	\$319,309
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$439,388	\$472,728

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Establishes 4 Education Specialist III positions funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP and transfers these positions from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP to the School and Student Supports program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	4.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$394,024	\$104,185
All Other	\$47,896	\$11,546
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$441,920	\$115,731

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Adjusts funding between the Leadership Team program, School Finance and Operations program, Special Services Team program and Learning Systems Team program within the same fund 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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$45,000)	(\$45,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$45,000)	(\$45,000)

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Provides funding to bring allocation in line with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$155,475	\$155,475
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$155,475	\$155,475

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Provides funding to bring the allocation in line with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,540,778	\$2,532,812
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,540,778	\$2,532,812

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Provides funding to bring allocation in line with available resources from the federal Stronger Connections grant.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,657,791	\$66,417
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$4,657,791	\$66,417

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position through September 30, 2024 for the Maine School Safety Center and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$35,502	\$11,658
All Other	\$4,054	\$1,348
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$39,556	\$13,006

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Manager III position, previously continued in Public

Law 2021, chapter 635, and one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position, previously continued in Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through July 31, 2024.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$148,454	\$32,391
All Other	\$8,818	\$2,653
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$157,272	\$35,044

Learning Systems Team Z081

Initiative: Provides allocation in the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund for the federal Preschool Development Grant.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,049,426	\$2,049,426
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,049,426	\$2,049,426

LEARNING SYSTEMS TEAM Z081

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$45,000)	(\$45,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$45,000)	(\$45,000)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$148,454	\$32,391
All Other	\$9,412,288	\$4,806,783
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$9,560,742	\$4,839,174

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	0.000
Personal Services	\$429,526	\$115,843
All Other	\$51,950	\$12,894
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$481,476	\$128,737

Maine Commission for Community Service Z134

Initiative: Provides funding for ongoing travel expenses that were reduced in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,490	\$2,490
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,490	\$2,490

Maine Commission for Community Service Z134

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Senior Planner position, previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 635, through December 31, 2024.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$30,274	\$46,654
All Other	\$6,010	\$2,992
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$36,284	\$49,646

MAINE COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE Z134

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,490	\$2,490
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,490	\$2,490

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$30,274	\$46,654
All Other	\$6,010	\$2,992
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$36,284	\$49,646

Maine School Safety Center Z293

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Public Service Coordinator I position through September 30, 2024 for the Maine School Safety Center and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$71,019	\$23,318
All Other	\$8,108	\$2,696
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$79,127	\$26,014

MAINE SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER Z293

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$71,019	\$23,318
All Other	\$8,108	\$2,696
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$79,127	\$26,014

National Board Certification Salary Supplement Fund Z147

Initiative: Provides funding to support national board certification salary supplement payments for national board-certified teachers.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$618,800	\$618,800
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$618,800	\$618,800

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION SALARY SUPPLEMENT FUND Z147

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$618,800	\$618,800
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$618,800	\$618,800

Office of Innovation Z333

Initiative: Provides funding for ongoing travel expenses that were reduced in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,000	\$15,000

Office of Innovation Z333

Initiative: Establishes 2 limited-period Interdisciplinary Instruction Specialist positions through June 30, 2026 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$208,260	\$220,154
All Other	\$16,120	\$17,720
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$224,380	\$237,874

OFFICE OF INNOVATION Z333

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$208,260	\$220,154
All Other	\$31,120	\$32,720
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$239,380	\$252,874

Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334

Initiative: Provides funding for ongoing travel expenses that were reduced in Public Law 2021, chapter 29 due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,000	\$15,000

Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334

Initiative: Provides funding by increasing the hours of one part-time Office Associate II position from 40 hours to 80 hours biweekly.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$29,421	\$29,409
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$29,421	\$29,409

Office of Workforce Development and Innovative Pathways Z334

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Public Service Manager I position and one limited-period Management Analyst II position through June 7, 2025 to coordinate and oversee program funds and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$208,120	\$219,703
All Other	\$18,820	\$17,720
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$226,940	\$237,423

OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATIVE PATHWAYS Z334

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$237,541	\$249,112
All Other	\$33,820	\$32,720
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$271,361	\$281,832

Retired Teachers' Health Insurance 0854

Initiative: Provides funds to increase the State's contribution toward the retired teachers' share of health insurance premiums from 55% to 60% beginning in fiscal year 2023-24.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,268,715	\$3,268,715
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,268,715	\$3,268,715

RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH INSURANCE 0854

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,268,715	\$3,268,715
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,268,715	\$3,268,715

School and Student Supports Z270

Initiative: Establishes 4 Education Specialist III positions funded 100% Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP and transfers these positions from the Learning Systems Team program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP to the School and Student Supports program, General Fund beginning October 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$312,555
All Other	\$0	\$26,580
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$339,135

School and Student Supports Z270

Initiative: Provides funding to bring allocation in line with available resources from the federal Expanding Access in School Environments grant.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,981,393	\$1,567,037
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,981,393	\$1,567,037

School and Student Supports Z270

Initiative: Provides funds for a 2-year pilot program to help students avoid homelessness by providing liaisons under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act access to emergency financial assistance for the family of a student in an amount of up to \$750 per student.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

SCHOOL AND STUDENT SUPPORTS Z270

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$312,555
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,526,580
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$1,839,135

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,981,393	\$1,567,037
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,981,393	\$1,567,037

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$119,918	\$119,918
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$119,918	\$119,918

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to revise major capital school construction planning documents.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$45,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$45,000	\$0

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Adjusts funding between the Leadership Team program, School Finance and Operations program, Special Services Team program and Learning Systems Team program within the same fund 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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$45,000)	(\$45,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$45,000)	(\$45,000)

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Provides funding for contracted services to support technical guidance, program design and grant application support to school districts in the State seeking to implement energy efficiency, clean energy, clean transportation and other general sustainability programs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$190,000	\$190,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$190,000	\$190,000

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Provides funding to bring allocation in line with anticipated expenditures associated with the National School Lunch Program grant.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$17,000,000	\$17,000,000

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Education Specialist I position to an Education Specialist III position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$13,927	\$8,095
All Other	\$331	\$192
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$14,258	\$8,287

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Transfers funding for the license, hosting and maintenance fees for the department's educator credentialing system from the School Finance and Operations program to the Higher Education and Educator Support Services program within the same fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$25,000)	(\$25,000)

SCHOOL FINANCE AND OPERATIONS Z078

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$284,918	\$239,918
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$284,918	\$239,918

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$13,927	\$8,095
All Other	\$17,000,331	\$17,000,192

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$17,014,258	\$17,008,287
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Special Services Team Z080

Initiative: Adjusts funding between the Leadership Team program, School Finance and Operations program, Special Services Team program and Learning Systems Team program within the same fund 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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$45,000)	(\$45,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$45,000)	(\$45,000)

Special Services Team Z080

Initiative: Provides funding to bring the allocation in line with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,280,736	\$3,214,285
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,280,736	\$3,214,285

SPECIAL SERVICES TEAM Z080

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$45,000)	(\$45,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$45,000)	(\$45,000)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,280,736	\$3,214,285
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,280,736	\$3,214,285

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
	\$14,552,196	\$16,135,613
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$32,042,347	\$26,780,888

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$16,670,729	\$1,916,321
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	\$517,760	\$178,383
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$63,783,032	\$45,011,205

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

EDUCATION, STATE BOARD OF

State Board of Education 0614

Initiative: Provides funding for per diem payments to board members.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,000	\$6,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,000	\$6,000

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 0614

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,000	\$6,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,000	\$6,000

Sec. A-14. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$539	\$539
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$539	\$539

Administration - Environmental Protection 0251

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$214,323	\$219,119
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$214,323	\$219,119

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$31,800	\$44,606
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$31,800	\$44,606

Administration - Environmental Protection 0251

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide property leases provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, division of leased space.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$802	\$802
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$802	\$802

ADMINISTRATION - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 0251

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$247,464	\$265,066
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$247,464	\$265,066

Air Quality 0250

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,232	\$1,232
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,232	\$1,232

Air Quality 0250

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide property leases provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, division of leased space.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$803	\$803
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$803	\$803

Air Quality 0250

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of equipment essential for the State to meet its obligation to monitor and maintain baseline data about ambient air quality.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$35,000	\$94,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$35,000	\$94,000

Air Quality 0250

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of new equipment essential for the State to meet its obligation to monitor and maintain baseline data about ambient air quality.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$80,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$80,000	\$0

Air Quality 0250

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$14,564	\$17,967
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$14,564	\$17,967

AIR QUALITY 0250

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$16,599	\$20,002
Capital Expenditures	\$115,000	\$94,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$131,599	\$114,002

Land Resources Z188

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,848	\$1,848
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,848	\$1,848

Land Resources Z188

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,237	\$19,442
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,237	\$19,442

Land Resources Z188

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide property leases provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, division of leased space.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,530	\$1,530
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,530	\$1,530

LAND RESOURCES Z188

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$18,615	\$22,820
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$18,615	\$22,820

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,310	\$2,310
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,310	\$2,310

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,207	\$1,546
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,207	\$1,546

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Environmental Specialist III position to support the implementation of the mandatory shoreland zoning laws and provides funding for related All Other costs. This position ends June 7, 2025.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$88,669	\$93,646
All Other	\$1,331	\$1,406
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$90,000	\$95,052

MAINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND 0421

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,517	\$3,856
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,517	\$3,856

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$88,669	\$93,646
All Other	\$1,331	\$1,406
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$90,000	\$95,052

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: Reduces funding to align allocations with projected available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$340,380)	(\$340,380)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$340,380)</u>	<u>(\$340,380)</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,178,377)	(\$1,178,377)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$1,178,377)</u>	<u>(\$1,178,377)</u>

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$539	\$539
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$539</u>	<u>\$539</u>

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,570	\$29,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$22,570</u>	<u>\$29,000</u>

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide property leases provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, division of leased space.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,365	\$10,365
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,365</u>	<u>\$10,365</u>

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of equipment purchases that are essential for the State to meet its obligation for the investigation, cleanup and monitoring of hazardous materials and petroleum products.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$201,000	\$283,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$201,000</u>	<u>\$283,500</u>

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for equipment purchases that are essential for the State to meet its obligation for the investigation, cleanup and monitoring of hazardous materials and petroleum products.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$305,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$305,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Remediation and Waste Management 0247

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Auto Mechanic II position from the Remediation and Waste Management program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN Personal Services	(1,000)	(1,000)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$61,234)</u>	<u>(\$65,142)</u>

REMEDIATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT 0247

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$33,474	\$39,904
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$33,474</u>	<u>\$39,904</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$340,380)	(\$340,380)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$340,380)</u>	<u>(\$340,380)</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN Personal Services All Other Capital Expenditures	(1,000)	(1,000)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$733,611)</u>	<u>(\$960,019)</u>

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,079	\$2,079

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,079	\$2,079
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Water Quality 0248

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,015	\$10,135

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,015	\$10,135
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Water Quality 0248

Initiative: Provides funding to support efforts to monitor emerging and legacy contaminants through the surface water ambient toxics monitoring program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$90,000	\$90,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$90,000	\$90,000
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Water Quality 0248

Initiative: Provides funding to support comprehensive coastal monitoring efforts through the Marine Environmental Monitoring Program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$80,000	\$80,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$80,000	\$80,000
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Water Quality 0248

Initiative: Provides funding to support water quality management plan development projects.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000
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Water Quality 0248

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide property leases provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, division of leased space.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,579	\$1,579

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,579	\$1,579
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Water Quality 0248

Initiative: Provides funding for federal matching purposes under federal water programs to be used for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater treatment, with any remaining funds to be used consistent with allowed uses of the Maine Clean Water Fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 411-C.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,814,725	\$3,814,725

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,814,725	\$3,814,725
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WATER QUALITY 0248 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,681,673	\$3,683,793

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,681,673	\$3,683,793
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$75,000	\$75,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$75,000
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,814,725	\$3,814,725

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,814,725	\$3,814,725
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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GENERAL FUND	\$4,116,342	\$4,129,441
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	(\$265,380)	(\$265,380)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$3,171,114	\$2,949,758

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$7,022,076	\$6,813,819
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Sec. A-15. 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: Provides funding to align with projected revenue for fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$439,079	\$127,302

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$439,079	\$127,302
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Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$58,736	\$61,295
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$58,736	\$61,295

Governmental Ethics and Election Practices - Commission on 0414

Initiative: Provides funding for information technology costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,000	\$6,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$6,000	\$6,000

GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES - COMMISSION ON 0414

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$58,736	\$61,295
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$58,736	\$61,295

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$445,079	\$133,302
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$445,079	\$133,302

ETHICS AND ELECTION PRACTICES, COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$58,736	\$61,295
	\$445,079	\$133,302
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$503,815	\$194,597

Sec. A-16. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Administration - Executive - Governor's Office 0165

Initiative: Establishes one Governor's Special Assistant position to support policy analysis and development and provides funding for related All Other expenses.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$204,433	\$214,290
All Other	\$3,660	\$3,660
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$208,093	\$217,950

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,142	\$20,841
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,142	\$20,841

ADMINISTRATION - EXECUTIVE - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE 0165

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$204,433	\$214,290
All Other	\$23,802	\$24,501
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$228,235	\$238,791

GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership Z376

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position to coordinate the Community Resilience Partnership program and provides funding for grants and technical assistance to Maine municipalities and tribes for climate planning and actions, including adaptation and resilience projects, as well as emissions reduction initiatives including clean energy and energy efficiency projects.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$126,657	\$133,352
All Other	\$1,503,660	\$1,503,660
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,630,317	\$1,637,012

GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership Z376

Initiative: Transfers funding from the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future program to the GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership program and establishes allocation in the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds accounts.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

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All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

GOPIF - COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP Z376 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$126,657	\$133,352
All Other	\$3,003,660	\$3,003,660
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,130,317	\$3,137,012

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Provides funding for the Governor's Energy Office to support energy planning and analysis on a wide variety of energy topics.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Provides funding for the Governor's Energy Office to continue support of a research consortium.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Coordinator II position from 100% Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund and provides related All Other within the same program beginning December 1, 2023.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$78,546	\$142,102
All Other	\$6,406	\$6,510
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$84,952	\$148,612

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$78,546)	(\$142,102)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$78,546)	(\$142,102)

Governor's Energy Office Z122

Initiative: Reallocates the cost of one Public Service Coordinator II position from 100% Other Special Revenue Funds to 100% Federal Expenditures Fund and provides related All Other within the same program beginning August 1, 2023.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$10,462	\$132,142
All Other	\$6,284	\$6,371
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$16,746	\$138,513

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	(\$10,462)	(\$132,142)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$10,462)	(\$132,142)

GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE Z122 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$89,008	\$274,244
All Other	\$12,690	\$12,881
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$101,698	\$287,125

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(2,000)	(2,000)
Personal Services	(\$89,008)	(\$274,244)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$89,008)	(\$274,244)

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: Provides funding to support the work of the Maine Climate Council.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$261,546	\$260,508
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$261,546	\$260,508

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$25,633	\$25,633
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,633	\$25,633

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: Transfers funding from the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future program to the GOPIF - Community Resilience Partnership program and establishes allocation in the Federal Expenditures Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds accounts.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,500,000)	(\$1,500,000)

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: Establishes allocation in the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future program, Federal Expenditures Fund for the federal Preschool Development Grant.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$287,244	\$287,244
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$287,244	\$287,244

OFFICE OF POLICY INNOVATION AND THE FUTURE Z135

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,474,367)	(\$1,474,367)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,474,367)	(\$1,474,367)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$287,244	\$287,244
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$287,244	\$287,244

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$261,546	\$260,508
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$261,546	\$260,508

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	\$3,384,185	\$3,401,436
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$389,442	\$574,869
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$173,038	(\$13,236)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$3,946,665	\$3,963,069

Sec. A-17. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Dairy Improvement Fund Z143

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$65,292	\$71,048
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$65,292	\$71,048

DAIRY IMPROVEMENT FUND Z143

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$65,292	\$71,048
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$65,292	\$71,048

Doctors For Maine's Future Scholarship Fund Z090

Initiative: Allocates one-time funds to support the Doctors For Maine's Future Scholarship Program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$0
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DOCTORS FOR MAINE'S FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP FUND Z090

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$0
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Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund Z330

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund to enable it to make loan repayments to 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.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$0
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MAINE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM FUND Z330

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$0
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Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program Z331

Initiative: Allocates one-time funds to support the Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$0
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NURSING EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM Z331

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$0
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FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$4,065,292	\$71,048
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$4,065,292	\$71,048
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Sec. A-18. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Brain Injury Z213

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation to align with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$35,000	\$35,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$35,000	\$35,000
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BRAIN INJURY Z213

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$35,000	\$35,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$35,000	\$35,000
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Bridging Rental Assistance Program Z205

Initiative: Provides funding for the Bridging Rental Assistance Program for a 2021 policy change that increased the 49% payment for a voucher holder's rent to 60%.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$383,475	\$383,475

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$383,475	\$383,475
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BRIDGING RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Z205

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$383,475	\$383,475

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$383,475	\$383,475
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Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Establishes allocation in the Child Care Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund for the federal Preschool Development Grant.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$7,760,179	\$5,619,014
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,760,179	\$5,619,014
FUND TOTAL		

Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Provides funding to double the monthly wage supplement for all child care workers.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,000,000	\$15,000,000

Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Provides funding to increase eligibility for child care subsidies from 85% of the State's median income to 125% of the State's median income, beginning January 1, 2024.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,864,140	\$10,214,694
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,864,140	\$10,214,694

Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Provides funding to include child care staff in the Maine Child Care Affordability Program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Provides funding for delivery of Head Start services to support families earning up to 185% of the federal poverty level.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000

Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Provides funding to make system improvements to the Maine Child Care Affordability Program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services, in consultation with the Maine Children's Cabinet and Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council, to create an estimator tool to calculate the cost of quality child care, which enables the State to model actual costs of child care.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,000	\$0
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Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services to develop a phased implementation plan and benchmarks for limiting child care costs for families by 2030.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000

Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services to develop an early childhood integrated data system.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$0

Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Provides funding to establish one Social Services Program Specialist II position, one Social Services Manager I position and 2 Financial Resource Specialist II positions to handle the increased workload in the program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$368,080	\$387,199
All Other	\$26,148	\$26,148
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$394,228	\$413,347

CHILD CARE SERVICES 0563

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$368,080	\$387,199
All Other	\$26,490,288	\$31,540,842
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$26,858,368	\$31,928,041

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,760,179	\$5,619,014
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$7,760,179	\$5,619,014

Child Support 0100

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant part-time position and 2 vacant Office Associate II positions from the Child Support program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1,000)	(1,000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$25,119)	(\$26,631)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$25,119)	(\$26,631)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$118,475)	(\$125,122)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$118,475)	(\$125,122)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1,500)	(1,500)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$35,917)	(\$37,833)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$35,917)	(\$37,833)

CHILD SUPPORT 0100 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1,000)	(1,000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$25,119)	(\$26,631)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$25,119)	(\$26,631)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$118,475)	(\$125,122)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$118,475)	(\$125,122)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1,500)	(1,500)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$35,917)	(\$37,833)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$35,917)	(\$37,833)

Consent Decree Z204

Initiative: Provides funding for mental health and substance use disorder services for uninsured clients to align with expected MaineCare rate increases under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, and Section 17, Allowances for Community Support Services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$817,780	\$817,780
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$817,780	\$817,780

CONSENT DECREE Z204

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$817,780	\$817,780
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$817,780	\$817,780

Crisis Outreach Program Z216

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$9,681	\$9,681
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,681	\$9,681

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,990	\$8,990
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,990	\$8,990

CRISIS OUTREACH PROGRAM Z216

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$9,681	\$9,681
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,681	\$9,681

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,990	\$8,990
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$8,990	\$8,990

Data, Research and Vital Statistics Z037

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one part-time Medical Support Specialist Records position from 40 to 80 hours biweekly and reallocates the position from 100% Data, Research and Vital Statistics program, General Fund to 50% Data, Research and Vital Statistics program, General Fund and 50% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Expenditures Fund and also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	0.500	0.500
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$768)	(\$768)
All Other	(\$3,269)	(\$3,269)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$4,037)	(\$4,037)
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DATA, RESEARCH AND VITAL STATISTICS Z037

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	(\$768)	(\$768)
All Other	(\$3,269)	(\$3,269)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$4,037)	(\$4,037)

Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position funded 60% General Fund and 40% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations program to serve as the program financial officer. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$72,208	\$76,076
All Other	\$3,922	\$3,922
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$76,130	\$79,998

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$48,139	\$50,717
All Other	\$3,840	\$3,902

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$51,979	\$54,619
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Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142

Initiative: Provides funding in the Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations program for increases in costs for human resources management services provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,995	\$207,880
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,995	\$207,880

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$137,229	\$141,930

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$137,229	\$141,930
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Department of Health and Human Services Central Operations 0142

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of 6 Hearings Examiner positions to DHHS Hearings Officer positions retroactive to January 30, 2017 and for the approved reclassification of one Hearings Examiner position to a DHHS Hearings Officer position retroactive to March 2, 2018. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$367,948	\$28,299
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$367,948	\$28,299

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$24,793	\$39,088
All Other	\$598	\$943

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$25,391	\$40,031
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTRAL OPERATIONS 0142

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$440,156	\$104,375
All Other	\$204,917	\$211,802
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$645,073	\$316,177

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$72,932	\$89,805
All Other	\$141,667	\$146,775

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$214,599	\$236,580
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Developmental Services - Community Z208

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$122,169	\$122,169

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$122,169	\$122,169
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Developmental Services - Community Z208

Initiative: Establishes one Business Systems Analyst position and one Management Analyst II position effective July 1, 2024, eliminates 3 Office Associate II positions effective June 15, 2024 and provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Social Services Program Specialist II position to a Social Services Program Manager position to align the roles and responsibilities for staff with the updated client data system. This initiative also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(3.000)	(1.000)
Personal Services	\$6,737	(\$12,415)
All Other	\$0	(\$6,537)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,737	(\$18,952)
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Developmental Services - Community Z208

Initiative: Establishes 2 Human Services Caseworker positions funded 50% Developmental Services - Community program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$95,880	\$100,666
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$102,417	\$107,203

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES - COMMUNITY Z208

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.000)	1.000
Personal Services	\$102,617	\$88,251
All Other	\$128,706	\$122,169
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$231,323	\$210,420

Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the May 1, 2023 revenue forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,460,537	\$2,460,537
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,460,537	\$2,460,537

Developmental Services Waiver - MaineCare Z211

Initiative: Adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of health care services from the service provider tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, effective January 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$12,416,299
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$12,416,299

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVER - MAINECARE Z211

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,460,537	\$14,876,836
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,460,537	\$14,876,836

Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z212

Initiative: Provides funding for adding 50 new members per month for services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities provided under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 29, Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder,

and Chapter III, Section 29, Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, until 900 new members in total have been added.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,699,787	\$7,984,059
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,699,787	\$7,984,059

Developmental Services Waiver - Supports Z212

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the May 1, 2023 revenue forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$19,840)	(\$19,840)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$19,840)	(\$19,840)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$19,840	\$19,840
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$19,840	\$19,840

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES WAIVER - SUPPORTS Z212

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,679,947	\$7,964,219
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,679,947	\$7,964,219

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$19,840	\$19,840
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$19,840	\$19,840

Disability Determination - Division of 0208

Initiative: Establishes one Disability Claims Supervisor position and 5 Disability Claims Adjudicator positions funded 100% Disability Determination - Division of program, Federal Expenditures Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$552,033	\$582,556
All Other	\$53,489	\$54,226
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$605,522	\$636,782

DISABILITY DETERMINATION - DIVISION OF 0208

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$552,033	\$582,556
All Other	\$53,489	\$54,226
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$605,522	\$636,782

Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z225

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to upgrade the video surveillance system at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$134,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$134,000	\$0

Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z225

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the installation of card readers on the patient units at Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$100,155	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,155	\$0

Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z225

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to complete the renovation of patient bathrooms at the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center to make them ligature-resistant.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$474,500	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$474,500	\$0

DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE - DOROTHEA DIX PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z225

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$708,655	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$708,655	\$0

Disproportionate Share - Riverview Psychiatric Center Z220

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of the security and access control systems at Riverview Psychiatric Center.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$2,180,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,180,000	\$0

DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE - RIVERVIEW PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z220

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$2,180,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,180,000	\$0

Division of Licensing and Certification Z036

Initiative: Provides allocation to align with available resources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$310,911	\$310,911
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$310,911	\$310,911

Division of Licensing and Certification Z036

Initiative: Establishes 2 Office Associate II positions funded 65% Other Special Revenue Funds and 35% General Fund in the Division of Licensing and Certification program for the certified nursing assistant registry program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$51,718	\$54,824
All Other	\$4,576	\$4,576
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$56,294	\$59,400

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$96,036	\$101,820
All Other	\$11,020	\$11,160
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$107,056	\$112,980

Division of Licensing and Certification Z036

Initiative: Establishes one Hearings Examiner position funded 65% Other Special Revenue Funds and 35% General Fund in the Division of Licensing and Certification program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$34,902	\$36,888
All Other	\$2,288	\$2,288
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$37,190	\$39,176

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$64,816	\$68,509
All Other	\$5,916	\$6,005
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$70,732	\$74,514

Division of Licensing and Certification Z036

Initiative: Establishes 2 Social Services Program Specialist I positions funded 65% Other Special Revenue Funds and 35% General Fund in the Division of Licensing and Certification program to serve as survey staff for the assisted housing program. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$61,432	\$64,786
All Other	\$6,863	\$6,863
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$68,295	\$71,649
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$114,088	\$120,314
All Other	\$17,185	\$17,410
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$131,273	\$137,724

Division of Licensing and Certification Z036

Initiative: Establishes one Social Services Program Specialist II position and one Health Services Consultant II position funded 65% Other Special Revenue Funds and 35% General Fund in the Division of Licensing and Certification program to investigate complaints in acute care facilities. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$72,159	\$75,879
All Other	\$9,152	\$9,152
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$81,311	\$85,031
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$134,012	\$140,915
All Other	\$23,874	\$24,207
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$157,886	\$165,122

Division of Licensing and Certification Z036

Initiative: Establishes one Identification Specialist II position for the Background Check Center and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$74,010	\$77,947
All Other	\$8,481	\$8,576
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$82,491	\$86,523

Division of Licensing and Certification Z036

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 6 Health Services Consultant positions to Health Services Consultant II positions, one Health Services Consultant II position to a Social Services Manager I position, one Health Facility Surveyor position to a Social Services Program Specialist II position, one Office Associate II position to an Office Specialist I position and one Secretary Specialist Supervisor to a Secretary Specialist Supervisor - Confidential position. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$26,546	\$28,277
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$26,546	\$28,277
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$41,498	\$44,197
All Other	\$1,001	\$1,066
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$42,499	\$45,263

DIVISION OF LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION Z036

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$246,757	\$260,654
All Other	\$22,879	\$22,879
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$269,636	\$283,533
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$524,460	\$553,702
All Other	\$378,388	\$379,335
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$902,848	\$933,037

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$85,815	\$76,246
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$85,815	\$76,246

Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center Z222

Initiative: Establishes one Intensive Case Manager position and one Clinical Social Worker position effective July 1, 2023 and establishes one Intensive Case Manager position and one Social Services Program Specialist

ist I position effective July 1, 2024 funded 100% Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center program, General Fund to expand outpatient services from 25 patients to 60 patients. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$188,121	\$386,770
All Other	\$19,611	\$45,759
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$207,732	\$432,529

DOROTHEA DIX PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z222 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	4.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$188,121	\$386,770
All Other	\$105,426	\$122,005
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$293,547	\$508,775

Drinking Water Enforcement 0728

Initiative: Provides funding for federal matching purposes under federal water programs to be used for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater treatment.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,450,000	\$3,450,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,450,000	\$3,450,000

DRINKING WATER ENFORCEMENT 0728 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,450,000	\$3,450,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,450,000	\$3,450,000

Early Childhood Consultation Program Z280

Initiative: Reallocates one Social Services Manager I position and one Social Services Program Specialist II position from 100% General Fund in the Early Childhood Consultation Program to 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Block Grant Fund in the same program.

This initiative also transfers All Other funds from the General Fund to the Federal Block Grant Fund in the Early Childhood Consultation Program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$107,711)	(\$113,615)
All Other	(\$1,422,375)	(\$1,493,017)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,530,086)	(\$1,606,632)

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$107,711	\$113,615
All Other	\$1,431,570	\$1,502,673
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$1,539,281	\$1,616,288

EARLY CHILDHOOD CONSULTATION PROGRAM Z280 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$107,711)	(\$113,615)
All Other	(\$1,422,375)	(\$1,493,017)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,530,086)	(\$1,606,632)

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$107,711	\$113,615
All Other	\$1,431,570	\$1,502,673
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$1,539,281	\$1,616,288

Food Supplement Administration Z019

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation to align with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$500,000	\$0

Food Supplement Administration Z019

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Social Services Program Specialist I position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 398 through June 14, 2025 and provides funding for the approved reorganization to a Senior Planner position. This initiative also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$104,177	\$109,347
All Other	\$9,209	\$9,333
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$113,386	\$118,680

Food Supplement Administration Z019

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for State-funded supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits within the Food Supplement Administration program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,260,654	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,260,654	\$0

**FOOD SUPPLEMENT ADMINISTRATION Z019
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,260,654	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,260,654	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$104,177	\$109,347
All Other	\$9,209	\$9,333
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$113,386	\$118,680

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$500,000	\$0

Forensic Services Z203

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$82,744	\$57,135
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$82,744	\$57,135

Forensic Services Z203

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected resources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,597	\$12,597
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,597	\$12,597

Forensic Services Z203

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator III position and provides funding to establish the forensics fellowship program. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$152,539	\$160,652
All Other	\$196,537	\$196,537

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$349,076	\$357,189
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**FORENSIC SERVICES Z203
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$152,539	\$160,652
All Other	\$279,281	\$253,672

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$431,820	\$414,324
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,597	\$12,597

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,597	\$12,597
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General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns 0130

Initiative: Establishes 2 Social Services Program Specialist I positions funded 100% General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns program, Other Special Revenue Funds and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUN	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$175,520	\$185,100
All Other	\$17,625	\$17,856

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$193,145	\$202,956
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General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns 0130

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in order to meet projected obligations in the General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,527,347	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,527,347	\$0

General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns 0130

Initiative: Provides one-time appropriation for supplemental payments to municipalities for the unanticipated fiscal and operational costs of the general assistance program related to various programs that began in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and are now ending.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,000,000	\$0

General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns 0130

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation in order to meet projected obligations in the General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,500,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$5,500,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

GENERAL ASSISTANCE - REIMBURSEMENT TO CITIES AND TOWNS 0130

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,527,347	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,527,347</u>	<u>\$0</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$175,520	\$185,100
All Other	\$5,517,625	\$17,856
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$5,693,145</u>	<u>\$202,956</u>

Housing First Program Z374

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager III position and one Social Services Program Manager position effective January 1, 2024 in the Housing First Program, General Fund to provide initial planning and administration for the delivery of support and stabilization services to residents of properties established or developed to provide permanent housing to end chronic homelessness in the State.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$125,755	\$265,355
All Other	\$6,537	\$13,074
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$132,292</u>	<u>\$278,429</u>

HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM Z374

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$125,755	\$265,355
All Other	\$6,537	\$13,074
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$132,292</u>	<u>\$278,429</u>

IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137

Initiative: Provides funding to reimburse the Office of the Attorney General for one Secretary Associate Legal

position and one Assistant Attorney General position dedicated to the Department of Health and Human Services funded 71% General Fund and 29% Federal Expenditures Fund in the IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$165,620	\$173,403
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$165,620</u>	<u>\$173,403</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$70,000	\$73,289
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$70,000</u>	<u>\$73,289</u>

IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137

Initiative: Provides allocation to align with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>\$5,000,000</u>

IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in the IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program and the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program for the increase in costs due to the number of children in foster care and adoption assistance programs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,583,897	\$2,908,910
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,583,897</u>	<u>\$2,908,910</u>

IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137

Initiative: Provides funding to increase foster care treatment reimbursement rates to increase recruitment and retention of foster families in Maine.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$19,330	\$20,296
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$19,330</u>	<u>\$20,296</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$34,364	\$36,082
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$34,364</u>	<u>\$36,082</u>

IV-E FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION ASSISTANCE 0137

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$5,768,847	\$3,102,609
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,768,847</u>	<u>\$3,102,609</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,104,364	\$5,109,371
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,104,364</u>	<u>\$5,109,371</u>

Lifespan Waiver Z370

Initiative: Provides funding for a new MaineCare lifespan waiver, which will offer the services currently offered under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Sections 21 and 29 and also incorporate innovations such as self-directed services, employment options and transition services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$770,908
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$770,908</u>

LIFESPAN WAIVER Z370

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$770,908
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$770,908</u>

Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$241,700	\$241,700
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$241,700</u>	<u>\$241,700</u>

Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for home-delivered meals to replace expected decreases in federal COVID-19 funding in order to extend home-delivered meal services to homebound older adults and adults receiving services under the Office of Aging and Disability Services rule Chapter 5, Section 63, In-Home and Community Support Services for Elderly and Other Adults.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,286,048	\$3,189,351
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,286,048</u>	<u>\$3,189,351</u>

Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a contracted consultant to assist personal care agencies with licensing, training and quality standard requirements identified as a result of Resolve 2021, chapter 117.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$221,000	\$442,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$221,000</u>	<u>\$442,000</u>

Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position funded 50% Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund to manage the nursing facility program and payment reform efforts. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$63,805	\$67,434
All Other	\$3,269	\$3,269
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$67,074</u>	<u>\$70,703</u>

Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services 0420

Initiative: Provides funding for a projected increase in participation in the atypical waiver services program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$18,602	\$19,904
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$18,602</u>	<u>\$19,904</u>

LONG TERM CARE - OFFICE OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES 0420

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$63,805	\$67,434
All Other	\$2,770,619	\$3,896,224
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,834,424</u>	<u>\$3,963,658</u>

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one part-time Medical Support Specialist Records position from 40 to 80 hours biweekly and reallocates the position from 100% Data, Research and Vital Statistics program, General Fund to 50% Data, Research and Vital Statistics program, General Fund and 50% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Expenditures Fund and also adjusts funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$34,957	\$36,881
All Other	(\$31,609)	(\$33,533)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$3,348</u>	<u>\$3,348</u>
FUND TOTAL		

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one part-time Public Health Nurse I position from 72 hours to 80 hours biweekly, one part-time Public Health Nurse I position from 48 hours to 80 hours biweekly, one part-time Public Health Nurse I position from 54 hours to 80 hours biweekly and one part-time Public Health Nurse II position from 64 hours to 80 hours bi-weekly funded 100% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, General Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$104,897	\$109,853
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$104,897</u>	<u>\$109,853</u>

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Establishes one Chemist II position funded 100% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Fund for a Healthy Maine within the environmental lead division of the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory. Also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$100,823	\$106,176
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>\$107,360</u>	<u>\$112,713</u>

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Provides funding for a contracted data analysis position in the health inspection program within the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$170,560	\$170,560
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$170,560</u>	<u>\$170,560</u>

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Establishes one Senior Health Program Manager position funded 100% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, Federal Expenditures Fund - ARP and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$109,974	\$116,162
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	<u>\$116,511</u>	<u>\$122,699</u>

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position funded 100% Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program, General Fund to serve as a state toxicologist manager and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$124,051	\$130,746
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$130,588</u>	<u>\$137,283</u>

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Provides allocation to align with existing resources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$501,338	\$455,599
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$501,338</u>	<u>\$455,599</u>

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Establishes 5 limited-period Environmental Specialist III positions and one limited-period Environmental Specialist IV position through June 14, 2025 and also provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$558,579	\$589,316
All Other	\$53,647	\$54,389
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$612,226</u>	<u>\$643,705</u>

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Provides funding to expand school-based oral health services in all Maine schools by January 1, 2025 pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 635.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$578,713	\$897,356
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$578,713</u>	<u>\$897,356</u>

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Office Assistant II position and one vacant part-time Public Health Educator III position from the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,500)	(1,500)
All Other	(\$62,712)	(\$65,936)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$62,712)</u>	<u>(\$65,936)</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$16,539)	(\$17,262)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$16,539)</u>	<u>(\$17,262)</u>

MAINE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION 0143

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$228,948	\$240,599
All Other	\$585,250	\$903,893
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$814,198</u>	<u>\$1,144,492</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,500)	(1,500)
Personal Services	\$593,536	\$626,197
All Other	(\$40,674)	(\$45,080)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$552,862</u>	<u>\$581,117</u>

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$100,823	\$106,176
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE TOTAL	<u>\$107,360</u>	<u>\$112,713</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$655,359	\$608,897
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$655,359</u>	<u>\$608,897</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$109,974	\$116,162
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	<u>\$116,511</u>	<u>\$122,699</u>

Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund Z292

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator II position funded 100% Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds to support insurance carrier relations and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$120,347	\$126,793
All Other	\$9,599	\$9,754
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$129,946</u>	<u>\$136,547</u>

Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund Z292

Initiative: Establishes one Comprehensive Health Planner II position funded 100% Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds to support consumer assistance functions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$102,377	\$108,189
All Other	\$9,165	\$9,305
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$111,542</u>	<u>\$117,494</u>

Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund Z292

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager III position funded 100% Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds to support consumer assistance functions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$165,237	\$174,105
All Other	\$10,682	\$10,896
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$175,919</u>	<u>\$185,001</u>

Maine Health Insurance Marketplace Trust Fund Z292

Initiative: Provides allocation to align with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

MAINE HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE TRUST FUND Z292

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$387,961	\$409,087
All Other	\$29,446	\$29,955
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$417,407	\$439,042

Maternal and Child Health 0191

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation to align with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,268,492	\$1,268,492
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$1,268,492	\$1,268,492

Maternal and Child Health 0191

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner II position previously continued in Public Law 2021, chapter 398 through June 14, 2025 and also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$110,136	\$115,533
All Other	\$9,352	\$9,483
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$119,488	\$125,016

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH 0191

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$110,136	\$115,533
All Other	\$9,352	\$9,483

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$119,488	\$125,016
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,268,492	\$1,268,492

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$1,268,492	\$1,268,492
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Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210

Initiative: Provides funding for adding 50 new members per month for services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities provided under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 29, Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Chapter III, Section 29, Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, until 900 new members in total have been added.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$517,186	\$1,528,051

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$517,186	\$1,528,051
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Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210

Initiative: Provides funding for a new MaineCare lifespan waiver, which will offer the services currently offered under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Sections 21 and 29 and also incorporate innovations such as self-directed services, employment options and transition services.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$147,543

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$147,543
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Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the May 1, 2023 revenue forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$9,165)	(\$9,165)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$9,165)	(\$9,165)
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$2,822,083)	(\$2,822,083)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$2,822,083)	(\$2,822,083)
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Medicaid Services - Developmental Services Z210

Initiative: Adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of health care services from the service provider tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, effective January 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$223,635
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$223,635</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$12,639,934)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$12,639,934)</u>

MEDICAID SERVICES - DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES Z210

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$9,165)	\$214,470
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$9,165)</u>	<u>\$214,470</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$2,304,897)	(\$13,786,423)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$2,304,897)</u>	<u>(\$13,786,423)</u>

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for adding 50 new members per month for services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities provided under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 29, Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Chapter III, Section 29, Allowances for Support Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism Spectrum Disorder, until 900 new members in total have been added.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,402,795	\$15,955,379
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,402,795</u>	<u>\$15,955,379</u>

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to waive all Children's Health Insurance Program premiums and expand eligibility for the current Medicaid expansion Children's Health Insurance Program population from 157% to 208% of the federal poverty level for March 1, 2023 then to expand Children's Health Insurance Program eligibility and coverage for adults 19 or 20 years of age to 300% of the federal poverty level for October 1, 2023. This is a preliminary estimate that will be updated

in future years, as needed, once actual enrollment data is more certain.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$361,603	\$4,526,364
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$361,603</u>	<u>\$4,526,364</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,835,890	\$9,205,834
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,835,890</u>	<u>\$9,205,834</u>
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$7,138,573)	(\$6,709,689)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$7,138,573)</u>	<u>(\$6,709,689)</u>

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to implement a rate study for therapeutic foster care and develop a new level of multidimensional treatment foster care service to be included in the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual beginning in state fiscal year 2024-25.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,972,599
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,972,599</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$3,308,791
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,308,791</u>

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Adjusts funding in the Medical Care - Payments to Providers program between the General Fund and Other Special Revenue Funds related to rebasing the hospital tax year from fiscal year 2017-18 to fiscal year 2019-20.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$5,408,048
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,408,048</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$5,408,048)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$5,408,048)</u>

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Reduces funding for supplemental payments to hospitals.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$1,256,707)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,256,707)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$3,069,730)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$3,069,730)

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for a high MaineCare utilization add-on payment to private nonmedical institutions that care for residents who are older or disabled, or PNMI-Cs, as a bridge to broader payment reform that will go into effect January 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,427,500	\$2,427,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,427,500	\$2,427,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$319,149	\$319,149
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$319,149	\$319,149

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for implementation of multidimensional family therapy services effective January 1, 2025 under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$318,826
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$318,826
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$512,311
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$512,311
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$37,869
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$37,869

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides one-time funding toward broader reimbursement reform for acute care hospitals under Chapter III, Section 45 of the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual to improve the transparency and accountability of hospital reimbursement

and to align reimbursement with the cost, quality and value of services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$6,271,119
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$6,271,119
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$15,962,985
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$15,962,985
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$265,896
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$265,896

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for a new MaineCare lifespan waiver, which will offer the services currently offered under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Sections 21 and 29 and also incorporate innovations such as self-directed services, employment options and transition services.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,540,588
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,540,588

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the May 1, 2023 revenue forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,197,712	\$1,197,712
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,197,712	\$1,197,712
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$1,197,712)	(\$1,197,712)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$1,197,712)	(\$1,197,712)

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for inpatient psychiatric and substance use disorder services rates pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 3, Part S, section 1.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,721,202	\$2,922,518
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,721,202	\$2,922,518

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,194,912	\$8,488,087
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$8,194,912</u>	<u>\$8,488,087</u>

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to establish a so-called High Fidelity Wraparound service for children.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$2,123,834
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,123,834</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$3,235,686
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$3,235,686</u>

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$540,026
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$540,026</u>

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for MaineCare coverage of community-based substance use disorder partial hospitalization services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$112,723	\$151,696
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$112,723</u>	<u>\$151,696</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$479,880	\$638,260
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$479,880</u>	<u>\$638,260</u>

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of health care services from the service provider tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, effective January 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$2,346,103
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,346,103</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$10,372,467)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$10,372,467)</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$8,529,849)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$8,529,849)</u>
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Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for a parent of a child who is eligible for home health aide services under the MaineCare program to receive reimbursement for providing those services to the child.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$54,902
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$54,902</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$91,933
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$91,933</u>

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding to remove the asset test for eligibility in the elderly low-cost drug program and the Medicare savings program and, within the Medicare savings program, to update income eligibility for qualified Medicare beneficiaries to not more than 185% of the federal poverty level and for qualified individuals to more than 185% and not more than 250% of the federal poverty level.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,859,537	\$15,563,865
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,859,537</u>	<u>\$15,563,865</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,848,798	\$43,261,931
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,848,798</u>	<u>\$43,261,931</u>

MEDICAL CARE - PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS 0147

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$9,680,277	\$44,028,379
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$9,680,277</u>	<u>\$44,028,379</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$22,762,275	\$88,759,588
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$22,762,275	\$88,759,588
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$878,563)	(\$14,816,460)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$878,563)	(\$14,816,460)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$7,138,573)	(\$5,865,898)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	(\$7,138,573)	(\$5,865,898)

Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: Provides funding to administer a public education program as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 15002, subsection 5 and for contracted support to administer the program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500,000

Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to contract for multidimensional family therapy training of 2 supervisors and 6 therapists in each of the 6 agencies identified as providers prior to the services being added to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual in state fiscal year 2024-25.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,515,731	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,515,731	\$0

Mental Health Services - Children Z206

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to contract with the national purveyor of an evidence-based treatment foster care program for training and certification of Maine providers prior to the services being added to the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual in state fiscal year 2024-25.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,520,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,520,000	\$0

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - CHILDREN Z206

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,035,731	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,035,731	\$500,000

Mental Health Services - Community Z198

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$57,887	\$58,626
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$57,887	\$58,626

Mental Health Services - Community Z198

Initiative: Provides allocation to align with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$700,000	\$700,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$700,000	\$700,000

Mental Health Services - Community Z198

Initiative: Provides funding for mental health and substance use disorder services for uninsured clients to align with expected MaineCare rate increases under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, and Section 17, Allowances for Community Support Services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$516,954	\$516,954
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$516,954	\$516,954

Mental Health Services - Community Z198

Initiative: Establishes one Behavioral Health Program Coordinator position funded 100% Mental Health Services - Community program, General Fund and also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$90,787	\$95,790
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$97,324	\$102,327

Mental Health Services - Community Z198

Initiative: Establishes one Social Services Program Specialist II position funded 100% Mental Health Services - Community program, General Fund to manage housing programs and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$97,334	\$102,640
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$103,871	\$109,177

Mental Health Services - Community Z198

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation to align with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$430,648	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$430,648	\$0

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY Z198

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	2.000	2.000
All Other	\$188,121	\$198,430
	\$587,915	\$588,654
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$776,036	\$787,084

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$700,000	\$700,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$700,000	\$700,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$430,648	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$430,648	\$0

Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid Z201

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the December 1, 2022 revenue forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,105,651	\$2,105,651
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,105,651	\$2,105,651

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$2,105,651)	(\$2,105,651)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$2,105,651)	(\$2,105,651)

Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid Z201

Initiative: Adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of health care services from the service provider tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, effective January 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$3,827,062

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$3,827,062
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$3,827,062)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$3,827,062)

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - COMMUNITY MEDICAID Z201

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,105,651	\$5,932,713
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,105,651	\$5,932,713

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$2,105,651)	(\$5,932,713)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$2,105,651)	(\$5,932,713)

Nursing Facilities 0148

Initiative: Provides funding for ongoing operations at Maine Veterans' Homes.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$765,630	\$765,630
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$765,630	\$765,630

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,530,038	\$1,530,038
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,530,038	\$1,530,038

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$146,532	\$146,532
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$146,532	\$146,532

Nursing Facilities 0148

Initiative: Provides funding in the Nursing Facilities program to support investment and rate reform for fiscal year 2024-25. This amount aligns to the estimated amount required for nursing facility rebasing in fiscal year 2024-25.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$9,116,440
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$9,116,440

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$18,218,341

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$18,218,341
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,744,773
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$1,744,773

Nursing Facilities 0148

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the May 1, 2023 revenue forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,408,850	\$2,408,850
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,408,850	\$2,408,850
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$2,408,850)	(\$2,408,850)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$2,408,850)	(\$2,408,850)

NURSING FACILITIES 0148

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,174,480	\$12,290,920
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,174,480	\$12,290,920
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,530,038	\$19,748,379
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,530,038	\$19,748,379

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$2,262,318)	(\$517,545)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$2,262,318)	(\$517,545)

Office for Family Independence Z020

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Family Independence Program Manager position funded 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office for Family Independence program through June 14, 2025 to manage the summer electronic benefits transfer program and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$54,990	\$58,082
All Other	\$3,269	\$3,269
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$58,259	\$61,351

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$54,984	\$58,080
All Other	\$4,793	\$4,860
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$59,777	\$62,940

Office for Family Independence Z020

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Family Independence Program Manager position funded 50% General Fund and 50% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office for Family Independence program through June 14, 2025 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$54,990	\$58,082
All Other	\$3,269	\$3,269
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$58,259	\$61,351
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$54,984	\$58,080
All Other	\$4,687	\$4,760
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$59,671	\$62,840

Office for Family Independence Z020

Initiative: Provides ongoing allocations for required technology.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$30,823
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$30,823

Office for Family Independence Z020

Initiative: Provides a one-time appropriation for required technology development and testing.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,217,885
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,217,885

Office for Family Independence Z020

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for required technology changes.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,100	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,100	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$24,886	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$24,886	\$0
FUNDS TOTAL		

OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE Z020

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$109,980	\$116,164
All Other	\$14,638	\$1,224,423
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$124,618	\$1,340,587

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$109,968	\$116,160
All Other	\$34,366	\$40,443

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$144,334	\$156,603
FUNDS TOTAL		

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$190,369	\$190,369
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$190,369	\$190,369

Office for Family Independence - District 0453

Initiative: Provides funding in the Office for Family Independence - District program to bring appropriations and allocations in line with projected expenditures for postage.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$239,409	\$239,409
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$239,409	\$239,409

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$400,041	\$400,041

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$400,041	\$400,041
FUNDS TOTAL		

Office for Family Independence - District 0453

Initiative: Provides funding to establish 4 Eligibility Specialist positions to handle the increase in caseload.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$83,152	\$87,173
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$89,689	\$93,710

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$249,457	\$261,519

All Other	\$26,104	\$26,395
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$275,561	\$287,914
FUNDS TOTAL		

OFFICE FOR FAMILY INDEPENDENCE - DISTRICT 0453

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$83,152	\$87,173
All Other	\$436,315	\$436,315

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$519,467	\$523,488
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$249,457	\$261,519
All Other	\$426,145	\$426,436

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$675,602	\$687,955
FUNDS TOTAL		

Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services Z040

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$57,005	\$57,005
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$57,005	\$57,005

Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services Z040

Initiative: Establishes 8 Human Services Caseworker positions and 2 Human Services Casework Supervisor positions in the Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services program to support the work of preventing abuse, neglect and exploitation of incapacitated or dependent adults in Maine. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$980,276	\$1,029,028
All Other	\$65,370	\$65,370

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,045,646	\$1,094,398
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Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services Z040

Initiative: Provides funding to continue the elder services connection project per the recommendation of the elder justice roadmap.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$600,000	\$800,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$600,000	\$800,000

Office of Aging and Disability Services Adult Protective Services Z040

Initiative: Provides funding to continue the purchased goods and services pilot program per the recommendation of the elder justice roadmap.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$75,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$75,000	\$100,000

OFFICE OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES Z040

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	10.000	10.000
Personal Services	\$980,276	\$1,029,028
All Other	\$797,375	\$1,022,375
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,777,651	\$2,051,403

Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140

Initiative: Establishes baseline allocation in the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program, Other Special Revenue Funds for the State's so-called Money Follows the Person Medicaid demonstration project.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,483	\$20,483
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,483	\$20,483

Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140

Initiative: Provides funding to the area agencies on aging to enhance Maine's aging and disability resource centers and federal No Wrong Door System programs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$500,000	\$500,000

Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office 0140

Initiative: Provides funding to reimburse Maine Legal Services for the Elderly for a full-time staff attorney and a part-time helpline attorney per the recommendation of the elder justice roadmap.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$184,500	\$184,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$184,500	\$184,500

OFFICE OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES CENTRAL OFFICE 0140

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$684,500	\$684,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$684,500	\$684,500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,483	\$20,483

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,483	\$20,483
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Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation to align with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$337,496	\$337,496

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$337,496	\$337,496
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Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307

Initiative: Establishes 2 Social Services Supervisor positions funded 72% General Fund and 28% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program to serve as hearings specialists. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$141,264	\$149,196
All Other	\$9,414	\$9,414

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$150,678	\$158,610
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$54,932	\$58,016
All Other	\$5,329	\$5,417

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$60,261	\$63,433
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Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307

Initiative: Establishes one Social Services Program Specialist I position funded 72% General Fund and 28% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program to serve as an out-of-home investigator. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$63,188	\$66,636
All Other	\$4,707	\$4,707
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$67,895	\$71,343
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$24,572	\$25,914
All Other	\$2,583	\$2,623
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$27,155	\$28,537

Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Social Services Program Specialist I position to a Management Analyst II position, effective November 18, 2021. This position is funded 72% General Fund and 28% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Office of Child and Family Services - Central program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,738	\$2,995
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,738	\$2,995
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,065	\$1,167
All Other	\$30	\$33
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,095	\$1,200

OFFICE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES - CENTRAL 0307

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$207,190	\$218,827
All Other	\$14,121	\$14,121
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$221,311	\$232,948
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$80,569	\$85,097
All Other	\$7,942	\$8,073
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$88,511	\$93,170
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$337,496	\$337,496
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$337,496	\$337,496

Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$344,847	\$344,847
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$344,847	\$344,847

Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Child Protective Services Caseworker position from 66 hours to 80 hours biweekly. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$13,788	\$14,449
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,788	\$14,449
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,667	\$3,839
All Other	\$88	\$93
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,755	\$3,932

Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of 47 Customer Representative Associate II - Human Services positions and the proposed reorganization of one Customer Representative Associate II position performing child protective services case aide duties in child welfare district offices to 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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$156,964	\$153,417
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$156,964	\$153,417
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$41,692	\$40,765
All Other	\$1,006	\$984
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$42,698	\$41,749

Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Child Protective Services Caseworker position to a Social Services Program Specialist II position. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,121	\$3,121
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,121	\$3,121

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$829	\$828
All Other	\$20	\$20
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$849	\$848

OFFICE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES - DISTRICT 0452

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$173,873	\$170,987
All Other	\$344,847	\$344,847
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$518,720	\$515,834

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$46,188	\$45,432
All Other	\$1,114	\$1,097
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$47,302	\$46,529

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Provides funding to support the increased cost of the behavioral health professional training and certificate program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$223,887	\$223,887
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$223,887	\$223,887

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$229,289	\$229,289
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$229,289	\$229,289

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to create an independent behavioral health level-of-care assessment process using a standardized instrument for youth seeking behavioral health services, funded 25% General Fund and 75% Federal Expenditures Fund, and also provides funding to manage referrals to children's residential care facilities, funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$300,000	\$300,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$819,304	\$819,304

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$819,304	\$819,304
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Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Establishes one Management Analyst I position funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
All Other	\$42,382	\$44,870
	\$3,269	\$3,269
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$45,651	\$48,139

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$42,377	\$44,869
All Other	\$4,376	\$4,413
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$46,753	\$49,282

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position, funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
All Other	\$58,241	\$61,505
	\$3,269	\$3,269
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$61,510	\$64,774

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$58,236	\$61,501
All Other	\$4,753	\$4,832
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$62,989	\$66,333

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
All Other	\$63,805	\$67,434
	\$3,269	\$3,269

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$67,074	\$70,703
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$63,801	\$67,431
All Other	\$4,887	\$4,975
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$68,688	\$72,406

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation to align with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$300,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$300,000	\$0

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager II position funded 50% Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund to manage the nursing facility program and payment reform efforts. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$63,801	\$67,431
All Other	\$4,887	\$4,975
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$68,688	\$72,406

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Provides funding for a projected increase in participation in the atypical waiver services program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$18,602	\$19,904
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$18,602	\$19,904

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Establishes 2 Human Services Caseworker positions funded 50% Developmental Services - Community program, General Fund and 50% Office of MaineCare Services program, Federal Expenditures Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$95,868	\$100,658
All Other	\$9,008	\$9,124

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$104,876	\$109,782
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Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Comprehensive Health Planner II position funded 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program through June 14, 2025 and provides one-time funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$49,860	\$52,701
All Other	\$3,269	\$3,269

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$53,129	\$55,970
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$49,858	\$52,696
All Other	\$4,562	\$4,607

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$54,420	\$57,303
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Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Coordinator I position to a Public Service Coordinator II position effective April 25, 2022 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,714	\$3,851

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,714	\$3,851
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$3,717	\$3,851
All Other	\$90	\$93

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,807	\$3,944
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Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Business Data Analytics Specialist position from 100% General Fund in the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services program to 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program and transfers funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$54,189	\$54,685
All Other	\$3,269	\$3,269

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$57,458	\$57,954
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$54,184	\$54,681
All Other	\$4,655	\$4,667
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$58,839	\$59,348

OFFICE OF MAINECARE SERVICES 0129

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$272,191	\$285,046
All Other	\$540,232	\$540,232
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$812,423	\$825,278

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$431,842	\$453,118
All Other	\$1,104,413	\$1,106,183
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$1,536,255	\$1,559,301

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$300,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$300,000	\$0

Office of Substance Abuse & Mental Health Srvc-Medicaid Seed Z202

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the May 1, 2023 revenue forecasting projections.

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$304,872	\$304,872
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$304,872	\$304,872

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	(\$304,872)	(\$304,872)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$304,872)	(\$304,872)

Office of Substance Abuse & Mental Health Srvc-Medicaid Seed Z202

Initiative: Adjusts funding and rates to reflect the elimination of health care services from the service provider tax under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, effective January 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$0	\$88,326
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$88,326

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$0	(\$88,326)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	(\$88,326)

OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE & MENTAL HEALTH SRV-MEDICAID SEED Z202

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$304,872	\$393,198
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$304,872	\$393,198

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	(\$304,872)	(\$393,198)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$304,872)	(\$393,198)

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

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

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$115,177	\$115,916
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$115,177	\$115,916

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Provides funding in the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services program, General Fund to meet the ongoing demands of Maine's intensifying opioid crisis.

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$681,641	\$3,681,641
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$681,641	\$3,681,641

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Provides allocation to align with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Establishes one Comprehensive Health Planner II position funded 100% Office of Substance Abuse

and Mental Health Services program, General Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$99,718	\$105,397
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$106,255</u>	<u>\$111,934</u>

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Comprehensive Health Planner II position from 66 hours to 80 hours biweekly funded 100% Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services program, Federal Block Grant Fund. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$18,191	\$18,365
All Other	\$633	\$639
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$18,824</u>	<u>\$19,004</u>

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Establishes one Comprehensive Health Planner II position for the prescription monitoring program. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$99,718	\$105,397
All Other	\$6,537	\$6,537
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$106,255</u>	<u>\$111,934</u>

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Transfers and reallocates one Business Data Analytics Specialist position from 100% General Fund in the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services program to 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund in the Office of MaineCare Services program and transfers funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	(1.000)	(1.000)
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	(\$108,373)	(\$109,366)
All Other	(\$6,537)	(\$6,537)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$114,910)</u>	<u>(\$115,903)</u>

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Provides funding in the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds to support 2 new adult drug treatment courts through a memorandum of understanding with the judicial branch and for data collection through the Behavioral Health Services Information System agreement in accordance with 42 United States Code, Section 290aa-4.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,123,028	\$1,001,692
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,123,028</u>	<u>\$1,001,692</u>

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Provides funding for mental health and substance use disorder services for uninsured clients to align with expected MaineCare rate increases under the department's rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 65, Behavioral Health Services, and Section 17, Allowances for Community Support Services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$936,329	\$936,329
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$936,329</u>	<u>\$936,329</u>

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the operations of one substance use disorder treatment center, located in either Kennebec County or Washington County.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,600,000</u>	<u>\$1,600,000</u>

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the development of one substance use disorder treatment center, located in either Kennebec County or Washington County.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$400,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

OFFICE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES Z199

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$91,063	\$101,428

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All Other	\$3,739,684	\$6,340,423
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,830,747</u>	<u>\$6,441,851</u>
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,600,000	\$2,600,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,600,000</u>	<u>\$2,600,000</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,123,028	\$1,001,692
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,123,028</u>	<u>\$1,001,692</u>
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$18,191	\$18,365
All Other	\$633	\$639
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	<u>\$18,824</u>	<u>\$19,004</u>

PNMI Room and Board Z009

Initiative: Provides funding for a high MaineCare utilization add-on payment to private nonmedical institutions that care for residents who are older or disabled, or PNMI-Cs, as a bridge to broader payment reform that will go into effect January 1, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,572,500</u>	<u>\$2,572,500</u>

PNMI ROOM AND BOARD Z009

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,572,500	\$2,572,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,572,500</u>	<u>\$2,572,500</u>

Purchased Social Services 0228

Initiative: Provides allocation to align with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

Purchased Social Services 0228

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation to align with available resources.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	<u>\$2,100,000</u>	<u>\$2,100,000</u>

Purchased Social Services 0228

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for development and implementation of an online resource hub for parents as well as a communications campaign that will increase help seeking and resource sharing for parents who need support for parenting and other family needs as part of the Maine Child Safety and Family Well-Being Plan.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$750,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$750,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Purchased Social Services 0228

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for development and implementation of coordinated community-based strategies for child safety and family well-being as part of the Maine Child Safety and Family Well-Being Plan.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$335,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$335,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

PURCHASED SOCIAL SERVICES 0228

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,085,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,085,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	<u>\$2,100,000</u>	<u>\$2,100,000</u>

Residential Treatment Facilities Assessment Z197

Initiative: Adjusts funding in various MaineCare accounts to reflect impacts from the May 1, 2023 revenue forecasting projections.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$370,711	\$370,711
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$370,711</u>	<u>\$370,711</u>

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES ASSESSMENT Z197

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$370,711	\$370,711
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$370,711	\$370,711

Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$125,107	\$115,549
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$125,107	\$115,549

Riverview Psychiatric Center Z219

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant intermittent Medical Support Specialist Pharmacy position and 2 vacant Licensed Practical Nurse positions from the Riverview Psychiatric Center program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$66,435)	(\$69,811)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$66,435)	(\$69,811)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(2.000)	(2.000)
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.123)	(0.123)
Personal Services	(\$112,197)	(\$117,101)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$112,197)	(\$117,101)

RIVERVIEW PSYCHIATRIC CENTER Z219

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$66,435)	(\$69,811)
All Other	\$125,107	\$115,549
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$58,672	\$45,738

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(2.000)	(2.000)
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.123)	(0.123)
Personal Services	(\$112,197)	(\$117,101)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$112,197)	(\$117,101)

State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Provides funding for a court-ordered diagnostic evaluation contract in cooperation with the State Forensic Service funded 70% General Fund and 30% Other Special Revenue Funds in the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$276,864	\$290,707
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$276,864	\$290,707

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$122,035	\$128,137
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$122,035	\$128,137

State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in the IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program and the State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance program for the increase in costs due to the number of children in foster care and adoption assistance programs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,094,438	\$1,091,090
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,094,438	\$1,091,090

State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Provides funding to increase foster care treatment reimbursement rates to increase recruitment and retention of foster families in Maine.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$80,541	\$84,568
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$80,541	\$84,568

STATE-FUNDED FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION ASSISTANCE 0139

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,451,843	\$1,466,365
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,451,843	\$1,466,365

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$122,035	\$128,137
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$122,035	\$128,137

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$98,973,696	\$149,683,313
	\$45,146,906	\$127,307,610

FUND FOR A HEALTHY MAINE	\$107,360	\$112,713
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$5,962,376	(\$27,184,054)
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	(\$5,460,980)	(\$4,105,590)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	\$5,088,147	\$3,863,687
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$149,817,505	\$249,677,679

Sec. A-19. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MAINE

Historic Preservation Commission 0036

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,029	\$1,029
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,029	\$1,029

Historic Preservation Commission 0036

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$27,643	\$8,871
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$27,643	\$8,871

Historic Preservation Commission 0036

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,664	\$6,745
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,664	\$6,745

Historic Preservation Commission 0036

Initiative: Transfers one Historic Preservation Coordinator position, one Archaeology Technician I position and one intermittent Archaeology Technician I position from Other Special Revenue Funds to General Fund within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$185,580	\$188,055
All Other	\$51,589	\$51,589
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$237,169	\$239,644

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(2.000)	(2.000)
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.500)	(0.500)
Personal Services	(\$185,580)	(\$188,055)
All Other	(\$51,589)	(\$51,589)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$237,169)	(\$239,644)
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 0036

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$185,580	\$188,055
All Other	\$85,925	\$68,234
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$271,505	\$256,289

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(2.000)	(2.000)
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.500)	(0.500)
Personal Services	(\$185,580)	(\$188,055)
All Other	(\$51,589)	(\$51,589)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$237,169)	(\$239,644)
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$271,505	\$256,289
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	(\$237,169)	(\$239,644)

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$34,336	\$16,645
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Sec. A-20. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MAINE

Historical Society 0037

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to commission a comprehensive information technology data security audit and a subsequent year of systems management.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>

Historical Society 0037

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for 3 grant-funded staff to recover historical data lost in a data security breach.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

Historical Society 0037

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to upgrade antiquated technology hardware.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$25,000</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>

HISTORICAL SOCIETY 0037

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$50,000	\$50,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$50,000</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

Sec. A-21. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Emergency Housing Relief Fund Program Z340

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support short-term emergency housing and legal and other wrap-around settlement supports.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$12,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

EMERGENCY HOUSING RELIEF FUND PROGRAM Z340

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,000,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$12,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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Housing Authority - State 0442

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to expand affordable rental and ownership housing options through the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program and the federal Low-income Housing Tax Credit Program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$35,000,000	\$35,000,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$35,000,000</u>	<u>\$35,000,000</u>

Housing Authority - State 0442

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$7,761,086)	(\$8,014,180)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$7,761,086)</u>	<u>(\$8,014,180)</u>

HOUSING AUTHORITY - STATE 0442

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$27,238,914	\$26,985,820
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$27,238,914</u>	<u>\$26,985,820</u>

Housing First - MSHA N447

Initiative: Provides a base allocation to authorize expenditures of funds transferred from the Department of Health and Human Services to be used to provide technical assistance with capital and planning issues associated with developing properties consistent with the housing model described by the Housing First Program and to develop affordable housing projects consistent with the housing model described in the Housing First Program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$500</u>	<u>\$500</u>

HOUSING FIRST - MSHA N447

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

Low-income Home Energy Assistance - MSHA 0708

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the authority's low-income home energy assistance program to help low-income homeowners and renters pay for electricity costs by providing a credit on their electric bills.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE - MSHA 0708

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$7,500,000	\$7,500,000

Maine Energy, Housing and Economic Recovery Program Z124

Initiative: Decreases funding to bring debt service payments in accordance with the repayment schedule.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$758)	(\$2,003)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$758)	(\$2,003)

MAINE ENERGY, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM Z124

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$758)	(\$2,003)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$758)	(\$2,003)

Rural Recovery Residence Fund N463

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the acquisition of land or real property to support the creation of certified recovery residences for families.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$0

RURAL RECOVERY RESIDENCE FUND N463

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,500,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,500,000	\$0

Shelter Operating Subsidy 0661

Initiative: Allocates one-time funds in order to meet projected obligations.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,000,000	\$0

SHELTER OPERATING SUBSIDY 0661

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,000,000	\$0

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$1,500,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$51,738,656	\$34,484,317
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$53,238,656	\$34,484,317

Sec. A-22. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Provides funding for conciliation services pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 4612, subsection 3.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,400	\$2,400
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,400	\$2,400

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Provides funding for commissioners' mileage payments.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,594	\$3,594
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,594	\$3,594

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Establishes one Business Manager I position to provide billing, collections and accounting services

due to an increase in cases and contracted mediations and conciliations. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$85,846	\$90,981
All Other	\$4,439	\$4,439
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$90,285	\$95,420

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Establishes one Maine Human Rights Investigator position to allow the commission to meet statutory requirements for completing investigations and address a significant case inventory arising out of increased and more complex case filings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$94,712	\$90,735
All Other	\$4,235	\$4,235
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$98,947	\$94,970

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,920	\$3,920
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,920	\$3,920

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$25,040	\$25,939
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,040	\$25,939

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Provides funding for the Maine Human Rights Commission to move fully into the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology support model.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$575	\$575
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$575	\$575

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,122	\$1,122
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,122	\$1,122

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Provides funding to bring allocations in line with projected revenue.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,025	\$90,895
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$100,025	\$90,895

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION - REGULATION 0150

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$180,558	\$181,716
All Other	\$45,325	\$46,224
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$225,883	\$227,940

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,025	\$90,895
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$100,025	\$90,895

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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GENERAL FUND	\$225,883	\$227,940
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$100,025	\$90,895

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$325,908	\$318,835
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Sec. A-23. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INDIAN TRIBAL-STATE COMMISSION, MAINE

Maine Indian Tribal-state Commission 0554

Initiative: Provides funding for additional staff to more effectively address the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission's multiple statutory responsibilities regarding a wide range of tribal-state issues.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$156,886	\$156,886
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$156,886</u>	<u>\$156,886</u>

MAINE INDIAN TRIBAL-STATE COMMISSION 0554

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$156,886	\$156,886
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$156,886</u>	<u>\$156,886</u>

Sec. A-24. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$28,079	\$28,079
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$28,079</u>	<u>\$28,079</u>

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$36,730	\$38,214
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$36,730</u>	<u>\$38,214</u>

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Establishes one Deputy Executive Director position, one District Defender position, 3 Assistant Public Defender II positions, 3 Assistant Public Defender I positions, 2 Paralegal positions and one Legal Secretary position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	11.000
Personal Services	\$1,503,256	\$1,575,655
All Other	\$102,509	\$65,109
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,605,765</u>	<u>\$1,640,764</u>

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Transfers 2 Paralegal positions, 4 Public Service Manager II positions and related All Other costs for reimbursements for assigned legal counsel from Other Special Revenue Funds to the General Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$713,543
All Other	\$0	\$8,565,533
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$9,279,076</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	(6.000)
Personal Services	\$0	(\$713,543)
All Other	\$0	(\$8,565,533)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$9,279,076)</u>

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Adjusts funding authorized in Public Law 2023, chapter 17 by increasing funding in the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, General Fund account and decreasing funding in the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account because the Other Special Revenue Funds account is instead funded with a General Fund appropriation.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$12,506,910
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$12,506,910</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$12,506,910)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$12,506,910)</u>

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Makes a one-time reduction in All Other funding in fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$5,000,000)	(\$5,000,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$5,000,000)</u>	<u>(\$5,000,000)</u>

MAINE COMMISSION ON INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES Z112

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	11.000	17.000

Personal Services	\$1,503,256	\$2,289,198
All Other	(\$4,832,682)	\$16,203,845
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$3,329,426)</u>	<u>\$18,493,043</u>
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	0.000	(6.000)
All Other	\$0	(\$713,543)
	\$0	(\$21,072,443)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$21,785,986)</u>
INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	(\$3,329,426)	\$18,493,043
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	(\$21,785,986)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>(\$3,329,426)</u>	<u>(\$3,292,943)</u>

Sec. A-25. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530

Initiative: Reduces funding due to an unused program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$13,000)	(\$13,000)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$13,000)</u>	<u>(\$13,000)</u>

Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for energy efficiency upgrades at regional offices.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$615,000	\$175,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$615,000</u>	<u>\$175,000</u>

Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the installation of backup generators at department regional offices.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$87,500	\$87,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$87,500</u>	<u>\$87,500</u>

Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the repair of 3 department-owned dams.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$1,000,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of one dump truck.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$240,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$240,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Administrative Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0530

Initiative: Provides funding for increased costs of electricity, heating, insurance, maintenance, services, equipment and other operating expenses associated with information and education, resource management, licensing and warden service.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$52,439	\$53,085
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$52,439</u>	<u>\$53,085</u>

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0530

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$52,439	\$53,085
Capital Expenditures	\$1,942,500	\$262,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,994,939</u>	<u>\$315,585</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$13,000)	(\$13,000)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$13,000)</u>	<u>(\$13,000)</u>
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ATV Safety and Educational Program 0559

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$99,298)	(\$98,150)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$99,298)</u>	<u>(\$98,150)</u>
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ATV SAFETY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM 0559

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$99,298)	(\$98,150)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>(\$99,298)</u>	<u>(\$98,150)</u>

Boating Access Sites 0631

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase and improve land for boat launch facilities throughout the State.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$575,000	\$575,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$575,000</u>	<u>\$575,000</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$265,000	\$265,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$265,000</u>	<u>\$265,000</u>

BOATING ACCESS SITES 0631

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$575,000	\$575,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$575,000</u>	<u>\$575,000</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$265,000	\$265,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$265,000</u>	<u>\$265,000</u>

Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position within the Bureau of Resource Management funded in the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 40% Federal Expenditures Fund and 23% General Fund and in the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 18% Federal Expenditures Fund and 7% General Fund and in the Endangered Nongame Operations program, 12% Federal Expenditures Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$12,867	\$13,561
All Other	\$388	\$408
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$13,255</u>	<u>\$13,969</u>

Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Resource Biologist position within the Bureau of Resource Management funded in the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 60% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% Other Special Revenue Funds and in the Endangered Nongame Operations program, 10% Federal Expenditures Fund and 5% General Fund and reduces related contract service costs in All Other.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$4,961	\$5,245
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,961</u>	<u>\$5,245</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$9,922	\$10,490
All Other	\$299	\$316

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,221</u>	<u>\$10,806</u>
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Endangered Nongame Operations 0536

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position within the Bureau of Resource Management funded in the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 60% Federal Expenditures Fund and 20% General Fund and in the Endangered Nongame Operations program, 15% Federal Expenditures Fund and 5% General Fund and reduces related contract service costs in All Other.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$5,220	\$5,498
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,220</u>	<u>\$5,498</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$15,657	\$16,500
All Other	(\$38,248)	(\$38,223)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$22,591)</u>	<u>(\$21,723)</u>
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ENDANGERED NONGAME OPERATIONS 0536

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,181	\$10,743
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,181</u>	<u>\$10,743</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$38,446	\$40,551
All Other	(\$37,561)	(\$37,499)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$885</u>	<u>\$3,052</u>
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Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537

Initiative: Provides funding for dispatch services provided by the Department of Public Safety.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$77,974	\$117,439
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$77,974</u>	<u>\$117,439</u>

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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$478,924	\$593,841
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$478,924</u>	<u>\$593,841</u>

Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537

Initiative: Provides funding for contracted wildlife conflict management personnel to manage complaints and concerns regarding wildlife conflicts from residents.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$163,446	\$163,446
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$163,446</u>	<u>\$163,446</u>

Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537

Initiative: Provides funding to hire more examiners and additional pay to conduct the guide's licensing training.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$57,600	\$57,600
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$57,600</u>	<u>\$57,600</u>

Enforcement Operations - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0537

Initiative: Provides funding for increased costs of electricity, heating, insurance, maintenance, services, equipment and other operating expenses associated with information and education, resource management, licensing and warden service.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$139,510	\$139,510
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$139,510</u>	<u>\$139,510</u>

ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0537

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$917,454	\$1,071,836
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$917,454</u>	<u>\$1,071,836</u>

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$44,798	\$56,613
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$44,798</u>	<u>\$56,613</u>

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased costs of fish food to maintain the same level of usage.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$242,382	\$266,266
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$242,382</u>	<u>\$266,266</u>

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position within the Bureau of Resource Management funded in the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 40% Federal Expenditures Fund and 23% General Fund and in the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 18% Federal Expenditures Fund and 7% General Fund and in the Endangered Nongame Operations program, 12% Federal Expenditures Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,507	\$7,912
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,507</u>	<u>\$7,912</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$19,302	\$20,344
All Other	\$581	\$613
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$19,883</u>	<u>\$20,957</u>

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of one one-ton fish-stocking truck, one 2-ton fish-stocking truck, one fish-stocking truck bed and one set of fish-stocking tanks.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$150,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$150,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of one boat, one boat motor, one boat trailer, 2 snowmobiles and one electrofishing backpack.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$2,750	\$12,750
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,750</u>	<u>\$12,750</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$8,250	\$38,250
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$8,250	\$38,250

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of one snowmobile trailer, one all-terrain vehicle and one rowable raft.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$8,875	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,875	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$26,625	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$26,625	\$0

Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations 0535

Initiative: Provides funding for increased costs of electricity, heating, insurance, maintenance, services, equipment and other operating expenses associated with information and education, resource management, licensing and warden service.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$108,931	\$112,173
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$108,931	\$112,173

FISHERIES AND HATCHERIES OPERATIONS 0535

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,507	\$7,912
All Other	\$396,111	\$435,052
Capital Expenditures	\$161,625	\$12,750
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$565,243	\$455,714

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$19,302	\$20,344
All Other	\$581	\$613
Capital Expenditures	\$34,875	\$38,250
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$54,758	\$59,207

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the removal of the St. Zacharie facility.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$100,000	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$100,000	\$0
FUNDS TOTAL	\$100,000	\$0

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in the Capital Expenditures line category for the replacement of the roof at the Strong regional facility.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$180,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$0	\$180,000
FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$180,000

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in the Capital Expenditures line category for the repair of the basement ceiling and bunkroom at the Jonesboro regional facility.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$180,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$180,000	\$0
FUNDS TOTAL	\$180,000	\$0

Licensing Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0531

Initiative: Provides funding for increased costs of electricity, heating, insurance, maintenance, services, equipment and other operating expenses associated with information and education, resource management, licensing and warden service.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$110,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$110,000

LICENSING SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0531

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$110,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$110,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$280,000	\$180,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$280,000	\$180,000
FUNDS TOTAL	\$280,000	\$180,000

Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529

Initiative: Provides funding to maintain application support service and end-user support provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$258,361	\$263,731
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$258,361	\$263,731

Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,509	\$7,652
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$6,509	\$7,652

Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529

Initiative: Provides funding for statewide property leases provided through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, division of leased space.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$224,208	\$237,108
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$224,208	\$237,108

Office of the Commissioner - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0529

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of the administrative building at the Maine Wildlife Park.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$537,035	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$537,035	\$0

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$109,357	\$129,105
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$109,357	\$129,105

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0529

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$598,435	\$637,596
Capital Expenditures	\$537,035	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,135,470	\$637,596

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,061	\$6,286
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,061	\$6,286

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Establishes 2 seasonal Gamekeeper positions for 32 weeks at the Maine Wildlife Park and reduces related contracted service costs in All Other.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.230	1.230
Personal Services	\$86,012	\$90,616
All Other	(\$30,245)	(\$30,098)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$55,767	\$60,518
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Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of the administrative building at the Maine Wildlife Park.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$1,100,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,100,000	\$0

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased costs in general operations, repairs and store inventory at the Maine Wildlife Park.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$203,523	\$203,523
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$203,523	\$203,523

Public Information and Education, Division of 0729

Initiative: Provides funding for increased costs of electricity, heating, insurance, maintenance, services, equipment and other operating expenses associated with information and education, resource management, licensing and warden service.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$30,510	\$30,510
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$30,510	\$30,510

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION, DIVISION OF 0729

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$35,571	\$36,796
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$35,571</u>	<u>\$36,796</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	1.230	1.230
Personal Services	\$86,012	\$90,616
All Other	\$173,278	\$173,425
Capital Expenditures	\$1,100,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$1,359,290</u>	<u>\$264,041</u>

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,730	\$28,075
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$22,730</u>	<u>\$28,075</u>

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for the reorganization of 2 part-time Recreational Safety Coordinator positions to one full-time Recreational Safety Coordinator position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.712)	(0.712)
Personal Services	\$21,797	\$23,637
All Other	\$656	\$712
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$22,453</u>	<u>\$24,349</u>

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position within the Bureau of Resource Management funded in the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 40% Federal Expenditures Fund and 23% General Fund and in the Fisheries and Hatcheries Operations program, 18% Federal Expenditures Fund and 7% General Fund and in the Endangered Nongame Operations program, 12% Federal Expenditures Fund and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$24,664	\$25,994
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$24,664</u>	<u>\$25,994</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$42,893	\$45,207
All Other	\$1,292	\$1,362

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$44,185</u>	<u>\$46,569</u>
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Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for operating costs at Swan Island.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$70,000	\$70,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$70,000</u>	<u>\$70,000</u>

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, sampling and testing.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$266,100	\$266,100
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$266,100</u>	<u>\$266,100</u>

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Resource Biologist position within the Bureau of Resource Management funded in the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 60% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% Other Special Revenue Funds and in the Endangered Nongame Operations program, 10% Federal Expenditures Fund and 5% General Fund and reduces related contract service costs in All Other.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$59,530	\$62,938
All Other	(\$75,648)	(\$75,545)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$16,118)</u>	<u>(\$12,607)</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$24,805	\$26,224
All Other	\$747	\$790

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$25,552</u>	<u>\$27,014</u>
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Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Resource Technician position within the Bureau of Resource Management funded 75% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% Other

Special Revenue Funds within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$63,195	\$66,932
All Other	\$1,903	\$2,016
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$65,098	\$68,948

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$21,064	\$22,307
All Other	\$634	\$672
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$21,698	\$22,979

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Establishes one IF&W Senior Resource Biologist position within the Bureau of Resource Management funded in the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, 60% Federal Expenditures Fund and 20% General Fund and in the Endangered Nongame Operations program, 15% Federal Expenditures Fund and 5% General Fund and reduces related contract service costs in All Other.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$20,877	\$21,997
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$20,877	\$21,997

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$62,632	\$65,990
All Other	(\$36,835)	(\$36,733)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$25,797	\$29,257

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Establishes one Forester II position within the Bureau of Resource Management funded 75% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$73,954	\$77,994
All Other	\$2,227	\$2,349
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$76,181	\$80,343

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$24,649	\$25,994
All Other	\$742	\$783
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$25,391	\$26,777

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Establishes one Forester I position within the Bureau of Resource Management funded 75% Federal Expenditures Fund and 25% Other Special Revenue Funds within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$68,923	\$72,738
All Other	\$2,076	\$2,191
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$70,999	\$74,929

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$22,970	\$24,243
All Other	\$692	\$730
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$23,662	\$24,973

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 3 department-owned bridges.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$46,250	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$46,250	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$138,750	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$138,750	\$0

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the replacement of 9 all-terrain vehicles, 7 snowmobiles, 2 snowmobile trailers, one boat trailer and one tractor.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$1,050	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,050	\$50,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25

Capital Expenditures	\$3,150	\$150,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,150</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>

Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife 0534

Initiative: Provides funding in the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program to match the federal grant.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$333,976	\$329,661
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$333,976</u>	<u>\$329,661</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,001,928	\$988,982
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,001,928</u>	<u>\$988,982</u>

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SERVICES - INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE 0534

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$45,541	\$47,991
All Other	\$692,806	\$693,836
Capital Expenditures	\$47,300	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$785,647</u>	<u>\$791,827</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	7.000
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(0.712)	(0.712)
Personal Services	\$392,924	\$415,436
All Other	\$897,599	\$885,334
Capital Expenditures	\$141,900	\$150,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,432,423</u>	<u>\$1,450,770</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$93,488	\$98,768
All Other	\$2,815	\$2,975
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$96,303</u>	<u>\$101,743</u>

Waterfowl Habitat Acquisition and Management 0561

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase land for wildlife habitat.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,800,000</u>	<u>\$1,800,000</u>
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$80,000	\$80,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$80,000</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>

WATERFOWL HABITAT ACQUISITION AND MANAGEMENT 0561

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,800,000</u>	<u>\$1,800,000</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$80,000	\$80,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$80,000</u>	<u>\$80,000</u>

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$5,544,505	\$3,430,097
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$3,863,066	\$3,888,029
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,968,295	\$779,634
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$11,375,866</u>	<u>\$8,097,760</u>

Sec. A-26. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for credit card terminal replacements.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$10,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for operational costs for the York Judicial Center.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$520,000	\$520,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$520,000 \$520,000

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for mediation service rate increases.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$275,000	\$275,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$275,000 \$275,000

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for increased facility operation costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$290,000	\$290,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$290,000 \$290,000

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for increased capital improvement costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$500,000	\$500,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL \$500,000 \$500,000

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for increased insurance rates.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$96,300	\$96,300

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$96,300 \$96,300

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes 4 Court Attendant positions and 3 Deputy Marshal positions effective July 1, 2023 and 2 Deputy Marshal positions effective July 1, 2024.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	7.000	9.000
Personal Services	\$575,201	\$785,462

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$575,201 \$785,462

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes 6 Assistant Clerk positions effective July 1, 2024.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	6.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$500,454

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$500,454

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes 2 Courtroom Technology Assistant positions effective July 1, 2023 and one Courtroom Technology Assistant position effective July 1, 2024.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$176,058	\$276,394

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$176,058 \$276,394

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes one Law Clerk position effective July 1, 2024.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$107,261

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$107,261

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for the development and ongoing maintenance of an electronic jury questionnaire.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$18,000	\$18,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$18,000 \$18,000

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes one Managing Procurement Analyst position effective July 1, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$137,668	\$144,714

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$137,668 \$144,714

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes one Business Analyst Technology Trainer position and one Court Operations Trainer position effective July 1, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$208,438	\$220,307

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$208,438 \$220,307

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes one Help Desk Technician position effective July 1, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$100,424	\$106,144

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$100,424 \$106,144

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes one Assistant Systems Administrator position effective July 1, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$135,624	\$143,089
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$135,624	\$143,089

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for increased Maine Judicial Information System support costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$250,000	\$250,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$250,000	\$250,000

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes 2 Electronic Filing Specialist positions and one Electronic Filing Supervisor position effective July 1, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	3.000	3.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$272,927	\$288,751
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$272,927	\$288,751

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes 2 Service Center/Violations Bureau Assistant Clerk positions effective July 1, 2023 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	2.000	2.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$155,980	\$165,028
All Other	\$7,267	\$7,267
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$163,247	\$172,295

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for contracted cybersecurity services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes one Odyssey Administrator position effective July 1, 2023.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$135,624	\$143,089
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$135,624	\$143,089

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for alternative dispute resolution information system updates.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$0

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for increased Google Enterprise licensing costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Reduces funding to align allocations with projected available resources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$788,997)	(\$793,729)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$788,997)	(\$793,729)

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for increased Microsoft SQL Server costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$160,000	\$160,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$160,000	\$160,000

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for increased courier services costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$62,000	\$62,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$62,000	\$62,000

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Establishes 3 District Court Judge positions and one Superior Court Justice position effective July 1, 2023 and establishes 2 District Court Judge positions, 2 Deputy Marshal positions and 2 Assistant Clerk positions effective July 1, 2024. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	4.000	10.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$800,500	\$1,562,058
All Other	\$92,800	\$112,760
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$893,300	\$1,674,818

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation to the Judicial Department for distribution by determination of the Civil Legal Services Fund Commission for civil legal services for persons who otherwise are not able to pay for those services.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$4,000,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

COURTS - SUPREME, SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT 0063
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24.000	40.000
Personal Services	\$2,698,444	\$4,442,751
All Other	\$1,931,367	\$1,901,327
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,629,811</u>	<u>\$6,344,078</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,211,003	(\$793,729)
Capital Expenditures	\$500,000	\$500,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$3,711,003</u>	<u>(\$293,729)</u>

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$4,629,811	\$6,344,078
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$3,711,003	(\$293,729)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$8,340,814</u>	<u>\$6,050,349</u>

Sec. A-27. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF Administration - Labor 0030

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$275,626	\$277,526
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$275,626</u>	<u>\$277,526</u>

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.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$221,615	\$226,680
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$221,615</u>	<u>\$226,680</u>

Administration - Labor 0030

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one CareerCenter Consultant position to an Associate Commissioner - Department of Labor position and transfers and reallocates the cost from 100% Employment Services Activity program, Federal Expenditures Fund to 92.3% Other Special Revenue Funds and 7.7% General Fund within the Administration - Labor program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,915	\$11,497
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,915</u>	<u>\$11,497</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$130,842	\$137,824
All Other	\$2,180	\$2,296
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$133,022</u>	<u>\$140,120</u>

ADMINISTRATION - LABOR 0030
PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,915	\$11,497
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$10,915</u>	<u>\$11,497</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$130,842	\$137,824
All Other	\$499,421	\$506,502
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$630,263</u>	<u>\$644,326</u>

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of one Public Service Manager II position from range 30 to range 31, retroactive to November 1, 2022.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,995	\$4,956
All Other	\$159	\$98
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$8,154</u>	<u>\$5,054</u>

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Provides funding for job support services for people who are blind or visually impaired.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$600,000	\$300,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$600,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>

Blind and Visually Impaired - Division for the 0126

Initiative: Provides funding for the increased contractual personnel and benefits costs for teachers of visually impaired students.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED - DIVISION FOR THE 0126

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$800,000	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$800,000</u>	<u>\$500,000</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,995	\$4,956
All Other	\$159	\$98

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$8,154</u>	<u>\$5,054</u>
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Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Provides funding for the unemployment insurance navigator grant funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$808,332	\$1,152,659

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	<u>\$808,332</u>	<u>\$1,152,659</u>
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Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Field Advisor Examiner position to an Unemployment Compensation Fraud Investigation Manager position.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$30,972	\$32,966
All Other	\$615	\$655

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$31,587</u>	<u>\$33,621</u>
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Employment Security Services 0245

Initiative: Continues 2 Unemployment Compensation Team Leader positions and one Assistant Unemployment Compensation Team Leader position, previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 29, through June 7, 2025.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$301,353	\$317,985
All Other	\$6,054	\$6,388

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$307,407</u>	<u>\$324,373</u>
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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY SERVICES 0245

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$332,325	\$350,951
All Other	\$6,669	\$7,043

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$338,994</u>	<u>\$357,994</u>
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$808,332	\$1,152,659

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	<u>\$808,332</u>	<u>\$1,152,659</u>
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Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Labor Program Specialist position to a Program Manager Employment and Training position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$6,968	\$7,485

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,968</u>	<u>\$7,485</u>
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Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one CareerCenter Consultant position to an Associate Commissioner - Department of Labor position and transfers and reallocates the cost from 100% Employment Services Activity program, Federal Expenditures Fund to 92.3% Other Special Revenue Funds and 7.7% General Fund within the Administration - Labor program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	(\$81,728)	(\$85,955)
All Other	(\$1,338)	(\$1,407)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$83,066)</u>	<u>(\$87,362)</u>
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Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one CareerCenter Consultant position to a Program Manager Employment and Training position and related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$15,037	\$16,223
All Other	\$246	\$266
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$15,283	\$16,489

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Transfers All Other and 6 positions from the Employment Services Activity program to the Maine Apprenticeship Program and reallocates one of the positions from 100% Employment Services Activity program, Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Maine Apprenticeship Program, General Fund. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$228,595)	(\$235,695)
All Other	(\$575,000)	(\$575,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$803,595)	(\$810,695)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(4.000)	(4.000)
Personal Services	(\$342,303)	(\$357,574)
All Other	(\$355,604)	(\$355,854)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$697,907)	(\$713,428)

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for workforce attraction, career exploration and job-related supports in order to bring new or returning workers into the State's workforce.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,750,000	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,750,000	\$500

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES ACTIVITY 0852

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$221,627)	(\$228,210)
All Other	(\$575,000)	(\$575,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$796,627)	(\$803,210)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(5.000)	(5.000)
Personal Services	(\$408,994)	(\$427,306)
All Other	(\$356,696)	(\$356,995)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$765,690)	(\$784,301)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,750,000	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,750,000	\$500

Labor Relations Board 0160

Initiative: Provides funding for anticipated increased costs of court reporting services for labor relations cases that are adjudicated by the Maine Labor Relations Board.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,789	\$22,789
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,789	\$22,789

LABOR RELATIONS BOARD 0160

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,789	\$22,789
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,789	\$22,789

Maine Apprenticeship Program Z375

Initiative: Transfers All Other and 6 positions from the Employment Services Activity program to the Maine Apprenticeship Program and reallocates one of the positions from 100% Employment Services Activity program, Federal Expenditures Fund to 100% Maine Apprenticeship Program, General Fund. Position detail is on file with the Bureau of the Budget.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$325,360	\$337,873
All Other	\$575,000	\$575,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$900,360	\$912,873

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$245,538	\$255,396
All Other	\$3,148,813	\$1,696,357
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,394,351	\$1,951,753

MAINE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM Z375

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$325,360	\$337,873
All Other	\$575,000	\$575,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$900,360	\$912,873

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$245,538	\$255,396
All Other	\$3,148,813	\$1,696,357
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$3,394,351	\$1,951,753

Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund N453

Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for one Public Service Executive III position, one Public Service Manager III position, one Public Service Manager II position, 3 Office Associate II positions and 2 Management Analyst II positions to establish and administer the paid family and medical leave benefits program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$500,000	\$859,500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500,000	\$859,500

Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund N453

Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for 2 Tax Section Manager positions, one Labor Program Specialist position, one Senior Hearing Examiner position, 4 Accounting Associate II positions, 4 Accounting Specialist positions, 4 Hearing Officer positions, one Financial Analyst position, 3 Field Advisor positions and 3 Auditor II positions to administer the paid family and medical leave benefits program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	23.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$1,786,800
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$1,786,800

Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund N453

Initiative: Allocates funds for the contracting, travel, rent, technology and other general operating costs associated with implementing and administering the paid family and medical leave benefits program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,315,000	\$10,015,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,315,000	\$10,015,000

PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE FUND N453

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	8.000	31.000
Personal Services	\$500,000	\$2,646,300
All Other	\$11,315,000	\$10,015,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$11,815,000	\$12,661,300

Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations Z287

Initiative: Eliminates base allocations to authorize expenditures from Other Special Revenue Funds.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$500)	(\$500)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$500)	(\$500)

RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND MAINE TRIBAL POPULATIONS Z287

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$500)	(\$500)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$500)	(\$500)

Regulation and Enforcement 0159

Initiative: Provides funding for an increased share of administrative support within the Office of the Attorney General.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$27,179	\$28,449
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$27,179	\$28,449

Regulation and Enforcement 0159

Initiative: Reallocates one Chief Labor and Safety Inspector position from 92% General Fund in the Regulation and Enforcement program and 8% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Safety Education and Training

Programs to 100% General Fund in the Regulation and Enforcement program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$8,584	\$8,992
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,584	\$8,992

**REGULATION AND ENFORCEMENT 0159
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$8,584	\$8,992
All Other	\$27,179	\$28,449
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$35,763	\$37,441

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reclassification of one Public Service Manager II position from range 30 to range 32, retroactive to November 1, 2022.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$16,154	\$10,058
All Other	\$42	\$26
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$16,196	\$10,084

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Establishes 4 Rehabilitation Counselor II positions to provide rehabilitation services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$347,692	\$366,852
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$347,692	\$366,852

Rehabilitation Services 0799

Initiative: Establishes 2 limited-period Rehabilitation Assistant positions to provide rehabilitation services through June 7, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$140,026	\$147,556
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$140,026	\$147,556

**REHABILITATION SERVICES 0799
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$487,718	\$514,408
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$487,718	\$514,408

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$16,154	\$10,058
All Other	\$42	\$26

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES	\$16,196	\$10,084
FUND TOTAL		

Safety Education and Training Programs 0161

Initiative: Reallocates one Chief Labor and Safety Inspector position from 92% General Fund in the Regulation and Enforcement program and 8% Other Special Revenue Funds in the Safety Education and Training Programs to 100% General Fund in the Regulation and Enforcement program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$8,584)	(\$8,992)
All Other	(\$136)	(\$142)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$8,720)	(\$9,134)
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**SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS 0161
PROGRAM SUMMARY**

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$8,584)	(\$8,992)
All Other	(\$136)	(\$142)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$8,720)	(\$9,134)
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State Workforce Investment Board Z158

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of one Labor Program Specialist position to a Public Service Coordinator II position.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,935	\$15,646
All Other	\$288	\$412

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$11,223	\$16,058
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STATE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD Z158

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$10,935	\$15,646
All Other	\$288	\$412

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$11,223	\$16,058
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Workforce Research Z164

Initiative: Provides funding for the proposed reorganization of 2 Statistician I positions to Workforce Data Analyst I positions and one Statistician II position and 4 Statistician III positions to Workforce Data Analyst II positions.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$58,758	\$60,277
All Other	\$1,549	\$1,589
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$60,307	\$61,866

WORKFORCE RESEARCH Z164

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$58,758	\$60,277
All Other	\$1,549	\$1,589
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$60,307	\$61,866

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$1,460,918	\$1,195,798
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$3,063,535	\$1,618,508
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$15,186,043	\$13,296,492
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	\$808,332	\$1,152,659
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$20,518,828	\$17,263,457

Sec. A-28. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

Legislature 0081

Initiative: Establishes and provides funding for one Legislative Aide position.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
	\$106,970	\$111,033
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$106,970	\$111,033

LEGISLATURE 0081

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
	\$106,970	\$111,033
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$106,970	\$111,033

Sec. A-29. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LIBRARY, MAINE STATE

Maine State Library 0217

Initiative: Provides funding to support the increased volume of statewide content licensed for the Bendable Maine lifelong learning platform and the Digital Maine Library.

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$125,000	\$125,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$125,000	\$125,000

Maine State Library 0217

Initiative: Provides funding to address the increased rate charged to the Maine State Library for the provision of materials delivery service to over 200 libraries across the State, including public and academic libraries.

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$45,000	\$45,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$45,000	\$45,000

Maine State Library 0217

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to adjust for the increased cost of collection purchases at the Maine State Library.

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$50,000	\$15,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$15,000

Maine State Library 0217

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.

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$3,587	\$3,587
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,587	\$3,587

Maine State Library 0217

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

GENERAL FUND All Other	2023-24	2024-25
	\$26,009	\$29,058
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$26,009	\$29,058

Maine State Library 0217

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 6 obsolete microfilm machines at the Maine State Library.

GENERAL FUND Capital Expenditures	2023-24	2024-25
	\$55,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$55,000	\$0

Maine State Library 0217

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the integrated library system for University of Maine System libraries, the Maine State Library, the Maine State Legislature's Law and Legislative Reference Library, the Bangor Public Library and the Portland Public Library.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$300,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$300,000	\$0

Maine State Library 0217

Initiative: Transfers one Public Service Manager II position from Federal Expenditures Fund to General Fund within the same program and one Library Section Supervisor position from General Fund to Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program. Reallocates one Library Specialist Service position from 75% General Fund and 25% Federal Expenditures Fund to 50% General Fund and 50% Federal Expenditures Fund within the same program and one Interlibrary Loan Coordinator position from 69% Federal Expenditures Fund and 31% General Fund to 70% Federal Expenditures Fund and 30% General Fund within the same program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$150)	(\$1,113)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$150)	(\$1,113)

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$150	\$1,113
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$150	\$1,113

MAINE STATE LIBRARY 0217

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$150)	(\$1,113)
All Other	\$549,596	\$217,645
Capital Expenditures	\$55,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$604,446	\$216,532

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$150	\$1,113
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$150	\$1,113

LIBRARY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$604,446	\$216,532

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$150	\$1,113
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$604,596	\$217,645
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Sec. A-30. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MAINE REDEVELOPMENT LAND BANK AUTHORITY

Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Fund Z346

Initiative: Provides allocation for the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority established in Public Law 2021, chapter 664 and annualizes the allocation.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,845,000	\$1,845,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,845,000	\$1,845,000
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MAINE REDEVELOPMENT LAND BANK FUND Z346

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,845,000	\$1,845,000

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,845,000	\$1,845,000
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Sec. A-31. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF 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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,935	\$2,935
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,935	\$2,935

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Marine Resource Scientist I position from 76 hours to 80 hours biweekly and reallocates the cost from 70% General Fund and 30% Federal Expenditures Fund, Bureau of Marine Science program to 70% General Fund and 30% Other Special Revenue Funds, Bureau of Marine Science program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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Personal Services	\$2,803	\$2,939
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$2,803</u>	<u>\$2,939</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$23,045)	(\$24,216)
All Other	(\$1,136)	(\$1,194)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$24,181)</u>	<u>(\$25,410)</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$24,249	\$25,476
All Other	\$1,196	\$1,256
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$25,445</u>	<u>\$26,732</u>

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Provides funding for maintenance of Department of Marine Resources facilities.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

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

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,662	\$7,667
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,662</u>	<u>\$7,667</u>

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Provides funding for STA-CAP in the Marine Fisheries Research and Development Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$9,594	\$10,125
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$9,594</u>	<u>\$10,125</u>

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Marine Resource Scientist I position to a Marine Resource Scientist II position, retroactive to February 14, 2022.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,545	\$4,625
All Other	\$372	\$228
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$7,917</u>	<u>\$4,853</u>

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Marine Resource Scientist I position to a Marine Resource Scientist II position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,363	\$2,164
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,363</u>	<u>\$2,164</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$1,365	\$2,168
All Other	\$67	\$107
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,432</u>	<u>\$2,275</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,728	\$4,335
All Other	\$135	\$214
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$2,863</u>	<u>\$4,549</u>

Bureau of Marine Science 0027

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Office Specialist II position to an Office Specialist II Supervisor position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$11,820	\$11,701
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$11,820</u>	<u>\$11,701</u>

BUREAU OF MARINE SCIENCE 0027

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$15,986	\$16,804
All Other	\$202,935	\$202,935
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$218,921</u>	<u>\$219,739</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$14,135)	(\$17,423)
All Other	\$4,965	\$6,808
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$9,170)</u>	<u>(\$10,615)</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$26,977	\$29,811
All Other	\$10,925	\$11,595
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$37,902</u>	<u>\$41,406</u>

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$501,501	\$514,837
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$501,501</u>	<u>\$514,837</u>

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,135	\$4,135
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,135</u>	<u>\$4,135</u>

Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

Initiative: Provides funding for maintenance of the department's boat fleet.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Resource Management Coordinator position from 56 hours to 80 hours biweekly.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$31,003	\$32,687
All Other	\$1,529	\$1,612
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$32,532</u>	<u>\$34,299</u>

Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$6,596	\$6,766
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$6,596</u>	<u>\$6,766</u>

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$17,272	\$26,738
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$17,272</u>	<u>\$26,738</u>

Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

Initiative: Provides funding for increased costs in legal services provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$38,883	\$46,030
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$38,883</u>	<u>\$46,030</u>

Bureau of Policy and Management 0258

Initiative: Establishes one Enforcement Inspector position to support marine patrol efforts and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$96,583	\$101,889
All Other	\$22,685	\$22,685
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$119,268</u>	<u>\$124,574</u>

BUREAU OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT 0258

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$96,583	\$101,889
All Other	\$684,476	\$714,425
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$781,059</u>	<u>\$816,314</u>

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$31,003	\$32,687
All Other	\$8,125	\$8,378
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$39,128</u>	<u>\$41,065</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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$769	\$769
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$769</u>	<u>\$769</u>

Bureau of Public Health Z154

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$25,931	\$34,408
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$25,931</u>	<u>\$34,408</u>

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$526	\$627

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$526	\$627
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Bureau of Public Health Z154

Initiative: Provides funding for STA-CAP in the Marine Fisheries Research and Development Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,698	\$2,935

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,698	\$2,935
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BUREAU OF PUBLIC HEALTH Z154

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$26,700	\$35,177

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$26,700	\$35,177
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$526	\$627

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$526	\$627
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,698	\$2,935

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,698	\$2,935
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Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,990	\$4,962

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,990	\$4,962
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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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,727	\$7,727

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,727	\$7,727
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Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$158,709	\$188,166

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$158,709	\$188,166
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,869	\$5,126

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,869	\$5,126
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Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029

Initiative: Provides funding for increased fuel costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$125,000	\$125,000
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Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of one Marine Patrol aircraft and continued ongoing maintenance expenses.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$256,500
Capital Expenditures	\$3,600,600	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,600,600	\$256,500
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Marine Patrol - Bureau of 0029

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reorganization of one Marine Patrol Officer position to a Marine Patrol Specialist position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$23,354	\$19,844

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$23,354	\$19,844
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MARINE PATROL - BUREAU OF 0029

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$23,354	\$19,844
All Other	\$294,426	\$582,355
Capital Expenditures	\$3,600,600	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,918,380	\$602,199
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,869	\$5,126

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,869	\$5,126
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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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$986	\$986
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$986	\$986

Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat Z295

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

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$46,705	\$53,209
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$46,705	\$53,209

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$326	\$572
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$326	\$572

SEA RUN FISHERIES AND HABITAT Z295

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$986	\$986
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$986	\$986

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$46,705	\$53,209
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$46,705	\$53,209

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$326	\$572
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$326	\$572

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$4,946,046	\$1,674,415
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$38,061	\$43,221
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$84,923	\$91,104

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$5,069,030	\$1,808,740
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Sec. A-32. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE

Maine Maritime Academy - Debt Service Z304

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for debt service to support a 10-year revenue bond for repairs to Curtis Hall due to the increased construction and support service costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,040,919	\$1,945,275
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,040,919	\$1,945,275

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY - DEBT SERVICE Z304

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,040,919	\$1,945,275
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,040,919	\$1,945,275

Maine Maritime Academy Scholarship Fund - Casino Z167

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$34,971	\$36,927
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$34,971	\$36,927

MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP FUND - CASINO Z167

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$34,971	\$36,927
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$34,971	\$36,927

Maritime Academy - Operations 0035

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the state share of operational funding toward parity with other Maine colleges that have enrollment within approximately 50% of Maine Maritime Academy.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

Maritime Academy - Operations 0035

Initiative: Provides additional funding for annual inflationary cost increases associated with continuation of current Maine Maritime Academy operations.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$439,715	\$899,217
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$439,715	\$899,217

MARITIME ACADEMY - OPERATIONS 0035

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,439,715	\$2,899,217
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,439,715	\$2,899,217

MARITIME ACADEMY, MAINE

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$3,480,634	\$4,844,492
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$34,971	\$36,927
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$3,515,605	\$4,881,419

Sec. A-33. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MUSEUM, MAINE STATE

Maine State Museum 0180

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$44,633	\$75,387
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$44,633	\$75,387

Maine State Museum 0180

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for shelving to support, organize, care for and make available the Maine State Museum's extensive and growing archival, historic photograph and map collections.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$35,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$35,000

Maine State Museum 0180

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$7,130	\$7,130
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,130	\$7,130

Maine State Museum 0180

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$9,194	\$10,270
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,194	\$10,270

Maine State Museum 0180

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Maine State Museum to fund essential, code-compliant visitor safety infrastructure in the newly remodeled Cultural Building.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$400,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$400,000	\$0

MAINE STATE MUSEUM 0180

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$60,957	\$127,787
Capital Expenditures	\$400,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$460,957	\$127,787

Research and Collection - Museum 0174

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for improvements and purchases related to the newly redesigned and rebuilt main floor of the Maine State Museum.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$44,000	\$44,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$44,000	\$44,000

RESEARCH AND COLLECTION - MUSEUM 0174

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$44,000	\$44,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$44,000	\$44,000

MUSEUM, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	\$460,957	\$127,787
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$44,000	\$44,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$504,957	\$171,787

Sec. A-34. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

OFFICE OF AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE

Office of Affordable Health Care Z320

Initiative: Provides an allocation for the receipt and expenditure of grants and other revenues by the Office of Affordable Health Care.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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Office of Affordable Health Care Z320

Initiative: Provides funding to meet the operational needs of the Office of Affordable Health Care.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$146,003	\$151,259
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$146,003	\$151,259

Office of Affordable Health Care Z320

Initiative: Reduces funding for the proposed reorganization of one Office Specialist II position to a Planner II position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$6,069)	(\$6,694)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$6,069)	(\$6,694)

OFFICE OF AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE Z320

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$6,069)	(\$6,694)
All Other	\$146,003	\$151,259
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$139,934	\$144,565

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
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OFFICE OF AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	\$139,934	\$144,565
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$140,934	\$145,565
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Sec. A-35. 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: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position to serve as the director of communications.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$115,208	\$121,737

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$115,208	\$121,737
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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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$27,870	\$27,870

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$27,870	\$27,870
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Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$2,500	\$2,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,500	\$2,500

Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations Z319

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,500	\$8,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,500	\$8,500

RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS Z319

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$115,208	\$121,737
All Other	\$38,870	\$38,870
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$154,078	\$160,607

PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF RACIAL, INDIGENOUS AND TRIBAL POPULATIONS DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$154,078	\$160,607
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$154,078	\$160,607

Sec. A-36. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

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.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$87,705	\$87,792
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$87,705	\$87,792

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Provides additional funding for an external technology services contract and related STA-CAP charges.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$502,970	\$502,970
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$502,970	\$502,970

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.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$131,979	\$131,979
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$131,979	\$131,979

Administrative Services - Professional and Financial Regulation 0094

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager I position to improve business processes with additional training and testing support for agency licensing management system users and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$106,609	\$112,394
All Other	\$633	\$668
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$107,242	\$113,062

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION 0094

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$106,609	\$112,394
All Other	\$723,287	\$723,409
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$829,896	\$835,803

Bureau of Consumer Credit Protection 0091

Initiative: Establishes 3 Consumer Credit Examiner positions in the licensing division to address the growing number of licensees and registrants regulated by the Office of Consumer Credit Regulation and provides funding for related All Other costs.

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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$244,323	\$257,004
All Other	\$11,207	\$7,136
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$255,530	\$264,140

BUREAU OF CONSUMER CREDIT PROTECTION 0091

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$244,323	\$257,004
All Other	\$11,207	\$7,136
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$255,530	\$264,140

Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369

Initiative: Provides funding for credit card fees and portal fees related to online licensing services and related STA-CAP charges.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$21,403	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$21,403	\$0

Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,442	\$2,120
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,442	\$2,120

Engineers - State Board of Licensure for Professional 0369

Initiative: Provides funding for increased professional services contracts and related STA-CAP charges.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,231	\$12,230
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$12,231	\$12,230

ENGINEERS - STATE BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR PROFESSIONAL 0369

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$35,076	\$14,350
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$35,076	\$14,350

Homeowner Assistance Fund Z301

Initiative: Provides funding for assistance and relief grant payments and professional services contracts authorized by the Homeowner Assistance Fund program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$500	\$500

HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND Z301

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376

Initiative: Provides funding for increased professional services contracts and related STA-CAP charges.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$70,708	\$70,708
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$70,708	\$70,708

Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376

Initiative: Provides funding for increased out-of-state travel and related STA-CAP charges.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,101	\$10,101
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,101	\$10,101

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.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,997	\$21,041
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,997	\$21,041

Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Physician III position from 60 hours to 80 hours bi-weekly and cover related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$57,538	\$60,055
All Other	\$581	\$608
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$58,119	\$60,663

Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376

Initiative: Establishes one Office Specialist II position in the Board of Licensure in Medicine to help address patient safety issues in a timely manner. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$80,735	\$85,561
All Other	\$816	\$865
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$81,551	\$86,426

Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$31,955	\$44,843
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$31,955	\$44,843

Licensure in Medicine - Board of 0376

Initiative: Adjusts funding associated with the approved reclassification of one Assistant Executive Director Board Medicine position to an Assistant Executive Director Board Licensure Medicine position in the Board of Licensure in Medicine, retroactive to May 21, 2020.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$41,416	(\$14,758)
All Other	\$381	(\$149)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$41,797	(\$14,907)

LICENSURE IN MEDICINE - BOARD OF 0376

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$179,689	\$130,858
All Other	\$135,539	\$148,017

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$315,228	\$278,875
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Nursing - Board of 0372

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$13,500	\$21,720
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$13,500	\$21,720

Nursing - Board of 0372

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Assistant Executive Director Board of Nursing position from range 26 to range 31, retroactive to June 5, 2020, and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$85,090	\$19,796
All Other	\$1,276	\$293
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$86,366	\$20,089

NURSING - BOARD OF 0372

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$85,090	\$19,796
All Other	\$14,776	\$22,013
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$99,866	\$41,809

Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 0352

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$55,668	\$67,848
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$55,668	\$67,848

Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation 0352

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Executive II position as a senior policy position to provide advanced legal analysis skills to the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and advise the director on emerging public policy issues. This initiative also provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$140,413	\$148,069
All Other	\$1,702	\$1,795
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$142,115	\$149,864

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION 0352 PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$140,413	\$148,069
All Other	\$57,370	\$69,643
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$197,783	\$217,712

Office of Securities 0943

Initiative: Provides funding for a case management software system and related STA-CAP charges.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$150,194	\$74,923
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$150,194	\$74,923

Office of Securities 0943

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$46,468	\$61,115
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$46,468	\$61,115

Office of Securities 0943

Initiative: Establishes one Principal Securities Specialist position to manage investor education and outreach for the Office of Securities and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$101,406	\$106,925
All Other	\$9,804	\$9,355
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$111,210	\$116,280

Office of Securities 0943

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the hours of one Principal Securities Specialist position from 78 hours to 80 hours biweekly and cover related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$2,521	\$2,668
All Other	\$26	\$27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,547	\$2,695

OFFICE OF SECURITIES 0943 PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
Personal Services	\$103,927	\$109,593
All Other	\$206,492	\$145,420
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$310,419	\$255,013

Optometry - Board of 0385

Initiative: Provides funding for increased out-of-state travel costs and related STA-CAP charges.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,968	\$1,969
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,968	\$1,969

Optometry - Board of 0385

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,146	\$1,618
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,146	\$1,618

OPTOMETRY - BOARD OF 0385

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,114	\$3,587
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,114	\$3,587

Osteopathic Licensure - Board of 0383

Initiative: Provides funding for cost increases for services provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$28,217	\$34,321

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$28,217	\$34,321
FUNDS TOTAL		

OSTEOPATHIC LICENSURE - BOARD OF 0383

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$28,217	\$34,321

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$28,217	\$34,321
FUNDS TOTAL		

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$2,075,129	\$1,945,610
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND - ARP	\$500	\$500

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,075,629	\$1,946,110
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Sec. A-37. 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: Deappropriates funds on a one-time basis for consultant services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$85,000)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$85,000)
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OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY 0976

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$85,000)

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$85,000)
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Sec. A-38. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,035	\$4,035

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,035	\$4,035
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Administration - Public Safety 0088

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$231	\$231

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$231	\$231
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$231	\$231

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$231	\$231
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$77	\$77

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$77	\$77
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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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$89,186	\$89,186

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$89,186	\$89,186
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ADMINISTRATION - PUBLIC SAFETY 0088

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$93,452	\$93,452

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$93,452	\$93,452
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$231	\$231

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$231	\$231
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$77	\$77

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$77	\$77
FUNDS TOTAL		

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$376	\$376
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$376	\$376

Background Checks - Certified Nursing Assistants 0992

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$77	\$77
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$77	\$77

BACKGROUND CHECKS - CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS 0992

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$453	\$453
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$453	\$453

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$16,746	\$16,746
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,746	\$16,746

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,282	\$10,282

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,282	\$10,282
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Capitol Police - Bureau of 0101

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.

Initiative: Provides funding for professional development and training for the Bureau of Capitol Police staff.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,672	\$1,672
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,672	\$1,672

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$660	\$660

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$660	\$660
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Capitol Police - Bureau of 0101

Initiative: Establishes one State Police Detective position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000

Capitol Police - Bureau of 0101

Initiative: Establishes one State Police Detective position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$140,177	\$147,053
All Other	\$21,105	\$21,105

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$161,282	\$168,158
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Capitol Police - Bureau of 0101

Initiative: Provides funding for the Bureau of Capitol Police to use dispatch services through the state regional dispatch center.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$95,000	\$95,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$95,000	\$95,000

CAPITOL POLICE - BUREAU OF 0101 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$140,177	\$147,053
All Other	\$139,523	\$139,523

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$279,700	\$286,576
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,942	\$10,942

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,942	\$10,942
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Computer Crimes 0048

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,298	\$1,298
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,298	\$1,298

Computer Crimes 0048

Initiative: Establishes 2 State Police Detective Corporal positions to assist with the supervision and resolution of an increasing caseload in the computer crimes unit and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$240,322	\$252,390
All Other	\$10,750	\$10,750
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$251,072	\$263,140

Computer Crimes 0048

Initiative: Provides funding for the ongoing cost of specialized software for the computer crimes unit.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$81,000	\$81,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$81,000	\$81,000

Computer Crimes 0048

Initiative: Provides funding for increased costs for contracted investigators in the State Police computer crimes unit.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$23,000	\$23,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$23,000	\$23,000

Computer Crimes 0048

Initiative: Provides funding for ongoing annual license costs of State Police computer crimes unit computer programs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$25,000	\$25,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,000	\$25,000

Computer Crimes 0048

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the additional cost of allowing certain employees of the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit within the Department of Public Safety to participate in

a special plan that provides for retirement after completing 25 years of service regardless of age, effective August 1, 2024.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$7,416
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$7,416

COMPUTER CRIMES 0048

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$240,322	\$259,806
All Other	\$141,048	\$141,048
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$381,370	\$400,854

Consolidated Emergency Communications Z021

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

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$55,709	\$55,709
CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL	\$55,709	\$55,709

Consolidated Emergency Communications Z021

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.

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,107	\$5,107
CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL	\$5,107	\$5,107

Consolidated Emergency Communications Z021

Initiative: Provides funding for increasing the recruitment and retention stipend rate from 15% to 30% for emergency communication specialist supervisors, emergency communication leads and emergency communication specialists.

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$519,140	\$519,140

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL	\$519,140	\$519,140
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CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS Z021

PROGRAM SUMMARY

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$519,140	\$519,140
All Other	\$60,816	\$60,816

CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND TOTAL	\$579,956	\$579,956
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Criminal Justice Academy 0290

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

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$17,692	\$17,715

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$17,692	\$17,715
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Criminal Justice Academy 0290

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$847	\$847

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$847	\$847
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Criminal Justice Academy 0290

Initiative: Establishes one MCJA Training Coordinator position to assist with the training needs of the State's law enforcement officers and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$97,220	\$102,470
All Other	\$20,684	\$21,468

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$117,904	\$123,938
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Criminal Justice Academy 0290

Initiative: Establishes one Office Associate II position to assist with administrative functions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$73,763	\$78,152
All Other	\$17,184	\$17,839

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$90,947	\$95,991
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Criminal Justice Academy 0290

Initiative: Establishes one Office Associate II position to support existing programs and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$73,763	\$78,152
All Other	\$17,184	\$17,839

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$90,947	\$95,991
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY 0290

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$18,539	\$18,562

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$18,539	\$18,562
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$244,746	\$258,774
All Other	\$55,052	\$57,146

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$299,798	\$315,920
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Division of Building Codes and Standards Z073

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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$77	\$77

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$77	\$77
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DIVISION OF BUILDING CODES AND STANDARDS Z073

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$77	\$77
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$77	\$77

Drug Enforcement Agency 0388

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

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$182,315	\$182,315
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$182,315	\$182,315

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$989	\$989
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$989	\$989

Drug Enforcement Agency 0388

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$308	\$308
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$308	\$308

Drug Enforcement Agency 0388

Initiative: Provides funding for contracted task force commander services for the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$158,700	\$158,700
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$158,700	\$158,700

DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY 0388

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$159,008	\$159,008
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$159,008	\$159,008

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$182,315	\$182,315

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$182,315	\$182,315
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$989	\$989

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$989	\$989
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Emergency Medical Services 0485

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

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$591	\$591

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$591	\$591
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,202	\$4,202

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,202	\$4,202
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Emergency Medical Services 0485

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$539	\$539
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$539	\$539

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$154	\$154

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$154	\$154
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Emergency Medical Services 0485

Initiative: Provides funding to support the electronic patient care reporting system and the electronic licensing system for emergency medical services and dispatchers.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$61,321	\$61,321

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$61,321	\$61,321
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Emergency Medical Services 0485

Initiative: Continues one Business Systems Administrator position previously continued by Public Law 2021, chapter 29 through June 7, 2025 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$114,069	\$119,556
All Other	\$37,565	\$37,741
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$151,634	\$157,297

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 0485 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$539	\$539
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$539	\$539

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$114,069	\$119,556
All Other	\$38,310	\$38,486
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$152,379	\$158,042

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$65,523	\$65,523
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$65,523	\$65,523

Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program N477

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for emergency medical services stabilization grants to emergency medical services entities that are nonprofit or for-profit ambulance services licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 2-B and that meet all applicable requirements under Title 32, section 98, subsection 3.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$10,000,000	\$0

Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program N477

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for emergency medical services stabilization grants to emergency medical services entities that are nonprofit or for-profit nontransporting emergency medical services licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 2-B and that meet all applicable requirements under Title 32, section 98, subsection 3.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$2,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,000,000	\$0

Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program N477

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for emergency medical services sustainability grants to emergency medical services entities that are nonprofit or for-profit emergency medical services licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 2-B and that meet all applicable requirements under Title 32, section 98, subsection 4.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$14,140,161	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$14,140,161	\$0

Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program N477

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for emergency medical services sustainability grants to emergency medical services entities that are nonprofit or for-profit nontransporting emergency medical services licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 2-B and that meet all applicable requirements under Title 32, section 98, subsection 4.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,000,000	\$0

Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program N477

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for emergency medical services sustainability grants to emergency medical services entities that are nonprofit or for-profit emergency medical services training centers licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, chapter 2-B or to regional councils as long as the entities meet all applicable grant requirements under Title 32, section 98, subsection 4.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$0

Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program N477

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Public Service Manager I position and 3 limited-period Contract Grant Specialist positions through June 7, 2025 to administer

the grant-making process in the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$381,989	\$402,888
All Other	\$37,481	\$37,481
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$419,470	\$440,369

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STABILIZATION AND SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM N477

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$381,989	\$402,888
All Other	\$30,177,642	\$37,481
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$30,559,631	\$440,369

Fire Marshal - Office of 0327

Initiative: Establishes 3 Senior Fire Investigator positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$516,429	\$590,863
All Other	\$16,125	\$16,125
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$532,554	\$606,988

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.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$50,092	\$50,330
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$50,092	\$50,330

Fire Marshal - Office of 0327

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$572	\$572
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$572	\$572

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,366	\$3,366

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,366	\$3,366
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Fire Marshal - Office of 0327

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of hybrid vehicles for turnpike enforcement and the Office of the State Fire Marshal consistent with an established vehicle replacement schedule.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$71,900	\$71,900
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$71,900	\$71,900

FIRE MARSHAL - OFFICE OF 0327

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
	3.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$516,429	\$590,863
All Other	\$16,697	\$16,697
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$533,126	\$607,560

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$53,458	\$53,696
Capital Expenditures	\$71,900	\$71,900

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$125,358	\$125,596
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Gambling Control Board Z002

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

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$52,208	\$52,208

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$52,208	\$52,208
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Gambling Control Board Z002

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,518	\$1,518

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,518	\$1,518
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$154	\$154
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$154	\$154

Gambling Control Board Z002

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,465,997	\$2,560,429
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,465,997	\$2,560,429

GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD Z002 PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,518	\$1,518
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,518	\$1,518

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,518,359	\$2,612,791
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$2,518,359	\$2,612,791

Highway Safety DPS 0457

Initiative: Establishes 3 Highway Safety Coordinator positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$274,035	\$289,044
All Other	\$10,978	\$11,070
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$285,013	\$300,114

Highway Safety DPS 0457

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.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$616	\$616
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$616	\$616

HIGHWAY SAFETY DPS 0457 PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
Personal Services	\$274,035	\$289,044
All Other	\$11,594	\$11,686
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$285,629	\$300,730

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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,969	\$1,973
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,969	\$1,973

Licensing and Enforcement - Public Safety 0712

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$286	\$286
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$286	\$286

LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT - PUBLIC SAFETY 0712

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,255	\$2,259
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,255	\$2,259

Safe Homes Program Fund Z341

Initiative: Reestablishes the baseline budget for the Safe Homes Program Fund enacted in Public Law 2021, chapter 575.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

SAFE HOMES PROGRAM FUND Z341 PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a higher anticipated cost of fuel for State Police vehicles.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$442,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$442,000	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the exterior siding at one of the troop barracks.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$26,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$26,000	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to renovate the lobby and kitchen at the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$32,500	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$32,500	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace office furniture at one of the troop barracks.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$5,200	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,200	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for the annual license renewal for a laboratory information management system for the State Police computer crimes unit. A federal grant will provide the funding for the acquisition cost.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$55,972	\$55,972
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$55,972	\$55,972

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the standard-issue projectile electroshock device equipment including holsters, cartridges and spare batteries for 290 State Police positions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$942,500	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$942,500	\$0

State Police 0291

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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$59,021	\$59,021
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$59,021	\$59,021

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$308	\$308
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$308	\$308

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$154	\$154
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$154	\$154

State Police 0291

Initiative: Establishes one DNA Forensic Analyst position funded by 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund to assist with casework for the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$72,651	\$76,491
All Other	\$3,495	\$3,495
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$76,146	\$79,986

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to add 13 required redundant air supply systems for the State Police dive team.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,749	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,749	\$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 13 dive computers with transmitters for the State Police dive team.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$11,779	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$11,779</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace one trailer for the State Police dive team.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$6,175	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,175</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to add pyrolysis equipment for the gas chromatography mass spectrometry machine for the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$6,500	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$6,500</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace one DNA-testing machine for the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$53,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$53,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase 2 rifle light/laser switches for the State Police.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,420	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$4,420</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to add 2 optics to the equipment inventory for the State Police tactical team.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,250	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,250</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for specialized training for the State Police tactical team.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$13,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$13,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for repairs to the current State Police crisis negotiation team mobile unit.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$26,183	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$26,183</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to add hydraulic breaching equipment for the State Police.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$11,050	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$11,050</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 6 dry suits for the State Police dive team.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$12,652	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$12,652</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 307 rifle upper receiver devices for the State Police.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$72,836	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$72,836</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 50 pistols for the State Police.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$16,250	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$16,250</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase noise suppression equipment for the State Police.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$49,779	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$49,779</u>	<u>\$0</u>

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the portable X-ray equipment for the State Police bomb team.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$45,500	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$45,500 \$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase a replacement bomb suit for the State Police bomb team.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$22,750	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$22,750 \$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for an anticipated 10% increase in the cost of firearms.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$650	\$650

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$650 \$650

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for an anticipated 30% increase in the cost of ammunition.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$22,750	\$22,750

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$22,750 \$22,750

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for an anticipated 65% increase in uniform costs due to rising production and shipping costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$80,275	\$80,275

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$80,275 \$80,275

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for increased debt service associated with the purchase of State Police vehicles on a regular vehicle replacement schedule.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$585,550	\$964,861

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$585,550 \$964,861

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 8 sniper scope units.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$13,000	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$13,000 \$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace 2 sniper night-vision units for the State Police tactical team.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$13,650	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$13,650 \$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the thermal imaging equipment.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$42,250	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$42,250 \$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase a 2nd unmanned aerial vehicle for use by the State Police evidence response team.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$11,870	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$11,870 \$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to purchase a thermal-equipped unmanned aerial vehicle for the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$6,500	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$6,500 \$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace an air conditioning unit at one of the troop barracks.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$3,575	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$3,575 \$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to repair siding and stairs at one of the troop barracks.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$9,750	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$9,750 \$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace an exterior door at one of the troop barracks.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,150	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$7,150 \$0

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace a generator at one of the troop barracks.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$18,200	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$18,200	\$0
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State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace a garage bay door at one of the troop barracks.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,150	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,150	\$0
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State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace an interior tiled floor at one of the troop barracks.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$4,550	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$4,550	\$0
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State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the roof at the State Police garage.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$19,500	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$19,500	\$0
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State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to resurface the parking lot at one of the troop barracks.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$65,000	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$65,000	\$0
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State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to replace the concrete entry at one of the troop barracks.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$13,000	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$13,000	\$0
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State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to repair the entrance area and provide office space for new State Police personnel at one of the troop barracks.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$16,250	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$16,250	\$0
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State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one DNA Forensic Analyst position to a Senior DNA Forensic Analyst position, retroactive to January 1, 2023 and funded 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$7,734	\$4,589

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$7,734	\$4,589
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State Police 0291

Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for the additional cost of allowing certain employees of the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit within the Department of Public Safety to participate in a special plan that provides for retirement after completing 25 years of service regardless of age, effective August 1, 2024.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$6,901

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$6,901
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$1,440

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,440
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$463

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$463
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State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for the additional cost of allowing certain employees of the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit within the Department of Public Safety to participate in a special plan that provides for retirement after completing 25 years of service regardless of age, effective August 1, 2024.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$12,407

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$12,407
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STATE POLICE 0291

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$80,385	\$93,487
All Other	\$2,567,989	\$1,131,052
Capital Expenditures	\$193,220	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,841,594	\$1,224,539
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HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$6,901

HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$6,901
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$1,440
All Other	\$308	\$308
Capital Expenditures	\$53,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$53,308	\$1,748

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$463
All Other	\$56,126	\$56,126
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$56,126	\$56,589

State Police - Support 0981

Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for the additional cost of allowing certain employees of the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit within the Department of Public Safety to participate in a special plan that provides for retirement after completing 25 years of service regardless of age, effective August 1, 2024.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$710
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$710

STATE POLICE - SUPPORT 0981

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$710
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$710

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 REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,326	\$3,326
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,326	\$3,326

Turnpike Enforcement 0547

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	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$4,499	\$4,499
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,499	\$4,499

Turnpike Enforcement 0547

Initiative: Provides funding for the purchase of hybrid vehicles for turnpike enforcement and the Office of the State Fire Marshal consistent with an established vehicle replacement schedule.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$351,044	\$351,044
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$351,044	\$351,044

TURNPIKE ENFORCEMENT 0547

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$7,825	\$7,825
Capital Expenditures	\$351,044	\$351,044
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$358,869	\$358,869

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	\$4,311,554	\$2,795,320
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$7,611
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$674,362	\$643,566
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS CONSOLIDATED	\$33,996,249	\$3,988,242
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND	\$579,956	\$579,956

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$39,562,121	\$8,014,695
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Sec. A-39. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Emergency Services Communication Bureau 0994

Initiative: Provides base allocations pursuant to the commission's request to establish a Federal Expenditures Fund account within the Emergency Services Communication Bureau program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNICATION BUREAU 0994

PROGRAM SUMMARY

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Establishes one Utility Analyst position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$133,249	\$140,115
All Other	\$7,461	\$7,531
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$140,710	\$147,646

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Provides funding for the cost of technology-related expenditures provided by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$221,931	\$223,519
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$221,931	\$223,519

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Establishes one Utility Analyst position to comply with the regulatory requirements specified in statute and provides funding for related All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$159,487	\$167,526
All Other	\$7,729	\$7,729
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$167,216	\$175,255

PUBLIC UTILITIES - ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION 0184

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$292,736	\$307,641

All Other	\$237,121	\$238,779
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$529,857	\$546,420

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$529,857	\$546,420
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$530,357	\$546,920

Sec. A-40. 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.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$115	\$4,711
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$115	\$4,711

Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund 0085

Initiative: Adjusts funding for benefits for judges and surviving spouses under the pre-1984 judicial retirement fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1403.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$149,349)	(\$149,349)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$149,349)	(\$149,349)

Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund 0085

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to pay the unfunded actuarial liability created by permitting certain state employees who retired between July 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012 and teachers who retired between July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012 to have their benefits recalculated based on an early retirement reduction of 2.25% per year rather than a 6% reduction.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,946,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,946,000	\$0

Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund 0085

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the unfunded actuarial liability created as a result of allowing certain employees of the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit within the Department of Public Safety to participate in a special plan that provides for retirement after completing 25 years of service regardless of age, effective August 1, 2024.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,799,311
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,799,311

RETIREMENT SYSTEM - RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE FUND 0085

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,796,766	\$1,654,673
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,796,766	\$1,654,673

RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$5,796,766	\$1,654,673
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$5,796,766	\$1,654,673

Sec. A-41. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Establishes one Archivist II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$79,165	\$83,904
All Other	\$11,207	\$2,796
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$90,372	\$86,700

Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Establishes one Digital Archivist II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$79,165	\$83,904
All Other	\$11,207	\$2,796
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$90,372	\$86,700

Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Establishes one Archives Imaging Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$90,092	\$95,095
All Other	\$11,207	\$2,796
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$101,299	\$97,891

Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Establishes one Photographer II position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$84,064	\$89,044
All Other	\$11,208	\$2,796
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$95,272	\$91,840

Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Director Special Projects position through December 31, 2026 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$110,111	\$116,135
All Other	\$61,207	\$52,796
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$171,318	\$168,931

Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to match a federal grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$20,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$20,000

Administration - Archives 0050

Initiative: Provides funding for repayment of certificate of participation loan principal and interest for the ongoing modernization project for information systems.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$247,874	\$247,874
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$247,874	\$247,874

ADMINISTRATION - ARCHIVES 0050

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	4.000	4.000
Personal Services	\$442,597	\$468,082
All Other	\$353,910	\$331,854
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$796,507	\$799,936

Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in monthly fee and mileage rate for state vehicle leases.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$282	\$467
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$282	\$467

ADMINISTRATION - MOTOR VEHICLES 0077

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$282	\$467
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$282	\$467

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Establishes one Information System Support Specialist position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$89,840	\$95,110
All Other	\$11,207	\$2,796
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$101,047	\$97,906

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in the annual membership dues for the Electronic Registration Information Center program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,200	\$13,030
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,200	\$13,030

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Provides funding for the March 2024 presidential primary election, which only occurs every 4 years and is not included in the baseline budget.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$178,600	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$178,600	\$0

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in election ballot printing, postage and other election costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$202,735	\$113,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$202,735	\$113,000
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Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the additional ballots to be printed to implement the so-called semi-open primary law in 2024.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$240,840	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$240,840	\$0
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Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Provides funding for in-state and out-of-state travel to conferences for updates on corporations and uniform commercial code programs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,153	\$5,153
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,153	\$5,153

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager III position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$152,355	\$160,553
All Other	\$11,207	\$2,796
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$163,562	\$163,349

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Manager I position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$131,538	\$138,481
All Other	\$11,207	\$2,796
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$142,745	\$141,277

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$104,191	\$109,844

All Other	\$11,207	\$2,796
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$115,398	\$112,640

Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations 0692

Initiative: Establishes one Public Service Coordinator I position and provides funding for related costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.000	1.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$113,173	\$119,343
All Other	\$29,296	\$27,196
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$142,469	\$146,539

BUREAU OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND CORPORATIONS 0692

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	5.000	5.000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$591,097	\$623,331
All Other	\$704,499	\$164,410
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,295,596	\$787,741

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,153	\$5,153
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,153	\$5,153

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$2,092,103	\$1,587,677
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$5,435	\$5,620
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$2,097,538	\$1,593,297

Sec. A-42. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ST. CROIX INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY COMMISSION

St. Croix International Waterway Commission 0576

Initiative: Provides funding to cover increased operational costs for the St. Croix International Waterway Commission.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$35,000	\$35,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$35,000	\$35,000

ST. CROIX INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY COMMISSION 0576

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$35,000	\$35,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$35,000	\$35,000

Sec. A-43. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF Maintenance and Operations 0330

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Buildings & Trades Specialist position and one vacant Buildings & Trades Apprentice position from the Maintenance and Operations program.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(2.000)	(2.000)
Personal Services	(\$161,985)	(\$167,398)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$161,985)	(\$167,398)

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS 0330

PROGRAM SUMMARY

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(2.000)	(2.000)
Personal Services	(\$161,985)	(\$167,398)
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	(\$161,985)	(\$167,398)

Multimodal - Island Ferry Service Z016

Initiative: Adjusts legislative count in the Multimodal - Island Ferry Service program to correct an error enacted in Public Law 2023, chapter 189.

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.115	1.115
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(1.115)	(1.115)
ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

MULTIMODAL - ISLAND FERRY SERVICE Z016

PROGRAM SUMMARY

ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1.115	1.115
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
POSITIONS - FTE COUNT	(1.115)	(1.115)
ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
HIGHWAY FUND	(\$161,985)	(\$167,398)
ISLAND FERRY SERVICES FUND	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$161,985)	(\$167,398)

All Other	\$20,336	\$41,690
ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND TOTAL	\$20,336	\$41,690

Disproportionate Tax Burden Fund 0472

Initiative: Adjusts funding for municipal revenue sharing to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,905,716	\$5,491,436
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,905,716	\$5,491,436

DISPROPORTIONATE TAX BURDEN FUND 0472

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,905,716	\$5,491,436
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,905,716	\$5,491,436

Maliseet Sales Tax Fund Z359

Initiative: Provides funding in the Maliseet Sales Tax Fund for the purpose of returning sales tax revenue to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians for sales occurring on Houlton Band trust land.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000

MALISEET SALES TAX FUND Z359

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000

Penobscot Sales Tax Fund Z360

Initiative: Provides funding in the Penobscot Sales Tax Fund for the purpose of returning sales tax revenue to the Penobscot Nation for sales occurring on Penobscot Indian territory.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000

PENOBSCOT SALES TAX FUND Z360

Sec. A-44. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF

Administration - Treasury 0022

Initiative: Establishes one Office Specialist II position to manage all unclaimed property holder reporting functions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$89,199	\$94,407
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$89,199	\$94,407

Administration - Treasury 0022

Initiative: Establishes one Staff Accountant position to allow the Office of the Treasurer of State to manage the increasingly complex bank reconciliations.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$81,112	\$85,339
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$81,112	\$85,339

Administration - Treasury 0022

Initiative: Increase funding levels for the unclaimed property program by 5% each year for the next 5 years, based upon current expenditures.

ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$20,336	\$41,690
ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND TOTAL	\$20,336	\$41,690

ADMINISTRATION - TREASURY 0022

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$170,311	\$179,746
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$170,311	\$179,746

ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000

State - Municipal Revenue Sharing 0020

Initiative: Adjusts funding for municipal revenue sharing to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,622,873	\$21,965,750
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,622,873	\$21,965,750

STATE - MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING 0020

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,622,873	\$21,965,750
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,622,873	\$21,965,750

TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$170,311	\$179,746
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$19,538,589	\$27,467,186
ABANDONED PROPERTY FUND	\$20,336	\$41,690
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$19,729,236	\$27,688,622

Sec. A-45. 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 funding for scholarships based on annual revenue trends.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,000	\$15,000

Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031

Initiative: Provides additional funding for annual inflationary cost increases associated with continuation of current University of Maine System operations.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$9,543,155	\$19,515,752
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,543,155	\$19,515,752

Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to study the potential impact on public health and the State's economy if the State were to permanently adopt Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Time.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$15,000	\$0

EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES - UMS 0031

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$9,558,155	\$19,515,752
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,558,155	\$19,515,752

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$15,000	\$15,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$15,000	\$15,000

Maine Economic Improvement Fund 0986

Initiative: Provides funding to leverage the University of Maine's new "R1" Carnegie Classification and to expand University of Maine System and Maine Maritime Academy research, development and commercialization activity as well as external grants and contracts in direct support of Maine workforce and economic development.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

MAINE ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT FUND 0986

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000

New Ventures Maine Z169

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding to support a coalition of 50 organizations providing free volunteer tax assistance and other financial education services to thousands of low-income individuals and families statewide.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$100,000	\$100,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$100,000	\$100,000
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New Ventures Maine Z169

Initiative: Provides funding to support contractual wages, benefits and other operational cost increases.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$76,270	\$157,116

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$76,270	\$157,116
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NEW VENTURES MAINE Z169

PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$176,270	\$257,116

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$176,270	\$257,116
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University of Maine Scholarship Fund Z011

Initiative: Adjusts funding to bring allocations in line with projected available resources for fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$807,643	\$851,740

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$807,643	\$851,740
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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SCHOLARSHIP FUND Z011

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$807,643	\$851,740

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$807,643	\$851,740
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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$12,234,425	\$22,272,868
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$822,643	\$866,740

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$13,057,068	\$23,139,608
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Sec. A-46. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD

Administration - Workers' Compensation Board 0183

Initiative: Provides funding for increases in operational expenses.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$68,831	\$73,393

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$68,831	\$73,393
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ADMINISTRATION - WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0183

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$68,831	\$73,393

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$68,831	\$73,393
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Workers' Compensation Board 0751

Initiative: Increases funding for per diem expenses for Workers' Compensation Board members.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$4,400	\$4,400

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,400	\$4,400
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WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD 0751

PROGRAM SUMMARY

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$4,400	\$4,400

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$4,400	\$4,400
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WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$73,231	\$77,793

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$73,231	\$77,793
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PART B

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

General Assistance - Reimbursement to Cities and Towns 0130

Initiative: Reclassifications

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$26,337	\$13,197
All Other	(\$26,337)	(\$13,197)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$0

PART C

Sec. C-1. Transfers from General Fund unappropriated surplus to Judicial Department.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$4,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Judicial Department, Courts - Supreme, Superior and District program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for distribution by the Civil Legal Services Fund Commission to providers of civil legal services.

PART D

Sec. D-1. 2 MRSA §6, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 293, Pt. A, §52; c. 635, Pt. Q, §1; and c. 669, §5, 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, Energy Resources Office;
- ~~Director of 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; and
- Executive Director, Office of Affordable Health Care.

Sec. D-2. 5 MRSA §947-B, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 780, Pt. Y, §37, is amended to read:

- B. ~~Director, Bureau of State Human Resources Officer;~~

Sec. D-3. Maine Revised Statutes amended; revision clause. Wherever in the Maine Revised Statutes the words "Director of Human Resources," "Director of the Bureau of Human Resources" or "Director, Bureau of Human Resources" appear, they are amended to read "State Human Resources Officer" and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.

Sec. D-4. Rules, forms, policies and publications. On or after the effective date of this Part, when adopting or amending rules and developing or publishing forms, policies and publications, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall replace "Director of Human Resources," "Director of the Bureau of Human Resources" or "Director, Bureau of Human Resources" with "State Human Resources Officer."

PART E

Sec. E-1. 4 MRSA §1610-O is enacted to read:

§1610-O. Additional securities for Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife headquarters

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 \$39,500,000 outstanding at any one time for the purposes of paying the costs associated with the planning, design, renovation, abatement, construction, financing, furnishing and equipping of new and existing facilities to serve as a headquarters for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

Sec. E-2. Maine Governmental Facilities Authority; issuance of securities. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1606, subsection 2 and section 1610-O, 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 \$39,500,000. Proceeds must be used for the purpose of paying the costs associated with the planning, design, renovation, abatement, construction, financing, furnishing and equipping of new and existing facilities to serve as a headquarters for the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Proceeds must be used for the purpose of paying the costs associated as designated by the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.

PART F

Sec. F-1. 4 MRSA §1610-P is enacted to read:

§1610-P. Additional securities for capital repairs, improvements and construction 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 \$71,050,000 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. F-2. Maine Governmental Facilities Authority; issuance of securities. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1606, subsection 2 and section 1610-P, 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 \$71,050,000. 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.

PART G

Sec. G-1. Department of Corrections; report on Mountain View Correctional Facility.

The Department of Corrections shall study the issues related to the sewage system at the Mountain View Correctional Facility to determine the best way to handle raw sewage at the facility. By February 15, 2024, the Department of Corrections shall submit a report with the results of the study to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. The Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

PART H

Sec. H-1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7, ¶C, as amended by PL 2013, c. 276, §1, is further amended to read:

C. Beginning July 1, 2010 and ending October 31, 2023, except as provided in subsection 7-A, the State, through the commission, shall pay a share of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission as follows.

(1) For an employee whose base annual rate of pay is less than or equal to \$30,000 on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the State shall pay 95% of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and available to the employee as authorized by the commission.

(2) For an employee whose base annual rate of pay is greater than \$30,000 and less than \$80,000 on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being de-

termined, the State shall pay 90% of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and available to the employee as authorized by the commission.

(3) For an employee whose base annual rate of pay is \$80,000 or greater on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the State shall pay 85% of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and available to the employee as authorized by the commission.

Sec. H-2. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7, ¶C-1 is enacted to read:

C-1. Beginning November 1, 2023, except as provided in subsection 7-A, the State, through the commission, shall pay a share of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission as follows.

(1) For an employee whose base annual rate of pay is less than or equal to \$50,000 on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the State shall pay 95% of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and available to the employee as authorized by the commission.

(2) For an employee whose base annual rate of pay is greater than \$50,000 and less than \$100,000 on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the State shall pay 90% of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and available to the employee as authorized by the commission.

(3) For an employee whose base annual rate of pay is \$100,000 or greater on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the State shall pay 85% of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and available to the employee as authorized by the commission.

Sec. H-3. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7-A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 276, §2, is further amended to read:

7-A. Health credit premium program. Notwithstanding subsection 7, paragraph C, the State may pay a greater proportion of the total cost of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission and available to the employee as authorized by the commission. The commission shall

develop a health credit premium program whereby employees are provided incentives to engage in healthy behaviors in an effort to improve the health status of the state employee population and to help reduce costs to the state employee health insurance program. The commission shall define benchmarks for healthy behaviors that, if met by an individual employee, result in the State's paying a greater share of the individual premium. Adjustments to the state share of the individual premium must be applied once each year in advance of the beginning of the plan year.

The benchmarks developed by the commission must provide 2 discrete levels for the state share of the individual premium as follows.

A. ~~For~~ Prior to November 1, 2023, for employees whose base annual rate of pay is less than or equal to \$30,000 on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the health credit premium program must provide the individual employee meeting the specified benchmarks with the opportunity to have the state share of the individual premium paid at 100% or 95%. The state share is determined by the specific benchmarks met by the employee.

B. ~~For~~ Prior to November 1, 2023, for employees whose base annual rate of pay is greater than \$30,000 and less than \$80,000 on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the health credit premium program must provide the individual employee meeting the specified benchmarks with the opportunity to have the state share of the individual premium paid at 95% or 90%. The state share is determined by the specific benchmarks met by the employee.

C. ~~For~~ Prior to November 1, 2023, for employees whose base annual rate of pay is \$80,000 or greater on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the health credit premium program must provide the individual employee meeting the specified benchmarks with the opportunity to have the state share of the individual premium paid at 90% or 85%. The state share is determined by the specific benchmarks met by the employee.

D. Beginning November 1, 2023, for employees whose base annual rate of pay is less than or equal to \$50,000 on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the health credit premium program must provide the individual employee meeting the specified benchmarks with the opportunity to have the state share of the individual premium paid at 100% or 95%. The state share is determined by the specific benchmarks met by the employee.

E. Beginning November 1, 2023, for employees whose base annual rate of pay is greater than \$50,000 and less than \$100,000 on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the health credit premium program must provide the individual employee meeting the specified benchmarks with the opportunity to have the state share of the individual premium paid at 95% or 90%. The state share is determined by the specific benchmarks met by the employee.

F. Beginning November 1, 2023, for employees whose base annual rate of pay is \$100,000 or greater on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the health credit premium program must provide the individual employee meeting the specified benchmarks with the opportunity to have the state share of the individual premium paid at 90% or 85%. The state share is determined by the specific benchmarks met by the employee.

Sec. H-4. Costs to General Fund and Highway Fund. Costs to the General Fund and Highway Fund to implement this Part 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 \$2,400,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and up to \$2,300,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Sec. H-5. Transfer of Personal Services between programs and departments. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law to the contrary, available balances in the General Fund and Highway Fund in the Personal Services line category in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 may be transferred by financial order between programs and departments within the General Fund and the Highway Fund upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor to be used for costs associated with adjusting the annual rates of pay used to determine the State's contribution toward an employee's health insurance premium under this Part.

Sec. H-6. Transfer from Salary Plan program and special account funding. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services may be made available as needed based on allotment established by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor to be used for the implementation of this Part in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Positions supported from sources of funding

other than the General Fund and the Highway Fund must be funded from those other sources.

PART I

Sec. I-1. 5 MRSA §1531, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2005, c. 621, §2, is further amended to read:

3. Baseline General Fund revenue. "Baseline General Fund revenue" means the recommended General Fund revenue forecast reported by the Revenue Forecasting Committee ~~in its December 1st report of even numbered years, increased by the net reduction of General Fund revenue, if any, for all enacted changes affecting state and local tax burden since the previous December 1st report of even numbered years of the Revenue Forecasting Committee in accordance with section 1710-F.~~

Sec. I-2. 5 MRSA §1531, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. L, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Biennial base year appropriation. "Biennial base year appropriation" means:

A. For the 2024-2025 biennium, 98% of the baseline General Fund revenue for fiscal year 2023-24 as of December 1, 2022; and

B. For fiscal years subsequent to fiscal year 2024-25, the amount of the General Fund appropriation limitation calculated for the current year pursuant to section 1534, subsection 1.

Sec. I-3. 5 MRSA §1531, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. A, §5 and affected by §14, is repealed.

Sec. I-4. 5 MRSA §1532, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. L, §6, is further amended to read:

5. Investment proceeds; exception. At the close of every month during which the stabilization fund is at the 18% limitation described in subsection 1, the State Controller shall transfer from the General Fund to the ~~Retirement Allowance Fund established in section 47254~~ Irrevocable Trust Funds for Other Post-employment Benefits established in section 286-B, subsection 2 an amount equal to the investment earnings that otherwise would have been credited to the stabilization fund.

Sec. I-5. 5 MRSA §1533, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. A, §5 and affected by §14, is amended to read:

§1533. Declaration of budget emergency

If the Legislature has adjourned sine die prior to the close of a fiscal year and the commissioner has provided notification as required by section 1668 that indicates that available General Fund resources, including any reserve for the stabilization fund under section 1535, will not be sufficient to meet General Fund expenditures, the commissioner may declare a budget emergency. At the

close of the fiscal year, the State Controller may transfer from the available balance in the stabilization fund to the General Fund ~~Unappropriated Surplus unappropriated surplus~~ up to the amount necessary to increase total General Fund resources for that fiscal year to be equal to General Fund expenditures. For the purposes of this section, the Governor may reduce the stabilization fund below the 1% minimum threshold established by section 1532. The Governor shall inform the Legislative Council and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs immediately upon such transfers from the stabilization fund.

Sec. I-6. 5 MRSA §1534, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2005, c. 683, Pt. M, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Establishment of General Fund appropriation limitation. As of December 1st of each even-numbered year, ~~there must be established the State Budget Officer shall establish~~ a General Fund appropriation limitation for each fiscal year of the ensuing biennium. The General Fund appropriation limitation applies to all General Fund appropriations, ~~except that the additional cost for essential programs and services for kindergarten to grade 12 education under Title 20 A, chapter 606 B over the fiscal year 2004-05 appropriation for general purpose aid for local schools is excluded from the General Fund appropriation limitation until the state share of that cost reaches 55% of the total state and local cost and must be calculated as follows.~~

A. For the ~~first fiscal year of the 2024-2025 biennium~~, the General Fund appropriation limitation for the first fiscal year is equal to the biennial base year appropriation. For subsequent biennia, the General Fund appropriation limitation for the first fiscal year of the biennium is equal to the biennial base year appropriation multiplied by one plus the growth limitation factor in subsection 2.

B. For the 2nd fiscal year of the biennium, the General Fund appropriation limitation is equal to the General Fund appropriation limitation of the first fiscal year of the biennium ~~biennial base year appropriation~~ multiplied by one plus the growth limitation factor in subsection 2.

Sec. I-7. 5 MRSA §1535, as amended by PL 2005, c. 621, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1535. General Fund transfers to stabilization fund

Baseline General Fund revenue that exceeds the General Fund appropriation limitation established by section 1534 for any fiscal year must be reserved for the stabilization fund. The reserved amount must be adjusted each time baseline General Fund revenue changes. At the close of each fiscal year, the State Controller shall transfer to the stabilization fund the lesser

of the reserved amount and the amount of actual General Fund revenues that exceed the General Fund appropriation limitation for that fiscal year. Following the transfer, the reserved amount for that fiscal year is zero. If the stabilization fund is at its limit of 18% of General Fund revenue of the immediately preceding year, amounts that would otherwise have been transferred to the stabilization fund pursuant to this section must be transferred as follows:

1. Highway and Bridge Capital. Eighty percent to the Department of Transportation, Highway and Bridge Capital program, Other Special Revenue Funds account;

2. School Revolving Renovation Fund. Ten percent to the School Revolving Renovation Fund established in Title 30-A, section 6006-F, subsection 1; and

3. Irrevocable Trust Funds for Other Post-employment Benefits. Ten percent to the Irrevocable Trust Funds for Other Post-employment Benefits established in section 286-B, subsection 2.

Sec. I-8. Suspension of transfers to Maine Budget Stabilization Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the requirement in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1535 that certain baseline General Fund revenue and other available budgeted General Fund resources that exceed the General Fund appropriation limitation be transferred to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund is suspended for the duration of fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25.

PART J

Sec. J-1. 30-A MRSA §5250-J, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. III, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Termination and repeal. A qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business located in a tier 1 location may not be certified under this subchapter after December 31, 2023 2024, and a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business located in a tier 2 location may not be certified under this subchapter after December 31, 2013. All Pine Tree Development Zone benefits provided under this subchapter are terminated on December 31, 2033 2034. This subchapter is repealed July 1, 2035.

Sec. J-2. 30-A MRSA c. 206, sub-c. 5, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. J-3. 30-A MRSA c. 206, sub-c. 6, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. J-4. 35-A MRSA §3210-E, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 627, §5 and affected by §12, is amended to read:

1. Discount rates. Transmission and distribution utilities may offer discounted rates to qualified Pine Tree Development Zone businesses established under Title 30-A and qualified businesses with respect to the

Dirigo business incentives program established under Title 36, section 5219-AAA. If a transmission and distribution utility requires approval prior to offering any such rate, the transmission and distribution utility shall apply to the commission in accordance with applicable provisions of this Title, and the commission may approve the rate if it finds it to be in accord with applicable requirements of this Title, except that the commission may take into account the overall benefits to ratepayers resulting from state efforts to promote economic development within Pine Tree Development Zones.

Sec. J-5. 35-A MRSA §3210-E, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2011, c. 413, §4, is further amended to read:

5. Electricity sales. Notwithstanding section 3210, the sale of electricity by a competitive electricity provider to a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business established under Title 30-A is exempt from the requirements of that section unless the qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business requests the commission to waive the exemption for the sale of electricity to that Pine Tree Development Zone business. If the electricity is sold to:

A. A qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business established under Title 30-A; or

B. A for-profit manufacturing or targeted technology business in this State engaged in or that will engage in a qualified business activity that will result in the addition of at least one qualified employee above its base level of employment in this State if:

(1) The business demonstrates that the establishment or expansion of operations within the State would not occur absent the availability of the benefits provided under this subsection and provides to the Department of Economic and Community Development, at a minimum, a signed and notarized statement to this effect. The department shall determine whether the business has met the requirements of this subparagraph; and

(2) The business has received a letter of certification from the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development that the business meets the qualifications of this subsection and that describes the qualified business activity of the business. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall issue a certificate to a business after the commissioner has verified that the business met the requirements of this paragraph and has added at least one qualified employee above its base level of employment. A letter of certification is valid for 10 years.

For the purposes of this subsection, "base level of employment" has the same meaning as in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 4; "qualified business activity" means a business activity conducted within a tier 1 Pine Tree Development Zone as described in Title 30-A, section 5250-J, subsection 3-A that is directly related to manufacturing or a targeted technology business for which the business receives a letter of certification from the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development pursuant to paragraph B, subparagraph (2); "qualified employee" means a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone employee as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 18; and "targeted technology business" means a business primarily involved in one or more targeted technologies as defined in Title 5, section 15301, subsection 2.

A business eligible for the exemption under this subsection may request that the commission waive the exemption for the sale of electricity to that business.

The commission may adopt routine technical rules, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, to implement this subsection.

Sec. J-6. 35-A MRSA §3210-E, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. III, §2, is further amended to read:

6. Repeal. This section is repealed December 31, ~~2033~~ 2034.

Sec. J-7. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶SSS is enacted to read:

SSS. The disclosure of information to the Department of Economic and Community Development necessary for the administration of the Dirigo business incentives program and the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation and economic development matters for purposes of the annual report required by section 5219-AAA.

Sec. J-8. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§87, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. III, §3, is further amended to read:

87. Sales of tangible personal property and transmission and distribution of electricity to qualified development zone businesses. Beginning July 1, 2005, sales of tangible personal property, and of the transmission and distribution of electricity, to a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 17, for use directly and primarily in one or more qualified business activities, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 16. The exemption provided by this subsection is limited for each qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business to sales occurring within a period of 10 years in the case of a business located in a tier 1 location, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 21-A, and 5 years in the case of a business located in a

tier 2 location, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 21-B, from the date the business is certified pursuant to Title 30-A, section 5250-O or until December 31, ~~2033~~ 2034, whichever occurs first. For a business that applies for certification as a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business with the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development on or after January 1, 2019, the exemption provided by this subsection requires a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business to obtain a certificate of qualification issued by the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development pursuant to Title 30-A, section 5250-O. As used in this subsection, "primarily" means more than 50% of the time during the period that begins on the date on which the property is first placed in service by the purchaser and ends 2 years from that date or at the time the property is sold, scrapped, destroyed or otherwise permanently removed from service by the purchaser, whichever occurs first.

Sec. J-9. 36 MRSA §2016, sub-§4, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. III, §4, is further amended to read:

A. Reimbursements made by the assessor pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph A are limited to taxes paid in connection with sales of tangible personal property that occur within a period of 10 years in the case of a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business located in a tier 1 location, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 21-A, and 5 years in the case of a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business located in a tier 2 location, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 21-B, from the date the qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business receiving the property is certified pursuant to Title 30-A, section 5250-O or by December 31, ~~2033~~ 2034, whichever occurs first.

Sec. J-10. 36 MRSA §2529, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. III, §5, is further amended to read:

3. Limitation. The credit provided by this section may not be claimed for calendar years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2034~~ 2035.

Sec. J-11. 36 MRSA §5219-W, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. III, §6, is further amended to read:

4. Limitation. The credit provided by this section may not be claimed for tax years beginning on or after January 1, ~~2034~~ 2035.

Sec. J-12. 36 MRSA §5219-NN, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 527, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

1-A. Credit allowed; on or after January 1, 2020 and before January 1, 2025. A taxpayer that claims a depreciation deduction under the Code, Section 168(k)

for property placed in service in the State during a taxable year that begins on or after January 1, 2020 and before January 1, 2025 is allowed a credit as follows:

A. For a taxable corporation, a credit against the taxes imposed by this Part in an amount equal to 1.2% of the amount of the net increase in the depreciation deduction reported as an addition to income for the taxable year under section 5200-A, subsection 1, paragraph CC, subparagraph (1) with respect to that property, except for excluded property under subsection 2; and

B. For an individual, a credit against the taxes imposed by this Part in an amount equal to 1.2% of the net increase in the depreciation deduction reported as an addition to income for the taxable year under section 5122, subsection 1, paragraph KK, subparagraph (1) with respect to that property, except for excluded property under subsection 2.

Sec. J-13. 36 MRSA §5219-AAA is enacted to read:

§5219-AAA. Dirigo business incentives program

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Affiliated business" means a member of a group of 2 or more businesses in which more than 50% of the voting stock of each member corporation or more than 50% of the ownership interest in a business other than a corporation is directly or indirectly owned by a common owner, either corporate or noncorporate.

B. "Catastrophic event" means a fire, flood, hurricane, windstorm, earthquake or other similar event or a declared state disaster or emergency within the meaning of Title 10, section 9902, subsection 1 that is not within the control of a business to prevent.

C. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development.

D. "Department" means the Department of Economic and Community Development.

E. "Eligible business property" means business property placed in service in this State in the tax year and used exclusively for a qualified business activity described in a letter of certification issued under subsection 3.

F. "Eligible capital investment" means the total of business expenditures incurred by a taxpayer after receiving a letter of certification under subsection 3 that exceed \$50,000 to purchase eligible business property that was placed in service during the tax year.

G. "Eligible sector" means one of the following industries only:

(1) Agriculture, forestry and fishing;

(2) Manufacturing;

(3) Long-distance freight transportation;

(4) Software publishing, data processing and computer design services; or

(5) Engineering, architecture and scientific research and development services.

H. "Facility" means one or more buildings and includes the real and personal property located in those buildings.

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.

J. "Placed in service" means the date the property is placed in service for purposes of depreciation under Section 167 or 168 of the Code or would be eligible for depreciation if the property had not been expensed under Section 179 of the Code.

K. "Primarily" means more than 50% of the time and, with respect to a building or other structure, more than 50% of the usable space.

L. "Program" means the Dirigo business incentives program created under subsection 2.

M. "Qualified business" means any for-profit business in this State engaged in an eligible sector that has received a letter of certification as a qualified business pursuant to subsection 3.

N. "Qualified business activity" means a business activity carried on primarily in an eligible sector.

O. "Qualified employee" means an employee who is employed in this State by a qualified business and works primarily in a qualified business activity in this State.

P. "Qualified employee training program" means a qualified business's training activities for a qualified business activity described in a letter of certification issued under subsection 3 for a minimum of 3 qualified employees that provide a minimum of 20 total training hours for each qualified employee and are:

(1) An apprenticeship program registered under the Maine Apprenticeship Program pursuant to Title 26, chapter 37;

(2) An on-the-job training contract pursuant to Title 26, section 2172;

(3) A training provided by or approved for funding from the Maine Community College System; or

(4) Education or training provided by the University of Maine System or other accredited university or college in this State.

"Qualified employee training program" includes only training hours during which the qualified business pays a participating qualified employee the employee's regular hourly rate or training hours for which the qualified business pays more than \$2,000 per participant.

2. Program. The commissioner shall create the Dirigo business incentives program.

3. Certification of qualified business. A business may apply to the commissioner for certification as a qualified business for purposes of the program. Upon review and determination by the commissioner that a business is a qualified business, the commissioner shall issue a letter of certification to the business that includes a description of the qualified business activity for which the letter is being issued. A letter of certification for a qualified business activity is valid for 5 years for purposes of this section. A letter of certification may describe qualified business activities in multiple locations and multiple eligible business sectors. The commissioner may issue more than one letter of certification to a qualified business. A business may not be a qualified business if the business is:

A. A public utility as defined by Title 35-A, section 102, subsection 13;

B. A business certified as a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business as provided by Title 30-A, section 5250-O;

C. A business with a certificate of approval for the Maine Employment Tax Increment Financing Program as provided by section 6755;

D. A business with a certificate of approval for one of the tax credits allowed under section 5219-RR or 5219-YY; or

E. A business that has undergone a layoff within the past 2 tax years.

4. Credit allowed. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, a taxpayer who is a qualified business is allowed a credit as provided in this section. Subject to subsections 5 and 6, the credit allowed is equal to the total of the following:

A. Ten percent of the eligible capital investment placed in service outside of Cumberland, Sagadahoc and York counties;

B. Five percent of the eligible capital investment placed in service in Cumberland, Sagadahoc and York counties; and

C. Two thousand dollars for each qualified employee engaged in a qualified employee training program provided by the business completed in the tax year.

5. Credit refundable. The credit allowed under this section is refundable up to \$500,000 per tax year, with the following exceptions.

A. In the case of a taxpayer that is a partner in a partnership or a shareholder in an S corporation, the credit under this section is refundable up to an amount equal to \$500,000 multiplied by the pro rata share of the partner or shareholder determined in accordance with section 5219-G, subsection 1.

B. In the case of a taxpayer that is a beneficiary of an estate or trust that is a partner in a partnership or shareholder in an S corporation, the credit under this section is refundable up to an amount equal to the amount determined in accordance with paragraph A for the estate or trust multiplied by each beneficiary's pro rata share of tax credits determined in accordance with section 5219-G, subsection 2.

C. In the case of a taxpayer that is a partner in a partnership or a shareholder in an S corporation that is an affiliated business, the credit under this section is refundable up to an amount equal to \$500,000 multiplied by the ratio determined in accordance with paragraph A, the result of which is multiplied by a ratio, the numerator of which is the eligible capital investment of the affiliated business during the tax year plus \$2,000 for each qualified employee of the affiliated business engaged in a qualified employee training program completed during the tax year and the denominator of which is the total eligible capital investment of all members of the affiliated business group during the tax year plus \$2,000 for each qualified employee of all members of the affiliated business group engaged in a qualified employee training program completed during the tax year.

D. In the case of corporations that are members of an affiliated business group engaged in a unitary business, the credit under this section is refundable up to \$500,000 for the entire group. The credit limit of \$500,000 must be apportioned among the taxable corporations in the affiliated business group in the same proportion that the tax liability of each taxable corporation in the affiliated business group bears to the total tax liability of all the taxable corporations in the affiliated business group.

6. Limitation; carry-over. A taxpayer entitled to a credit under this section for any tax year may carry over any unused portion of the credit determined in accordance with subsection 4, as reduced from year to year, and apply it to the tax liability for any one or more of the next succeeding 4 tax years. Carry-over amounts

may be applied to tax years after the expiration of a taxpayer's letter of certification issued pursuant to subsection 3. The credit allowed pursuant to this section, including carry-overs, may not exceed \$2,000,000 for any one tax year, with the following exceptions.

A. In the case of a taxpayer that is a partner in a partnership or a shareholder in an S corporation, the credit under this section may not exceed \$2,000,000 multiplied by the pro rata share of the partner or shareholder determined in accordance with section 5219-G, subsection 1.

B. In the case of a taxpayer that is a beneficiary of an estate or trust that is a partner in a partnership or shareholder in an S corporation, the credit under this section may not exceed \$2,000,000 multiplied by the ratio determined in accordance with paragraph A, the result of which is multiplied by each beneficiary's pro rata share of tax credits determined in accordance with section 5219-G, subsection 2.

C. In the case of a taxpayer that is a partner in a partnership or a shareholder in an S corporation that is an affiliated business, the credit under this section may not exceed \$2,000,000 multiplied by the ratio determined in accordance with paragraph A, the result of which is multiplied by a ratio, the numerator of which is the eligible capital investment of the affiliated business during the tax year plus \$2,000 for each qualified employee of the affiliated business engaged in a qualified employee training program completed during the tax year and the denominator of which is the total eligible capital investment of all members of the affiliated business group during the tax year plus \$2,000 for each qualified employee of all members of the affiliated business group engaged in a qualified employee training program completed during the tax year.

D. In the case of corporations that are members of an affiliated business group engaged in a unitary business, the credit under this section may not exceed \$2,000,000 for the entire group. The credit limit of \$2,000,000 must be apportioned among the taxable corporations in the affiliated business group in the same proportion that the tax liability of each taxable corporation in the affiliated business group bears to the total tax liability of all the taxable corporations in the affiliated business group.

7. Disallowance. The credit allowed under this section must be recaptured and unused carry-over amounts under this section must be disallowed if the eligible business property forming the basis of the credit under subsection 4 is not used in the State for the entire 5-year period following the date it is placed in service. Unused carry-over amounts allowed under this section must be disallowed if the taxpayer undergoes a layoff. The amount recaptured or disallowed is equal to the

credit amount allowed based on subsection 4 multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of years remaining in the 5-year period, rounded up to the nearest whole number, and the denominator of which is 5. The amount recaptured must be added to the tax imposed on the taxpayer under this Part for the tax year during which the property is first removed from service in the State. Unused carry-over amounts are not required to be disallowed and the credit is not required to be recaptured for eligible business property temporarily removed from service for maintenance or repair or as a result of a catastrophic event.

8. Eligible business property. To qualify as eligible business property, a property must be placed in service in the State and must be subject to an allowance for depreciation under the Code during the tax year or would be subject to an allowance for depreciation under the Code if the property had not been expensed under Section 179 of the Code.

A property does not qualify as eligible business property if that property is:

A. Property with a depreciable useful life of less than 5 years;

B. Property purchased or transferred from an affiliated business;

C. Property located at a retail sales facility and used primarily in a retail sales activity. For purposes of this paragraph, the following terms have the following meanings.

(1) "Retail sales activity" means an activity primarily associated with the selection and retail purchase of goods or rental of tangible personal property. "Retail sales activity" does not include production as defined in section 1752, subsection 9-B.

(2) "Retail sales facility" means a structure used to serve customers who are physically present at the facility for the purpose of selection and retail purchase of goods or rental of tangible personal property;

D. A vehicle on which a tax has been imposed under chapter 111 or a watercraft on which a tax has been imposed under chapter 112;

E. Qualified rehabilitation property used to calculate the credit for rehabilitation of historic properties under section 5219-BB; or

F. Real property placed in service in the State before the tax year for which a credit is sought.

9. Rules. The assessor and the commissioner may adopt joint rules necessary to implement this section. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

10. Annual report to department and Legislature. On or before December 31st annually, beginning in 2026, the assessor shall report to the department the following information for each qualified business that received a credit pursuant to this section for the tax year ending during the immediately preceding calendar year:

- A. The name of the qualified business;
- B. The number of qualified employees engaged in a qualified employee training program completed during the tax year;
- C. The value of eligible capital investment expenditures in the county in which the property was placed into service;
- D. The credit amount received under subsection 4, paragraph A, B or C for the tax year; and
- E. The eligible sector of the business's qualified business activity.

On or before March 1st annually, beginning in 2027, the department shall report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation and economic development matters information on the program, including the information reported by the assessor under this subsection.

11. Evaluation; specific public policy objective; performance measures. The credit provided under this section is subject to legislative review in accordance with Title 3, section 999. In developing evaluation parameters to perform the review, the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability, the joint legislative committee established to oversee program evaluation and government accountability matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters shall consider:

- A. That the specific public policy objective of the credit provided under this section is to improve the productivity of workers and businesses in the State by encouraging businesses to invest in capital and worker training; and
- B. Performance measures, including, but not limited to:
 - (1) The amount of eligible capital investment;
 - (2) The number of workers trained;
 - (3) The amount of credit used to offset tax liability;
 - (4) The amount of credit refunded pursuant to subsection 5; and
 - (5) The economic productivity of credit recipients.

Sec. J-14. 36 MRSA §6754, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 602, §5, is further amended to read:

D. For qualified Pine Tree Development Zone employees, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 18, employed directly in the qualified business activity of a qualified Pine Tree Development Zone business, as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 17, for whom a certificate of qualification has been issued in accordance with Title 30-A, section 5250-O, the reimbursement under this subsection is equal to 80% of the benefit base each year for which reimbursement is requested and attributed to those qualified employees for a period of no more than 10 years for a tier 1 location as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 21-A and no more than 5 years for a tier 2 location as defined in Title 30-A, section 5250-I, subsection 21-B. Reimbursement under this paragraph may not be paid for years beginning after December 31, ~~2033~~ 2034.

Sec. J-15. 36 MRSA §6763 is enacted to read:

§6763. Termination

The commissioner may not issue a certificate of approval for a business under this chapter after December 31, 2024. All employment tax increment financing benefits provided under this chapter are terminated on December 31, 2034.

PART K

Sec. K-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Shelter Operating Subsidy program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Shelter Operating Subsidy program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to meet projected obligations.

PART L

Sec. L-1. 36 MRSA §112, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. T, §1, is amended to read:

2-A. Training program. The assessor may implement a training program to enhance the technical and service delivery expertise of the bureau's revenue agents ~~and property appraisers~~. ~~Employees in these classifications the revenue agent classification who participate in the training program and who demonstrate that they have achieved competencies prescribed by the assessor may progress immediately to the senior position in these revenue agent classification series.~~ Employees in the senior revenue agent classification who participate in the training program and who demonstrate that they have achieved competencies prescribed by the assessor may progress immediately to the principal revenue agent classification.

PART M

Sec. M-1. 36 MRSA §151, sub-§2, ¶C, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 694, §3, is amended by amending subparagraph (2), division (a) to read:

(a) Filing a statement of appeal with the board when the amount of tax or refund request in controversy is \$500,000 or less;
or

Sec. M-2. 36 MRSA §151, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 2013, c. 45, §4, is further amended to read:

E. A reconsidered decision rendered on any request other than a small claim request constitutes the assessor's final determination, subject to review either by the board or directly by the Superior Court, except that the board may review a reconsidered decision rendered on any request other than a small claim request if the amount of tax or refund request in controversy is \$500,000 or less. A reconsidered decision rendered on a small claim request constitutes the assessor's final determination and final agency action and is subject to de novo review by the Superior Court. For purposes of this paragraph, "small claim request" means a petition for reconsideration when the amount of tax or refund request in controversy is less than \$1,000.

PART N

Sec. N-1. Carrying provision; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward any remaining balances in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Debt Service - Government Facilities Authority program, General Fund account in each year of the 2024-2025 biennium into the following fiscal year.

PART O

Sec. O-1. Carrying provision; Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Central Administrative Applications. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall carry forward any remaining balances in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Central Administrative Applications program, General Fund account in each year of the 2024-2025 biennium into the following fiscal year.

PART P

Sec. P-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 2023-24 and 2024-25 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 Q

Sec. Q-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 2023-24 and 2024-25 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 \$5,000,000 in principal costs and 7 years in duration, nor may the interest rate on the agreements 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 R

Sec. R-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 2023-24 and 2024-25 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, for purchasing portable radios, ongoing upgrades of tower hardware and purchasing equipment in support of tower maintenance. The financing agreements entered into in each fiscal year may not exceed \$5,000,000 in principal costs and 7 years in duration, nor may the interest rate on the agreements 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 S

Sec. S-1. 36 MRSA §5219-KK, sub-§1, ¶A-1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. AA, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) For persons filing as heads of households that can claim the federal child tax credit pursuant to the Code, Section 24 for no more than one qualifying child or dependent or for persons filing joint returns, \$2,650; ~~and~~

Sec. S-2. 36 MRSA §5219-KK, sub-§1, ¶A-1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. AA, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) For persons filing as heads of households that can claim the federal child tax credit pursuant to the Code, Section 24 for more than one qualifying child or dependent or for persons filing joint returns that can claim the federal child tax credit pursuant to the Code, Section 24 for at least one qualifying child or dependent, \$3,250; and

Sec. S-3. 36 MRSA §5219-KK, sub-§1, ¶A-1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. AA, §1, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, notwithstanding subparagraphs (1) and (2), for individuals 65 years of age or older, \$4,000.

Sec. S-4. 36 MRSA §5219-KK, sub-§2-D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. F, §1, is further amended to read:

2-D. Credit in 2022 and after. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, a resident individual is allowed a credit against the taxes imposed under this Part equal to the amount by which the benefit base for the resident individual exceeds 4% of the resident individual's income. The credit may not exceed \$1,000 for resident individuals under 65 years of age as of the last day of the taxable year or, for tax years beginning before January 1, 2024, \$1,500 for resident individuals 65 years of age and older as of the last day of the taxable year. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, for resident individuals 65 years of age and older, the credit may not exceed \$2,000. In the case of married individuals filing a joint return, only one spouse is required to be 65 years of age or older to qualify for the \$1,500 or \$2,000 credit limitation. Married taxpayers filing separate returns do not qualify for the credit under this section.

Sec. S-5. 36 MRSA §5403, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2019, c. 379, Pt. C, §5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6. Property tax fairness credit. For the property tax fairness credit:

A. Beginning in 2018 and each year thereafter, by the benefit base amounts in section 5219-KK, subsection 1, paragraph A-1, subparagraphs (1) to (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, 2017; and

B. Beginning in 2024 and each year thereafter, by the benefit base amount in section 5219-KK, subsection 1, paragraph A-1, subparagraph (4), 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;

Sec. S-6. 36 MRSA §6251, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. AA, §6, is further amended to read:

B. The taxpayer has income, as defined in section 5219-KK, subsection 1, paragraph D, of less than \$40,000 for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the claim is filed and for applications filed after January 1, 2024, income of less than \$80,000 for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the claim is filed;

Sec. S-7. 36 MRSA §6251, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. AA, §6, is amended to read:

C. The taxpayer, if an individual, has liquid assets of less than \$50,000 or, for applications filed after January 1, 2024, less than \$100,000 or, in the case of 2 or more individuals filing a claim jointly, all the individuals together have liquid assets of less than \$75,000 or, for applications filed after January 1, 2024, less than \$150,000; and

Sec. S-8. 36 MRSA §6252, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. AA, §9, is amended to read:

5. No municipal lien. The property does not have an existing municipal lien against it other than a lien released pursuant to section 6252-A, subsection 5.

Sec. S-9. 36 MRSA §6252-A is enacted to read:
§6252-A. Deferral of delinquent taxes

Notwithstanding section 6252, subsection 5, a taxpayer who owes delinquent property taxes and whose property is subject to a municipal lien may qualify for tax deferral of a homestead under this chapter subject to the following conditions.

1. Limit 2 years. The taxpayer owes no more than 2 years of delinquent property taxes at the time of application for deferral.

2. Added to deferred taxes. The amount of delinquent property taxes, plus interest and costs, must be determined as of a predetermined payoff date. This amount must be added to the amount of tax deferred for the first fiscal year pursuant to section 6251, subsection 2, paragraph A.

3. State lien. The amount of the state lien under section 6254 must be increased by the amount of delinquent property taxes deferred under this section.

4. Reimbursed to municipality or unorganized territory. An amount equal to the delinquent property taxes, interest and costs must be included in the certification provided by the State Tax Assessor to the Treasurer of State and reimbursed to the municipality or to the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund by the Treasurer of State pursuant to section 6257, subsection 1.

5. Release of lien. Upon receipt of full reimbursement for delinquent property taxes, interest and costs, the municipality, or the State Tax Assessor for the unorganized territory, shall release the lien attached to the homestead for those delinquent property taxes, interest and costs.

6. Restriction. A taxpayer who owes delinquent taxes for more than one residential property within the State is not eligible to claim a deferral.

Sec. S-10. 36 MRSA §6281, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 751, §1, is amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

This chapter applies only to the property tax year beginning April 1, 2023.

PART T

Sec. T-1. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Any All Other or Capital Expenditures balance remaining in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection program, General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year must be carried forward for use in the next fiscal year for the same purpose.

PART U

Sec. U-1. 7 MRSA §1901, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 146, §2, is amended to read:

§1901. State of Maine Animal Response Team

The commissioner shall develop a State of Maine Animal Response Team, referred to in this section as "the team," to support a unifying network that protects human and animal health through preparation, response and recovery for animal emergencies in the State. The team shall facilitate a prompt, coordinated and effective response to a natural or ~~man made~~ human-made disaster affecting animals; decrease the health and safety threat to humans and animals during animal emergencies; and minimize the economic and environmental impacts of animal emergencies. Response activities include but are not limited to providing adequate care for animals taken into custody by the State.

PART V

Sec. V-1. 12 MRSA §1802, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. PPTPPP, §1, is amended to read:

2. Deputy director. The director is assisted in executive duties by a deputy director. The deputy director position is a classified, confidential position.

Sec. V-2. 12 MRSA §1802, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. PPTPPP, §1, is amended to read:

4. Appointment. The director ~~and the deputy director are~~ is appointed by and serve ~~is appointed by and serve~~ serves at the pleasure of the commissioner.

PART W

Sec. W-1. 12 MRSA §5012, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 2023, c. 120, §1, is further amended to read:

The commissioner may, subject to the approval of the Governor, apply for and accept on behalf of the State any funds, other personal or real property, including emergency relief funds, grants, bequests, gifts ~~or~~ contributions or services and other intangible assets from any person, corporation or government, including the Government of the United States for the purpose of economic opportunity, business growth and other strategic investments. Such funds must be received by the Treasurer of State on behalf of the State and deposited in an appropriate new or existing account in the department. The commissioner shall adopt rules to implement and administer grant or other fund disbursement programs using funds in the account. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The commissioner may adjudicate appeals of grant or other disbursement decisions made under the programs. 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.

PART X

Sec. X-1. 5 MRSA §6203-D, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 284, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Fund proceeds. The proceeds of the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund may be applied and expended to:

A. Accomplish the purposes of the funds established in sections 6203-A to 6203-C and 6203-E and 6203-F; and

B. When unrestricted contributions to the Land for Maine's Future Trust Fund are received from private sources, fund administrative costs, including staff support, and consulting services, as determined necessary to carry out duties under this chapter.

PART Y

Sec. Y-1. 5 MRSA §6205, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1993, c. 728, §7, is further amended to read:

3. Compensation. Appointed members are entitled to receive compensation equal to legislative per diem and travel expenses as allowed under section 12004-G, subsection 29 while engaged in board activities. Notwithstanding section 12002, subsection 2, appointed members are entitled to a meal allowance for each day in attendance at a board meeting not to exceed the rates established by the United States General Services Administration.

Sec. Y-2. 5 MRSA §12004-G, sub-§29, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 786, §5, is amended to read:

29.

Natural Resources	Land for Maine's Future Board	Legislative Per Diem and Expenses for Appointed Members; <u>Meals determined under 5 MRSA §6205, sub-§3.</u>	5 MRSA §6202
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PART Z

Sec. Z-1. 12 MRSA §549-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. C, §5, is further amended to read:

2. Director of the survey. "Director of the survey" means the ~~Director of the Bureau of Resource Information and Land Use Planning~~ executive head of the survey under section 543, subsection 1.

PART AA

Sec. AA-1. Transfer of funds from unencumbered balance forward; Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Division of Forest Protection; fiscal year 2022-23. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall leave \$200,000 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 2022-23 and shall transfer all remaining money from the unencumbered balance forward in the Personal Services line category above \$200,000 and in the All Other line category above \$300,000 on or before August 1, 2023 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 BB

Sec. BB-1. Permanent Eastern Standard Time or permanent Eastern Daylight Time study and analysis. The University of Maine System shall study and analyze the potential effects on public health and the State's economy of the State's adopting permanent Eastern Standard Time or permanent Eastern Daylight Time and determine if each adoption will serve the convenience of commerce as required by the United States Department of Transportation. In conducting the study, the University of Maine System shall examine:

1. The current effects of the practice of setting clocks forward and backward, including but not limited to physical health, mental health and economic effects as determined by both scientific research and public opinion; and

2. Whether adopting permanent Eastern Standard Time or permanent Eastern Daylight Time will negatively affect businesses' shipping and receiving of goods and products; the ability of residents to receive important television and radio broadcasts and timely news and information; bus, passenger rail and airline services across time zones; energy availability and cost; residents who engage in work, education, recreation, health care or religious worship outside of the State's time zone; major elements of the State's economy; and any current federal, state or local plans for economic development.

Sec. BB-2. Report. By February 1, 2024, the University of Maine System shall submit a report, including suggested legislation, based on its study and analysis in section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The committee is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

PART CC

Sec. CC-1. 10 MRSA §1019, sub-§2, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. CC, §1, is further amended to read:

D. Sign a statement of intent in a form acceptable to the authority to work as full-time or part-time nursing faculty in a nursing education program in the State for a minimum of 3 years after acceptance into the nursing education loan repayment program.

Sec. CC-2. 10 MRSA §1019, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. CC, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Administration. The nursing education loan repayment program and the nursing education loan repayment fund are administered by the authority. The authority shall repay the loan of an applicant who meets the criteria in subsection 2 in the amount of up to \$20,000 for a master's degree and up to \$40,000 for a doctoral degree for full-time nursing faculty and in the

amount of up to \$10,000 for a master's degree and up to \$20,000 for a doctoral degree for part-time nursing faculty. The authority may adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this subchapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

PART DD

Sec. DD-1. Reduction in early retirement penalty for certain state employees and teachers. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17852, subsection 3-A or any other provision of law to the contrary, beginning October 1, 2023 the reduction in the retirement benefit for a qualified member is 2.25% for each year that the qualified member's age precedes 62 years of age at retirement.

As used in this section, "qualified member" means a member of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System who:

1. Retired from service as a state employee between July 1, 2011 and January 1, 2012 or as a teacher between July 1, 2011 and July 1, 2012;
2. Had completed 25 or more years of creditable service upon retirement;
3. Had neither 10 years of creditable service nor had reached 60 years of age with one year of creditable service immediately before July 1, 1993; and
4. Had not attained 62 years of age as of retirement from service as a state employee or teacher.

As used in this section, "creditable service," "employee," "member," "retirement," "retirement benefit," "state employee" and "teacher" have the same meanings as in Title 5, section 17001.

PART EE

Sec. EE-1. 5 MRSA §7-A, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. P, §6, is amended to read:

A. Sworn law enforcement personnel with powers of arrest or probation officers regularly assigned to field duty;

Sec. EE-2. 5 MRSA §7-A, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 501, Pt. P, §6 and amended by PL 1997, c. 455, §32, is further amended to read:

C. Employees identified by the Governor, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Commissioner of Corrections, the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management or the Commissioner of Transportation to be available for call beyond the normal workday on a regular basis to protect the public safety;

Sec. EE-3. 5 MRSA §7-B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 258, §1 and c. 293, Pt. C, §3, is further amended to read:

§7-B. Use of state vehicles for commuting

Notwithstanding section 7-A, a state-owned or state-leased vehicle may not be used by any employee to commute between home and work, except for those vehicles authorized and assigned to employees of the Baxter State Park Authority and of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Military Bureau as designated by the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management; to the director or deputy director or duty officer of the Maine Emergency Management Agency within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management; to employees of the Department of Corrections designated by the Commissioner of Corrections; and to law enforcement officials within the following organizational units: Bureau of State Police; Maine Drug Enforcement Agency; Office of the State Fire Marshal; ~~the division within the Department of Public Safety designated by the Commissioner of Public Safety to enforce the law relating to the manufacture, importation, storage, transportation and sale of all liquor and to administer those laws relating to licensing and collection of taxes on malt liquor and wine;~~ Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Bureau of Marine Patrol; the forest protection unit within the Bureau of Forestry; Bureau of Warden Service; Bureau of Parks and Lands; Office of Cannabis Policy; Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations; and ~~the Office of Chief Medical Examiner,~~ the investigation division and the Medicaid fraud control unit within the Office of the Attorney General.

PART FF

Sec. FF-1. 22 MRSA §3022, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 1, Pt. E, §1, is amended to read:

2-A. Appointment of office administrator. The Chief Medical Examiner may appoint one office administrator who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief Medical Examiner. The office administrator shall perform such duties as may be delegated by the Chief Medical Examiner. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the compensation of the Chief Medical Examiner's office administrator must be fixed by the Chief Medical Examiner subject to approval by the Attorney General.

PART GG

Sec. GG-1. 5 MRSA §3360-I, first ¶, as amended by PL 2013, c. 607, §1, is further amended to read:

As part of the sentence or fine imposed, the court shall impose an assessment of ~~\$35~~ \$70 on any person convicted of murder, a Class A crime, a Class B crime or a Class C crime and ~~\$20~~ \$40 on any person convicted of a Class D crime or a Class E crime, except that the court shall impose an assessment of ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 on any person convicted of aggravated sex trafficking as described in Title 17-A, section 852, an assessment of ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 on any person convicted of sex trafficking as described in Title 17-A, section 853, an assessment of ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 on any person for the first conviction

and ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 for each subsequent conviction of engaging a prostitute as described in Title 17-A, section 853-B and an assessment of ~~\$500~~ \$1,000 on any person for the first conviction and ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 for each subsequent conviction of patronizing prostitution of a minor or patronizing prostitution of a mentally disabled person 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 and 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.

PART HH

Sec. HH-1. Transfers and adjustments to position count. 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 transfers of positions and available balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Budget Officer shall transfer the position counts and available balances by financial order, in order to achieve the purposes of this section during the 2024-2025 biennium. Position adjustments made after December 1st and before July 1st of each fiscal year may 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 II

Sec. II-1. 36 MRSA §685, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. PPPP, §3, is amended to read:

E. For property tax years beginning on or after April 1, 2023, ~~the percentage 76%~~ of the taxes lost by reason of the exemptions under section 683, subsections 1 and 1-B ~~that is 3 percentage points over the percentage for the previous year until the percentage of reimbursement reaches 100%.~~

PART JJ

Sec. JJ-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; Department of Corrections. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal year 2023-24 and 2024-25 only, the Department of Corrections is authorized to transfer available balances of appropriations and allocations in the Personal Services line category in the Long Creek Youth Development Center program after all financial commitments for salary, benefit and other obligations have been made to the All Other line category of the Long Creek Youth Development Center 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 KK

Sec. KK-1. Transfer to General Fund unappropriated surplus; COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account and Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer a total of \$3,100,000 from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, COVID Pandemic Relief Payment Program Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account and the Winter Energy Relief Payment Program Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund. On or before June 30, 2024, the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall determine from which accounts the funds will be transferred so that the sum equals \$3,100,000 and notify the State Controller of the amounts to be transferred from each account.

PART LL

Sec. LL-1. Department of Corrections, Admin Corrections - Carrying account; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$1,057,313 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Corrections, Admin Corrections - Carrying account, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

PART MM

Sec. MM-1. Transfer of funds for fuel expenditures. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Corrections may transfer available balances designated for fuel expenditures in facility accounts to the Department of Corrections, Corrections Fuel program, General Fund account by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations.

PART NN

Sec. NN-1. Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, State of Maine Bicentennial Celebration account; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$134,125 of unencumbered balance forward from the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, State of Maine Bicentennial Celebration, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

PART OO

Sec. OO-1. 37-B MRSA §512, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 128, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund establishment; purpose. The Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund, an interest-bearing account, known in this section as "the fund," is established for the purpose of ensuring ongoing care and maintenance of veterans' graves within the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System after plot interment allowances for burials within the system are no longer received from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The fund is established from deposits of 1/3 of the funds received from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for plot interment allowances and from annual deposits from the Coordinated Veterans Assistance Fund established by section 514. The fund may also accept private and public donations. The fund is separate from other perpetual care or cemetery maintenance funds that support veterans' cemeteries and were established prior to ~~the effective date of this section~~ July 12, 2010. Money deposited in the fund and the earnings on that money remain in the fund to be used for ongoing care and maintenance of veterans' graves within the Maine Veterans' Memorial Cemetery System.

PART PP

Sec. PP-1. PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. F, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. F-1. Transfer to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Healthy Soils Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$1,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Healthy Soils Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purposes of improving the health, yield and profitability of the State's diverse agricultural soils and commodities; protecting native biological and microbiological diversity, vitality and health and increasing the greenhouse gas drawdown

provided by the State's agricultural soils; promoting healthy soils agricultural practices based on indigenous knowledge, current understanding and emerging soil science as determined by the department; and promoting and expanding the use of healthy soils best practices among farmers and farmland owners in the State.

Sec. PP-2. PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. G, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. G-1. Transfer to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account for a grant program to assist farmers in the State to overcome the adverse effects of drought conditions in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 220-A.

PART QQ

Sec. QQ-1. Transfers from available fiscal year 2023-24 Other Special Revenue Funds balances to General Fund; Department of Professional and Financial Regulation. At the close of fiscal year 2023-24, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,000,000 from available balances in Other Special Revenue Funds accounts within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the General Fund unappropriated surplus. On or before June 30, 2024, the Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation shall determine from which accounts the funds will be transferred so that the sum equals \$2,000,000 and notify the State Controller and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs of the amounts to be transferred from each account.

PART RR

Sec. RR-1. Transfers from available fiscal year 2023-24 and fiscal year 2024-25 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance, Other Special Revenue Funds balances to the Department of the Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before November 1, 2023 and on or before June 30, 2024 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, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

PART SS

Sec. SS-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Finance Authority of Maine, Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Finance Authority of Maine, Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support loan repayment for health care professionals who commit to living and working in the State. Under the program, the authority shall pay to a recipient a maximum of \$25,000 per year, up to an aggregate amount that is the lesser of \$75,000 and 50% of the recipient's outstanding loan balance. The duties under this program terminate when the funds transferred pursuant to this section are fully expended unless other funding is made available to carry out the purpose of the program.

Sec. SS-2. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Finance Authority of Maine, Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support the program.

Sec. SS-3. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Doctors For Maine's Future Scholarship Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$1,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Finance Authority of Maine, Doctors For Maine's Future Scholarship Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support the program.

PART TT

Sec. TT-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Housing Authority - State program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$5,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Housing Authority - State program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Sec. TT-2. Fiscal year 2022-2023 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, 2023, 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 from the available balance of the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund up to \$65,000,000 to the Maine State Housing Authority, Housing Authority - State program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

Sec. TT-3. Housing Authority - State program distribution of transferred funds. Of the funds transferred pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of this Part, up to \$35,000,000 must be used to fund the Rural Affordable Rental Housing Program and the remainder must be used to fund the Low-income Housing Tax Credit Program.

PART UU

Sec. UU-1. 22 MRSA §801, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2005, c. 383, §3, is further amended to read:

7. Notifiable disease or condition. "Notifiable disease or condition" means any communicable disease, occupational disease or environmental disease, the occurrence or suspected occurrence of which is required to be reported to the department pursuant to sections 821 to 825 ~~or section 1493.~~

Sec. UU-2. 22 MRSA §801, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 487, §11, is amended to read:

8. Occupational disease. "Occupational disease" ~~shall have the meaning set forth in section 1491~~ means any abnormal condition or disorder, including an occupational injury, caused by exposure to environmental factors associated with employment.

Sec. UU-3. 22 MRSA §1322-E, sub-§3, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 403, §1, is amended to read:

D. Measures to prevent occupational exposures to lead for private and public employees, ~~including improvements in the effectiveness of the occupational disease reporting system required in chapter 259-A in identifying and educating health care providers, employers and lead-exposed adults about occupational lead poisoning prevention strategies;~~

Sec. UU-4. 22 MRSA c. 259-A, as amended, is repealed.

PART VV

Sec. VV-1. 22 MRSA §3110 is enacted to read:

§3110. Authority to share information

1. Information provided upon request. Upon request, the department shall provide timely access electronically to income records and program enrollment information of a recipient of assistance under this subtitle to state agencies, quasi-state agencies or other entities for purposes of the administration of and application for

the low-income home energy assistance program described in Title 30-A, section 4722, subsection 1, paragraph W; the low-income assistance program described in Title 35-A, section 3214, subsection 2; a local, state or federal subsidized housing program; and an energy efficiency program administered by an entity approved by the department or any other entity or program that, in the judgment of the department, provides services or resources that substantially promote the health and well-being of recipients of its services.

2. Authorization required. Before providing any information pursuant to this section, the department must receive express authorization from the recipient agreeing to the release of that information in accordance with federal and state law. The department shall develop a simplified process to give the recipient the choice of authorizing the 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.

3. Maintenance fees. The department may charge a reasonable annual maintenance fee to an entity that receives information pursuant to this section.

4. Duties of recipients of information. Records and program enrollment information obtained pursuant to this section may be used only in accordance with federal and state law and this section. An entity that receives records is responsible for the protection and security of personally identifiable information contained in the records.

5. Rules. The department shall 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, except that rules adopted pursuant to subsection 3 are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. VV-2. Stakeholder consultation. Before establishing a plan or issuing a request for proposals to develop the technology to implement the provisions of this Part, but no later than November 1, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene the agencies and organizations administering programs listed in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3110, subsection 1, the Office of the Public Advocate and any other interested parties as determined by the department to determine the means of delivering the information required under this Part and discuss whether temporary measures may be available to facilitate the exchange of information necessary to determine eligibility for the programs prior to the full implementation of this Part.

Sec. VV-3. Rules. The Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt rules as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3110, subsection 5 no later than October 1, 2025.

PART WW

Sec. WW-1. 22-A MRSA §205, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. N, §44, is further amended to read:

4. Appointments. All deputy commissioners, all office directors, the director of the division of licensing and certification, the regional systems integration directors and the superintendents of any state institutions are appointed by the commissioner and serve at the pleasure of the commissioner.

Deputy commissioners and office directors appointed pursuant to this subsection must have educational qualifications and professional experience directly related to the functions of and services provided by the relevant unit or office.

PART XX

Sec. XX-1. 22-A MRSA §205, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. N, §44, is further amended to read:

4. Appointments. All deputy commissioners, all office directors, the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace executive director, the regional systems integration directors and the superintendents of any state institutions are appointed by the commissioner and serve at the pleasure of the commissioner.

Deputy commissioners and office directors appointed pursuant to this subsection must have educational qualifications and professional experience directly related to the functions of and services provided by the relevant unit or office.

PART YY

Sec. YY-1. 36 MRSA §2892, 8th ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 29, Pt. M, §2, is amended to read:

For state fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2021 but before July 1, 2024, the hospital's taxable year is the hospital's fiscal year that ended during calendar year 2018.

Sec. YY-2. 36 MRSA §2892, as amended by PL 2021, c. 29, Pt. M, §1 and 2, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

For state fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2024, the hospital's taxable year is the hospital's fiscal year that ended during calendar year 2020.

PART ZZ

Sec. ZZ-1. Attrition savings. Notwithstanding Public Law 2023, chapter 17, Part D or any other provision of law to the contrary, the attrition rate for the 2024-2025 biennium is 8% in fiscal year 2023-24 and 6% in fiscal year 2024-25 for judicial branch and executive branch departments and agencies only. The attrition rate for subsequent biennia is 1.6%.

Sec. ZZ-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 2023-24 and 2024-25. 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, 2023.

Sec. ZZ-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 8%. This savings is in addition to the savings pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 17 from recognizing an increase in attrition from 1.6% to 5%.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$13,974,979)	(\$4,723,406)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$13,974,979)	(\$4,723,406)

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	(\$13,974,979)	(\$4,723,406)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$13,974,979)	(\$4,723,406)

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 8%. This savings is in addition to the savings pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 17 from recognizing an increase in attrition from 1.6% to 5%.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$1,533,218)	(\$521,329)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$1,533,218)	(\$521,329)

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	(\$1,533,218)	(\$521,329)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$1,533,218)	(\$521,329)

SECTION TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
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GENERAL FUND	(\$15,508,197)	(\$5,244,735)
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	(\$15,508,197)	(\$5,244,735)

PART AAA

Sec. AAA-1. 3 MRSA §959, sub-§1, ¶I, as amended by PL 2021, c. 617, §1, is further amended to read:

I. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters shall use the following list as a guideline for scheduling reviews:

- (2) Department of Labor in 2023;
- (3) Maine Labor Relations Board in 2025; ~~and~~
- (4) Workers' Compensation Board in 2025; ~~and~~
- (5) The paid family and medical leave benefits program established in Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 6-C in 2029.

Sec. AAA-2. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§54-F is enacted to read:

54-F.

<u>Labor</u>	<u>Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Authority</u>	<u>Expenses Only</u>	<u>26 MRSA §850-O</u>
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Sec. AAA-3. 26 MRSA §42, first ¶, as amended by PL 1999, c. 649, §1, is further amended to read:

The bureau shall collect, assort and arrange statistical details relating to all departments of labor and industrial pursuits in the State; to trade unions and other labor organizations and their effect upon labor and capital; to the number and character of industrial accidents and their effect upon the injured, their dependent relatives and upon the general public; to other matters relating to the commercial, industrial, social, educational, moral and sanitary conditions prevailing within the State, including the names of firms, companies or corporations, where located, the kind of goods produced or manufactured, the time operated each year, the number of employees classified according to age and sex and the daily and average wages paid each employee; and the exploitation of such other subjects as will tend to promote the permanent prosperity of the industries of the State. The director is authorized and empowered, subject to the approval of the Governor, to accept from any other agency of government, individual, group or corporation such funds as may be available in carrying out this section, and meet such requirements with respect to the administration of such funds, not inconsistent with this section, as are required as conditions precedent to receiving such funds. An accounting of such funds and a report of the use to which they were

put must be included in the biennial report to the Governor. Each agency of government shall cooperate fully with the bureau's efforts to compile labor and industrial statistics. The director shall cause to be enforced all laws regulating the employment of minors; all laws established for the protection of health, lives and limbs of operators in workshops and factories, on railroads and in other places; all laws regulating the payment of wages; and all laws enacted for the protection of the working classes. During an investigation to enforce those laws, the director may request records and other information relating to an employer's compliance with unemployment compensation and workers' compensation laws, including information needed to determine whether the employer has properly classified a worker as an independent contractor, and shall report suspected violations of those laws to the state or federal agency responsible for enforcing them. The director may adopt, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, rules regarding all such laws, except where this authority is granted to a board or commission. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~H-A~~ 2-A. The director shall, on or before the first day of July, biennially, report to the Governor, and may make such suggestions and recommendations as the director may deem necessary for the information of the Legislature. The director may from time to time cause to be printed and distributed bulletins upon any subject that is of public interest and benefit to the State, including, but not limited to, the paid family and medical leave benefits program established in chapter 7, subchapter 6-C, and may conduct a program of research, education and promotion to reduce industrial accidents. The director may review various data, such as workers' compensation records, as well as other information relating to any public or private employer's safety experience. When any individual public or private employer's safety experience causes the director to question seriously the safe working environment of that employer, the director may offer any safety education and consultation programs to that employer that may be beneficial in providing a safer work environment. If the employer refuses this assistance or is in serious noncompliance which may lead to injuries, or if serious threats to worker safety continue, then the director shall communicate concerns to appropriate agencies, such as the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration. As used in this section, the term "noncompliance" means a lack of compliance with any applicable health and safety regulations of the United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration or other federal agencies. The bureau is responsible for the enforcement of indoor air quality and ventilation standards with respect to state-owned buildings and buildings leased by the State. The bureau shall enforce air quality standards in a manner to ensure that corrections to problems found in buildings be made over a reasonable period of

time, using consent agreements and other approaches as necessary and reasonable.

Sec. AAA-4. 26 MRSA §42-B, sub-§1, ¶F, as amended by PL 2019, c. 156, §1 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

F. Minimum wage and overtime provisions as described in section 664; ~~and~~

Sec. AAA-5. 26 MRSA §42-B, sub-§1, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 156, §2 and affected by §4, is amended to read:

G. Earned paid leave; ~~and~~

Sec. AAA-6. 26 MRSA §42-B, sub-§1, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. Paid family and medical leave as provided in chapter 7, subchapter 6-C.

Sec. AAA-7. 26 MRSA c. 7, sub-c. 6-C is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 6-C

PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

§850-A. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Administrator. "Administrator" means the department administering the program or an authorized 3rd party conducting any functions necessary to implement and operate the program.

2. Authority. "Authority" means the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Authority, under section 850-O.

3. Average weekly wage. "Average weekly wage," as used to establish the maximum weekly benefit amount for purposes of this subchapter, means 1/52 of aggregate total wages paid in the State for a covered individual, as reported on employer contribution reports for the calendar year, divided by the arithmetic mean of midmonth weekly covered employment reported on employer contribution reports for the calendar year in the form and manner determined by the department.

4. Base period. "Base period" means the first 4 calendar quarters immediately preceding the first day of an individual's benefit year.

5. Benefit year. "Benefit year" means the 12-month period beginning on the first day of the calendar week immediately preceding the date on which family leave benefits or medical leave benefits commence.

6. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Labor.

7. Contributions. "Contributions" means the payments remitted by an employer or self-employed individual to the fund, as required by this subchapter.

8. Controller. "Controller" means the State Controller.

9. Covered individual. "Covered individual" means a person who:

A. Earned at least 6 times the state average weekly wage in wages subject to premiums under this subchapter during the individual's base period or elects coverage and meets the requirements of section 850-G; and

B. Meets the administrative requirements outlined in this subchapter and any rules adopted pursuant to this subchapter and files an application for family leave benefits or medical leave benefits.

10. Covered service member. "Covered service member" means:

A. A member of the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces, who is:

(1) Undergoing medical treatment, recuperation or therapy or otherwise receiving outpatient treatment; or

(2) Otherwise on the United States Armed Forces' temporary disability retired list for a serious injury or illness that was incurred by the member in the line of duty in the United States Armed Forces or a serious injury or illness that existed before the beginning of the member's active duty and was aggravated by service in the line of duty on active duty in the United States Armed Forces; or

B. A former member of the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard and the Reserves of the United States Armed Forces, who is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation or therapy for a serious injury or illness that was incurred by the member in the line of duty in the United States Armed Forces or a serious injury or illness that existed before the beginning of the member's active duty and was aggravated by service in the line of duty on active duty in the United States Armed Forces and manifested before or after the member was discharged or released from service.

11. Department. "Department" means the Department of Labor.

12. Domestic partner. "Domestic partner" has the same meaning as in Title 1, section 72, subsection 2-C.

13. Employee. "Employee" means a person who may be permitted, required or directed by an employer

in consideration of direct or indirect gain or profit to engage in any employment in the State but does not include an independent contractor.

14. Employer. "Employer" means:

A. Any person, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, association or other business entity that employs employees at a location in this State;

B. The State, including the executive, legislative and judicial branches, and a state department or agency;

C. A county, city, town or municipal agency;

D. An agent of an employer, the State or a political subdivision of the State;

E. A public employer, as defined in section 962, subsection 7; and

F. A tribal government that has elected coverage pursuant to section 850-G.

"Employer" does not include the Federal Government.

15. Employment. "Employment" means a service performed for wages.

16. Employment benefits. "Employment benefits" means all benefits provided or made available to employees by an employer, including, but not limited to, group life insurance, health insurance, disability insurance, sick leave, annual or vacation leave, educational benefits and pensions.

17. Family leave. "Family leave" means leave taken pursuant to section 850-B, subsection 2.

18. Family leave benefits. "Family leave benefits" means wage replacement paid pursuant to sections 850-B and 850-C to a covered individual while the covered individual is on family leave.

19. Family member. "Family member" means, with respect to a covered individual or spouse or domestic partner of a covered individual:

A. Regardless of age, a child, including a child whose parentage has been determined under the Maine Parentage Act or any other biological child, adopted child, foster child or stepchild, or a child to whom the covered individual or spouse or domestic partner of the covered individual stands in loco parentis or a child the covered individual or spouse or domestic partner of the covered individual has under legal guardianship or any individual to whom the covered individual or spouse or domestic partner of the covered individual stood in any of these relationships when the individual was a minor child;

B. A parent, including a legal parent, biological parent, adoptive parent, foster parent, stepparent, de facto parent or legal guardian or a person who stood in loco parentis when the covered individual

or spouse or domestic partner of the covered individual was a minor child;

C. A grandparent, including a legal grandparent, biological grandparent, adoptive grandparent, foster grandparent, stepgrandparent or de facto grandparent;

D. A grandchild, including a legal grandchild, biological grandchild, adoptive grandchild, foster grandchild, stepgrandchild or de facto grandchild;

E. A sibling, including a legal sibling, biological sibling, adoptive sibling, foster sibling, stepsibling or de facto sibling;

F. A spouse or domestic partner of a covered individual; or

G. As designated by the covered individual in accordance with rule, an individual with whom the covered individual has a significant personal bond that is or is like a family relationship, regardless of biological or legal relationship.

20. Fund. "Fund" means the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund established under section 850-E.

21. Health care provider. "Health care provider" means an individual licensed to practice medicine, surgery, dentistry, chiropractic, podiatry, midwifery or osteopathy or any other individual determined by the administrator to be capable of providing health care services.

22. Medical leave. "Medical leave" means leave taken pursuant to section 850-B, subsection 3.

23. Medical leave benefits. "Medical leave benefits" means wage replacement paid pursuant to sections 850-B and 850-C to a covered individual while the covered individual is on medical leave.

24. Program. "Program" means the paid family and medical leave benefits program established in section 850-B.

25. Qualifying exigency. "Qualifying exigency" means an exigency determined pursuant to the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 United States Code, Section 2612(a)(1)(E).

26. Safe leave. "Safe leave" means any leave taken because the covered individual or the covered individual's family member is a victim of violence, assault, sexual assault under Title 17-A, chapter 11, stalking or any act that would support an order for protection under Title 19-A, chapter 103. Safe leave under this subchapter applies if the covered individual is using the leave to protect the covered individual or the covered individual's family member by:

A. Seeking an order for protection under Title 19-A, chapter 103;

B. Obtaining medical care or mental health counseling for the covered individual or for the covered individual's family member to address physical or psychological injuries resulting from the act of violence, assault, sexual assault or stalking or act that would support an order for protection under Title 19-A, chapter 103;

C. Making the covered individual's or the covered individual's family member's home secure from the perpetrator of the act of violence, assault, sexual assault or stalking or act that would support an order for protection under Title 19-A, chapter 103 or seeking new housing to escape the perpetrator; or

D. Seeking legal assistance to address issues arising from the act of violence, assault, sexual assault or stalking or act that would support an order for protection under Title 19-A, chapter 103 or attending and preparing for court-related proceedings arising from the act or crime.

27. Self-employed individual. "Self-employed individual" means an independent contractor as described in section 1043, subsection 11, paragraph E, a sole proprietor, a member of a limited liability company or limited liability partnership or an individual whose net profit or loss from a business must be reported to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services and who resides in the State.

28. Serious health condition. "Serious health condition" means an illness, injury, impairment, pregnancy, recovery from childbirth or physical, mental or psychological condition that involves inpatient care in a hospital, hospice or residential medical care center or continuing treatment by a health care provider.

29. Spouse. "Spouse" has the same meaning as in Title 18-C, section 1-201, subsection 54.

30. State average weekly wage. "State average weekly wage" means the average weekly wage as published by the department for the State as a whole for the 12 most recently reported months.

31. Wages. "Wages" includes, but is not limited to, salary, wages, tips, commissions and other compensation as determined by rule. For a self-employed individual who elects coverage under section 850-G, "wages" includes, but is not limited to, self-employment income as defined by 26 United States Code, Section 1402(b).

32. Weekly benefit amount. "Weekly benefit amount" means the amount of wage replacement paid to a covered individual on a weekly basis while the covered individual is on family leave or medical leave as provided in section 850-C.

§850-B. Paid family and medical leave benefits program established

The paid family and medical leave benefits program is established effective January 1, 2026. The program is administered by the department. In accordance with subsection 1, the department may, through contract after a competitive bidding process subject to the requirements of Title 5, section 1816-B, authorize a 3rd party to conduct claims administration.

1. Competitive bidding process. Any competitive bidding process used by the department pursuant to this section is governed by this subsection.

A. The minimum criteria established by the department to evaluate a proposal must include, but are not limited to cost; transparency of business operations; efficiency of business operations; quality of work related to the potential contracts issued; user experience; confidentiality and use of claimant data; software development, information technology and state ownership of software and specialized information technology; accountability; experience with providing education to the public related to claims; and a cost-benefit analysis documenting the direct and indirect costs of such a contract, including qualitative and quantitative benefits that will result from the implementation of such a contract.

B. Any 3rd party that submits a proposal must have a meaningful physical presence in the State; have no adjudicated record of substantial or repeated willful noncompliance with any relevant federal, state or local law, statute or regulation, including payment of taxes or other payments owed to a public entity; attest to compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws, regulations and statutes, including health and safety, labor and employment and licensing laws that affect the employees, worksite or performance of the contract; complete a signed pledge of compliance provided by the State to comply with all applicable laws, statutes and regulations; and attest that any projected cost savings may not derive from the 3rd party's failure to provide adequate wages.

C. The requirements of Title 5, section 1825-B, subsection 7 do not apply.

2. Family leave eligibility. A covered individual is eligible for family leave for any of the following reasons:

A. To bond with the covered individual's child during the first 12 months after the child's birth or the first 12 months after the placement of the child for adoption or foster care with the covered individual;

B. To care for a family member with a serious health condition;

C. To attend to a qualifying exigency;

D. To care for a family member of the covered individual who is a covered service member;

E. To take safe leave; or

F. Any other reason set forth in section 843, subsection 4.

3. Medical leave eligibility. A covered individual with a serious health condition that makes the covered individual unable to work is eligible for medical leave.

4. Maximum leave requirements. The following requirements apply.

A. A covered individual is not eligible for more than 12 weeks of family leave in a benefit year.

B. A covered individual is not eligible for medical leave for more than 12 weeks in a benefit year.

C. A covered individual may not take more than 12 weeks, in the aggregate, of family leave and medical leave under this subchapter in the same benefit year.

This subsection does not prevent a covered individual from taking medical leave that is immediately followed by family leave when the medical leave is taken during pregnancy or recovery from childbirth and is supported by documentation from a health care provider.

5. Intermittent leave requirements. Leave permitted by this section may be taken by an employee intermittently in increments of not less than 8 hours or on a reduced leave schedule otherwise agreed to by the employee and the employer. 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.

6. Weekly benefit. While on family leave or medical leave pursuant to this subchapter, a covered individual receives a weekly benefit amount as provided in section 850-C.

7. Notice to employer. Absent an emergency, illness or other sudden necessity for taking leave, an employee shall give reasonable notice to the employee's supervisor of the employee's intent to use leave under this subchapter. Use of such leave must be scheduled to prevent undue hardship on the employer as reasonably determined by the employer. If an employer fails to provide notice as required under section 850-I, the employee's obligation to provide notice under this subsection is waived.

8. Right to benefits; accrual. The taking of family leave or medical leave may not affect an employee's right to accrue vacation time, sick time, bonuses, advancement, seniority, length of service credit or other employment benefits, plans or programs. During the duration of an employee's family leave or medical leave, the employer shall continue to provide for and contribute to the employee's employment-related health insurance benefits, if any, at the level and under the condi-

tions coverage would have been provided if the employee had continued working continuously for the duration of leave.

9. Treatment of self-employed individuals. Subsection 8 does not apply to a self-employed individual taking family leave or medical leave under this subchapter or to a person who is no longer an employee who was an employee when that person began taking family leave or medical leave under this subchapter.

10. Collective bargaining; employer policy; greater or additional rights. This subchapter does not:

A. Obviate an employer's obligations to comply with any employer policy, law or collective bargaining agreement that provides for rights to leave greater than or additional to those provided by this subchapter;

B. In any way curtail the rights, privileges or remedies of any employee under any collective bargaining agreement or employment contract;

C. Allow an employer to compel an employee to exhaust rights to any sick, vacation or personal time prior to or while taking leave under this subchapter; or

D. Require a public employer, as defined in section 962, subsection 7, or employee of a public employer that is a party to a collective bargaining agreement in existence on the effective date of this subchapter to apply any of the rights and responsibilities under this subchapter until the existing collective bargaining agreement expires.

11. Concurrent with leave under state and federal law. Leave taken under this subchapter runs concurrently with leave taken under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 United States Code, Section 2611, et seq., and under subchapter 6-A. Employees may take leave under this subchapter while ineligible for leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 in the same benefit year.

12. Employer policy may not waive employee rights. An employer policy adopted or retained on or after the effective date of this subchapter may not diminish an employee's right to benefits under this subchapter. Any agreement by an employee to waive the employee's rights under this subchapter is against public policy and is void and unenforceable.

§850-C. Payment of benefits

1. Waiting period for medical leave. Medical leave benefits are not payable during the first 7 calendar days of the leave, except that an employee may use accrued sick or vacation pay or other paid leave provided under a collective bargaining agreement or employer policy during the first 7 calendar days of the leave.

2. Determination of weekly benefit amount. The weekly benefit amount paid to employees and self-employed individuals on family leave or medical leave is calculated as follows:

A. The portion of the covered individual's average weekly wage that is equal to or less than 50% of the state average weekly wage must be replaced at a rate of 90%; and

B. The portion of the covered individual's average weekly wage that is more than 50% of the state average weekly wage must be replaced at a rate of 66% up to the maximum weekly benefit.

3. Maximum benefit amount adjustment. The maximum weekly benefit amount calculated under subsection 2 is the state average weekly wage. By January 1st of the year in which claims begin being processed and annually thereafter, the department shall take into consideration the recommendation of the authority to adjust the maximum weekly benefit amount as necessary, and the adjusted maximum weekly benefit amount takes effect on January 1st of the year following the adjustment. The authority shall recommend adjusting the maximum benefit amount in order to maintain the solvency of the fund at a level of at least the annualized amount described in section 850-E, subsection 3.

4. Prorated benefit. If a covered individual takes family leave or medical leave on an intermittent or reduced leave schedule, the weekly benefit amount must be prorated as determined by the department.

5. Reduction of benefit. The weekly benefit amount must be reduced by the amount of wages or wage replacement that a covered individual receives for that period under any of the following while on family leave or medical leave:

A. A government program or law, including, but not limited to, unemployment insurance under this Title and workers' compensation under Title 39-A other than for compensation received under Title 39-A, section 213 for an injury that occurred prior to the family leave or medical leave claim, or under other state or federal temporary or permanent disability benefits law; or

B. A permanent disability policy or program of an employer.

§850-D. Applications and claims for benefits

1. Procedures and forms. The administrator shall establish reasonable procedures and forms for filing claims for family leave benefits and medical leave benefits under this subchapter and shall specify what supporting documentation is necessary to support a claim for benefits, including any documentation required from a health care provider for proof of a serious health condition and any documentation required by the administrator with regard to a claim for safe leave or qualifying exigency leave.

2. Filing of application. An individual may file an application for family leave benefits or medical leave benefits no more than 60 days before the anticipated start date of family leave and medical leave and no more than 90 days after the start date of family leave and medical leave. The administrator shall waive the 90-day filing deadline for good cause. The administrator shall institute forms and procedures that are not unduly burdensome to an individual claiming benefits.

3. Notification of employer. The administrator shall notify the relevant employer within 5 business days of a claim being filed pursuant to this subchapter.

4. Confidentiality. Any medical or health information required under this section must be treated as confidential and may not be disclosed except with permission from the covered individual who provided it unless disclosure is otherwise required by law. Nothing in this section may be construed to compel a health care provider to provide any information for certification that would be in violation of Section 1177 of the federal Social Security Act, 42 United States Code, Section 1320d-6.

5. Ineligibility. A covered individual is not eligible to receive family leave benefits or medical leave benefits if the administrator finds, through a process established by rule, that the covered individual, for the purpose of obtaining these benefits, has willfully made a false statement or misrepresentation regarding a material fact or has willfully withheld a material fact concerning the facts required to be certified pursuant to this section. The department shall establish a process by rule for the determination of eligibility under this section, including a grievance process for a covered individual determined to be ineligible.

§850-E. Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund

1. Fund established. The Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund is established to carry out the purposes of this subchapter. The fund is administered by the Treasurer of State. Any sums received under this section are not considered revenue of the State, but must be held in trust for the exclusive benefit of covered individuals eligible for family leave benefits and medical leave benefits under this subchapter and for the administration of this subchapter by the department. Funds may not be expended, released, appropriated or otherwise disposed of for any other purpose and must be expended by the department as required by this subchapter to pay family leave benefits and medical leave benefits to covered individuals eligible to receive benefits and to pay the administrative costs of the administrator.

2. Deposits in fund. The fund consists of:

A. Contributions collected pursuant to section 850-F together with any interest earned thereon;

B. Property or securities acquired through the use of money belonging to the fund together with any earnings of such property or securities;

C. Fines and penalties collected under this subchapter; and

D. Any other money received from any source, including grants, gifts, bequests or money specifically designated to be credited to the fund.

3. Annualized amount. The fund must maintain an annualized amount as determined by an annual study by a qualified actuary that examines the program's recent and expected future claims experience, administrative expenses and target fund requirements.

4. Administrative costs. The costs of administering the program by the administrator may not exceed 5% of the amount deposited under subsection 2 for each fiscal year following the initial year family leave benefits and medical leave benefits are paid. Money may not be commingled with other state funds and must be maintained in a separate account.

5. Payment of benefits. The administrator shall expend money from the fund to provide weekly family leave benefits and medical leave benefits under section 850-C. Family leave benefits and medical leave benefits must be paid from the fund to covered individuals eligible for benefits. An employer's bankruptcy or noncompliance with this subchapter does not interfere with an employee's ability to collect family leave benefits and medical leave benefits under this subchapter. Family leave benefits and medical leave benefits paid from the fund to such an employee may be recovered through bankruptcy proceedings or from the noncomplying employer. The administrator shall institute administrative and legal action to recover family leave benefits and medical leave benefits paid through the fund.

6. Report. Beginning October 1, 2026 and annually thereafter, the administrator shall publish a report providing the following information concerning the program for the previous fiscal year:

A. The total claims made, the total eligible claims and the percentage of total eligible claims out of total claims made;

B. The percentage of eligible claims attributable to medical leave;

C. The percentage of eligible claims attributable to family leave for the serious health condition of a family member;

D. The percentage of eligible claims attributable to family leave other than for the birth, adoption or fostering of a child;

E. The percentage of eligible claims attributable to family leave for the birth, adoption or fostering of a child;

F. The percentage of eligible claims attributable to family leave for a qualifying exigency;

G. The percentage of eligible claims attributable to family leave for a covered service member;

H. The claimant demographics by age, gender identification, race, ethnicity, average weekly wage, occupation and the type of leave taken;

I. The percentage of claims denied and the reasons for the denials;

J. The average weekly benefit amount paid for all claims and by the type of leave taken;

K. The category of family member for whom family medical leave was taken to care for the family member's serious medical condition;

L. The time for initial claims processing and determination;

M. The average length of time between an application and receipt of benefits;

N. The average leave duration for each purpose of leave; and

O. Any changes in gross benefits paid compared to the previous fiscal year.

The administrator shall submit the annual report required by this subsection to the department, the authority and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters.

§850-F. Premiums

1. Authorized. Payroll premiums must be paid in order to finance the payment of family leave benefits and medical leave benefits under this subchapter and administration of the program.

2. Employer to remit employer contribution reports and premiums. Beginning January 1, 2025, for each employee, an employer shall remit employer contribution reports and premiums in the form and manner determined by the administrator. Employer contribution reports and premiums must be remitted quarterly.

3. Premium amount. The following provisions govern the premium amount.

A. Beginning January 1, 2025, the premium amount may not be more than a combined rate of 1.0% of wages.

B. Annually, for the 2028 calendar year and each calendar year thereafter, not later than October 1st, the department shall set the premium for the coming calendar year based on a percentage of employee wages and at the rate necessary to obtain a total amount of premium contributions in order to maintain the solvency of the fund at a level of at least the annualized amount described in section 850-E, subsection 3, plus an amount equal to 100%

of the cost of administration of the payment of those benefits during the previous fiscal year, less the amount of net assets remaining in the fund as of June 30th of the current calendar year. If, for the 2028 calendar year or any calendar year thereafter, the premium rate adjustment pursuant to this subsection is an increase and results in the difference between the rate of the upcoming calendar year and the current calendar year equaling more than 0.1% of wages paid, the department shall submit a report regarding fund solvency and factors contributing to rate setting to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters.

4. Self-employed individuals. The following provisions govern self-employed individuals.

A. A self-employed individual who elects coverage under section 850-G shall pay up to 50% of the premium required by subsection 3 on that individual's income from self-employment.

B. A self-employed individual who elects coverage under section 850-G shall remit the premium amount required by this subsection directly to the administrator, in the form and manner required by the commissioner by rule.

5. Employers. The following provisions govern employers.

A. An employer with 15 or more employees may deduct up to 50% of the premium required for an employee by subsection 3 from that employee's wages and shall remit 100% of the combined premium contribution required by subsection 3 to the fund.

B. An employer with fewer than 15 employees may deduct up to 50% of the premium required for an employee by subsection 3 from that employee's wages and shall remit 50% of the premium required by subsection 3 to the fund.

6. Limit on wages to determine premiums. Premiums are required up to the contribution and benefit base limit established annually by the federal Social Security Administration for purposes of the federal Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance program limits pursuant to 42 United States Code, Section 430.

7. Use. The premiums collected under this subchapter must be used exclusively for the payment of family leave benefits and medical leave benefits and the costs of administration of the program.

8. Approved private plan. An employer with an approved private plan under section 850-H is not required to remit premiums under this section to the fund.

9. Failure or refusal to make premium contributions. An employer that fails or refuses to make premium contributions as required in this section must be assessed 1.0% of its total annual payroll for each year it

so failed to comply in addition to any amounts previously owed, or fraction thereof, in addition to the total amount of family leave benefits and medical leave benefits paid to covered individuals for whom it failed to make premium contributions. The rate of assessment imposed by this subsection must be adjusted annually consistent with subsection 3, paragraph B.

10. Self-employed individual who elects coverage and fails or refuses to make premium contributions. A self-employed individual who elects coverage under section 850-G and who fails or refuses to make premium contributions for at least 2 quarters as required in this section may be disqualified from family leave benefits and medical leave benefits. The self-employed individual's disqualification terminates upon:

A. The self-employed individual's remittance of all previously owed premium contributions as required in this section; and

B. Following remittance as required by paragraph A, the self-employed individual's remittance of premium contributions as required in this section for an additional number of quarters equivalent to the number of quarters for which the self-employed individual failed or refused to make premium contributions.

§850-G. Elective coverage

1. Self-employed individual. A self-employed individual, including an independent contractor, sole proprietor or partner, may elect coverage under this subchapter for an initial period of not less than 3 years. The self-employed individual shall file a notice of election in writing with the commissioner, as required by the department. The election becomes effective on the date of filing the notice. As a condition of election, the self-employed individual must agree to supply any information concerning wages that the department considers necessary.

2. Withdrawal from coverage. A self-employed individual who has elected coverage may withdraw from coverage within 30 days after the end of the 3-year period of coverage, or at such other times as the commissioner may prescribe by rule, by filing written notice with the commissioner. A withdrawal may not take effect sooner than 30 days after filing the notice.

3. Individual no longer self-employed. An individual who has elected coverage under this section and is no longer a self-employed individual must be excused from that individual's obligations under this section, as the department prescribes by rule.

4. Tribal government. A tribal government may elect to be covered under this subchapter, or to terminate coverage, in the same manner as provided in this section, subject to such procedures as the department may require by rule.

§850-H. Substitution of private plans

1. Application for approval of private plan. An employer may apply to the department for approval to meet its obligations under this subchapter through a private plan. In order to be approved, a private plan must confer rights, protections and benefits substantially equivalent to those provided to employees under this subchapter, including, but not limited to:

A. Allowing family leave and medical leave to be taken for all purposes specified in section 850-B, subsections 2 and 3;

B. Providing family leave benefits and medical leave benefits to a covered individual for a maximum number of weeks substantially equivalent to the maximum number of weeks required in section 850-B, subsection 4 in a benefit year;

C. Providing a wage replacement rate for all family leave benefits and medical leave benefits that is substantially equivalent to the amount required by section 850-C, subsection 2;

D. Providing a maximum weekly benefit for all family leave benefits and medical leave benefits that is substantially equivalent to the amount specified in section 850-C, subsection 3;

E. Allowing a covered individual to take intermittent leave as authorized by section 850-B, subsection 5;

F. Imposing no additional conditions or restrictions on family leave benefits and medical leave benefits, or on family leave and medical leave taken in connection with those benefits, beyond those explicitly authorized by this subchapter or rules adopted pursuant to this subchapter;

G. Allowing any employee covered under the private plan who is eligible for family leave benefits and medical leave benefits under this subchapter to receive benefits and take family leave and medical leave under the private plan; and

H. Providing that the cost to employees covered by the private plan may not be greater than the cost charged to employees under section 850-F.

2. Additional requirements. In order to be approved as meeting an employer's obligations under this subchapter, a private plan must also comply with the following provisions:

A. If the private plan is in the form of self-insurance, the employer must furnish a bond to the State with a surety company authorized to transact business in the State, in the form, amount and manner required by the department;

B. The plan must provide coverage for all employees of the employer throughout the employee's period of employment with that employer; and

C. If the plan is in the form of a 3rd party that provides for insurance, the forms of the policy must be issued by an insurer authorized to do business in the State.

3. Withdrawal of approval. The department shall withdraw approval for a private plan granted under subsection 1 when terms or conditions of the plan have been violated. Causes for plan termination include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Failure to pay family leave benefits or medical leave benefits;
- B. Failure to pay family leave benefits or medical leave benefits timely and in a manner consistent with this subchapter;
- C. Failure to maintain an adequate surety bond under subsection 2, paragraph A;
- D. Misuse of private plan money;
- E. Failure to submit reports or comply with other requirements as required by the commissioner by rule; or
- F. Failure to comply with this subchapter or the rules adopted pursuant to this subchapter.

4. Rights retained. An employee covered by a private plan approved under this section retains all applicable rights otherwise provided under federal and state law.

5. Appeal. A contested determination or denial of family leave benefits or medical leave benefits by a private plan is subject to appeal before the department and a court of competent jurisdiction as provided in section 850-K.

6. Violations. Employers offering private plans that violate this section are subject to a fine of \$100 per violation. 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.

7. Cost of administration. The department shall annually determine the total amount expended by the department for costs arising out of the administration of private plans. An employer offering a private plan pursuant to this section shall reimburse the department for the costs arising out of the private plan in the amount, form and manner determined by the department by rule. The department shall transfer payments received pursuant to this subsection to the fund.

8. Rules. The department shall adopt rules in accordance with section 850-Q regarding the determination of what constitutes a private plan that may be approved under this section.

§850-I. Notice

1. Posted notice. An employer shall post in a conspicuous place on each of its premises a workplace notice provided or approved by the department providing notice of benefits available under this subchapter. The department shall issue the workplace notice in English, Spanish, French, Somali and Portuguese and any other language that is the primary language of at least 2,000 residents of the State. The employer shall post the workplace notice in English and each language other than English that is the primary language of 3 or more employees of that workplace, if such notice is available from the department.

2. Written notice. An employer shall issue to each employee not more than 30 days from the beginning date of the employee's employment the following written information provided or approved by the department in the employee's primary language:

- A. An explanation of the availability of family leave benefits and medical leave benefits provided under this subchapter, including rights to reinstatement of employment and continuation of health insurance;
- B. The employee's contribution amount and obligations under this subchapter;
- C. The name and mailing address of the employer;
- D. The identification number assigned to the employer by the administrator;
- E. Instructions on how to file a claim for family leave benefits or medical leave benefits;
- F. The mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number of the administrator; and
- G. Any other information deemed necessary by the administrator.

3. Failure to comply. An employer that fails to comply with this section commits a civil violation for which must be assessed, for a first violation, a civil penalty of \$50 per employee and \$150 per employee for each subsequent violation. The employer has the burden of demonstrating compliance with this section.

§850-J. Employer requirements; return to work from family or medical leave

1. Restoration to position upon return to work. Except for an employee who has not been employed for at least 120 days, an employee who exercises the right to family leave or medical leave under this subchapter is entitled, upon return from that leave, to be restored by the employer to the position held by the employee when the leave commenced or to be restored to an equivalent position with equivalent employment benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of employment.

2. Retaliation prohibited. An employer may not discharge, fire, suspend, expel or discipline, through the application of attendance policies or otherwise, or

threaten or in any manner discriminate against an employee for the exercise of any right to which the employee is entitled under this subchapter or with the purpose of interfering with the exercise of any right to which the employee is entitled under this subchapter.

3. Enforcement; violation. The department shall take enforcement action against an employer for a violation of this section.

§850-K. Appeals

1. System for appeals. The department shall establish a system for appeals in the case of a denial of family leave benefits or medical leave benefits. In establishing the system, the department may use any procedures or appeals mechanisms established under chapter 13.

2. Judicial review. Judicial review of any decision with respect to family leave benefits or medical leave benefits must be permitted in a court of competent jurisdiction after a party aggrieved by the decision has exhausted all administrative remedies established by the department.

3. Information related to appeals; confidentiality. The department shall implement procedures to ensure confidentiality, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable laws, of all information related to any claims filed or appeals made under this subchapter.

§850-L. Disqualification of covered individual

1. False statement; misrepresentation. A covered individual is disqualified from family leave benefits and medical leave benefits for one year if the individual is determined by the department to have willfully made a false statement or misrepresentation regarding a material fact, or willfully failed to report a material fact, to obtain benefits under this subchapter.

2. Erroneous payment. If family leave benefits or medical leave benefits are paid erroneously or as the result of willful misrepresentation or a claim for family leave benefits or medical leave benefits is rejected after benefits are paid, the department may seek repayment of benefits from the recipient. The department shall exercise discretion to waive, in whole or in part, the amount of any such payments if the recovery would be against equity and good conscience.

§850-M. Tax treatment

1. Federal tax. If the federal Internal Revenue Service determines that family leave benefits or medical leave benefits under this subchapter are subject to federal income tax, the department shall advise an individual filing a new claim for family leave benefits or medical leave benefits, at the time the individual files the claim, that:

A. The federal Internal Revenue Service has determined that benefits are subject to federal income tax;

B. Requirements exist pertaining to estimated tax payments;

C. The individual may elect to have federal income tax deducted and withheld from the individual's payment of benefits in the amount specified in the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

D. The individual is permitted to change a previously elected withholding status.

2. Conformity to Internal Revenue Service procedures. The department shall follow all procedures specified by the federal Internal Revenue Service pertaining to the deducting and withholding of income tax.

3. Rules. The department, in consultation with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, shall adopt rules regarding federal and state tax treatment and related procedures regarding family leave benefits and medical leave benefits and the sharing of necessary information between the department and the Bureau of Revenue Services.

§850-N. Data collection and technology

The administrator shall use state data collection procedures and technology to the extent possible to integrate the program with existing state policies.

§850-O. Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Authority

The Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Authority, established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 54-F, shall advise the administrator on the implementation and administration of the program in accordance with this subchapter.

1. Membership; appointments. The authority consists of the following 15 members:

A. Eleven members 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:

- (1) One member with expertise in issues affecting labor and independent contractors;
- (2) One employer with more than 50 employees;
- (3) One member with expertise in issues related to paid family leave benefits and paid medical leave benefits;
- (4) One employer with 50 or fewer employees;
- (5) One member who is self-employed;
- (6) One member who is an employer in the hospitality industry;
- (7) One member with expertise in treating issues affecting maternity and postpartum care;

(8) One member with expertise in agriculture, a seasonal workforce or a heritage industry;

(9) One member with expertise in issues affecting elder care;

(10) One member with expertise in child care and early childhood development; and

(11) One member with expertise in employment law representing employee interests;

B. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee;

C. The controller or the controller's designee;

D. The Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation or the commissioner's designee; and

E. One employee of the Department of Health and Human Services with expertise in foster care and adoption designated by the commissioner.

2. Terms. Members of the authority serve 3-year terms. When a vacancy occurs, the Governor shall fill the vacancy by appointing a member from the same category as the member who vacated the authority, and that new member continues to serve for the remainder of the term.

3. Chair; election of board officers. The members of the authority shall annually elect one of its members as chair and one of its members as vice-chair. The chair is responsible for scheduling at least 4 authority meetings a year and for preparing the agenda for each meeting.

4. Quorum. A majority of the authority members constitutes a quorum.

5. Staffing of authority. The department shall provide administrative and staff support to the authority, and staff shall attend all meetings of the authority.

6. Meetings. The authority shall meet at least quarterly each year. Additional meetings may be held as necessary to conduct the business of the authority. At least once per year, the authority and the department shall convene a meeting to solicit public comment on any issues related to paid family leave benefits and paid medical leave benefits and on the experiences of employers and employees with the program.

7. Duties. The authority:

A. Shall monitor the program on an ongoing basis to ensure the program's efficacy and performance, including its fiscal accountability and its financial solvency;

B. Owes a fiduciary duty to the program and shall monitor and issue recommendations regarding the program's financial solvency;

C. Shall propose changes to or advise the administrator on the laws, rules, administrator policies and other significant issues related to paid family leave benefits and paid medical leave benefits;

D. Shall provide policy oversight and recommendations on the administration and structure of the program;

E. Shall review and make recommendations to the commissioner related to the relationship between the administrator and the employers and employees participating in the program and any education and outreach needs of the program;

F. Shall solicit and consider public comment on the administration of the program;

G. Shall consider and make recommendations on how to support employers with implementation of the program and maintain stability of the labor workforce for employers;

H. May review all contracts regarding the program, including its administration and financial solvency; and

I. May recommend suggested legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters may submit a bill to any regular or special session based on legislation suggested in accordance with this paragraph.

§850-P. Implementation

Contributions must begin January 1, 2025 to provide funds for the fund. The administrator shall begin processing claims on May 1, 2026, except that, by February 1, 2026, the authority shall conduct an actuarial study to ensure the solvency of the fund in order to begin processing claims on May 1st. If additional contributions are required based on the results of the actuarial study, the authority, through a majority vote, may require a one-time suspension of claims payments of no longer than 3 months.

The administrator shall establish reasonable procedures and forms for filing claims for benefits under this subchapter and shall specify what supporting documentation is necessary to support a claim for benefits, including documentation required from a health care provider for proof of a serious health condition.

§850-Q. Rulemaking

The department shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this subchapter. Initial rules necessary for implementation of this subchapter must be adopted by the department by January 1, 2025. Rules adopted pursuant to this subchapter are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

§850-R. Effect of existing employer benefits for family and medical leave

This subchapter may not be construed to prohibit an employee entitled to receive benefits for family leave or medical leave under a collective bargaining agreement or employer policy from also receiving benefits under this subchapter as long as the employee is otherwise eligible for benefits under this subchapter.

Sec. AAA-8. Staggered terms. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 850-O, subsection 2, of the initial members appointed to the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Authority pursuant to Title 26, section 850-O, subsection 1, paragraph A, the members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (1), (3) and (5) must be appointed to a term of one year; the members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (2), (7), (8) and (11) must be appointed to a term of 2 years; and the members appointed pursuant to subparagraphs (4), (6), (9) and (10) must be appointed to a term of 3 years.

Sec. AAA-9. Initial appointments. The Governor shall appoint the initial members of the Paid Family and Medical Leave Benefits Authority pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 850-O, subsection 1, paragraph A no later than January 1, 2024.

Sec. AAA-10. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$25,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Labor, Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide funds for the initial start-up costs to establish the paid family and medical leave benefits program.

Sec. AAA-11. Calculation and transfer; premium contributions for paid family and medical leave benefits. The State Budget Officer shall calculate the amount of the premium contributions in Part A that applies against each General Fund account for all departments and agencies and shall transfer those amounts by financial order upon the approval of the Governor. These transfers are considered adjustments to appropriations in fiscal year 2024-25. The State Budget Officer shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs a report of the transferred amounts no later than October 1, 2025.

PART BBB

Sec. BBB-1. Transfer of funds. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 only, the Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to transfer available balances of All Other or Personal Services ap-

propriations, after all salary, benefit and other obligations are met, in the Developmental Services - Community program account to the Personal Services line category of the Crisis Outreach Program account 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. Department of Health and Human Services; transfer of funds from All Other. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 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 office of aging and disability services, including the modernization of and merging of information systems within the Department of Health and Human Services, office of aging and disability services, by financial order upon the recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor. This transfer is not considered an adjustment to appropriations.

PART DDD

Sec. DDD-1. Transfer of funds. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25, the Department of Health and Human Services may transfer 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 EEE

Sec. EEE-1. Transfer of Personal Services balances to All Other; state psychiatric centers. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 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 FFF

Sec. FFF-1. Department of Health and Human Services, Bridging Rental Assistance Program account; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$1,500,000 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Health and Human Services, Bridging Rental Assistance Program, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

Sec. FFF-2. Department of Health and Human Services, Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment account; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$3,000,000 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Health and Human Services, Additional Support for People in Retraining and Employment, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

Sec. FFF-3. Department of Health and Human Services, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families account; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$3,000,000 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Health and Human Services, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

Sec. FFF-4. Department of Health and Human Services, Disproportionate Share - Riverview account; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$2,180,000 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Health and Human Services, Disproportionate Share - Riverview General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

Sec. FFF-5. Department of Health and Human Services, Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center account; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$708,655 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Health and Human Services, Disproportionate Share - Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

Sec. FFF-6. Department of Health and Human Services, Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services account; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the

contrary, \$3,543,396 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Health and Human Services, Long Term Care - Office of Aging and Disability Services, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

Sec. FFF-7. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services account; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$2,500,000 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of MaineCare Services, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

Sec. FFF-8. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services account; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$3,000,000 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

PART GGG

Sec. GGG-1. 22 MRSA §2149-B is enacted to read:

§2149-B. Home health aide services to minors

Notwithstanding section 2147, subsection 2, a parent of a child who is eligible for home health aide services under the MaineCare program may receive reimbursement for providing those services to the child pursuant to this section and according to department rule. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. GGG-2. State plan amendment. No later than July 1, 2024, 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 allow for qualifying parents of children and youth with in-home personal care needs who are eligible for the MaineCare program to be reimbursed for providing home health aide services under the Medicaid home health benefit.

Sec. GGG-3. Rulemaking. The Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Section 40, Home Health Services, to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2149-B, no later than 12 months after receiving approval of the state plan amendment submitted pursuant to section 2. The department shall

seek input from stakeholders including home health agencies when developing the rule.

Sec. GGG-4. Interim report. The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on its progress in implementing the provisions of this Part no later than February 1, 2024.

Sec. GGG-5. Contingent effective date. That section of this Part that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2149-B takes effect only if the necessary approval pursuant to section 2 is received and rules are adopted pursuant to section 3. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services shall notify the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes when approval sought under section 2 is received and rules under section 3 are completed.

PART HHH

Sec. HHH-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; General Assistance program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$5,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, General Assistance program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

PART III

Sec. III-1. Transfer of funds; Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife carrying account. On or before August 1, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$60,000 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. On or before August 1, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$60,000 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.

PART JJJ

Sec. JJJ-1. Judicial salary adjustment. Notwithstanding any provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4 to the contrary, effective July 1, 2023, the State Court Administrator shall increase the salaries of the State's chief justices, Chief Judge, Deputy Chief Judge, associate justices and associate judges by 4.5%. Funding must be provided in the Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in the amount up to \$747,180 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and in the amount up to \$761,541 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

PART KKK

Sec. KKK-1. 4 MRSA §28, as amended by PL 2011, c. 380, Pt. HHH, §1, is further amended to read:

§28. Additional fee revenue dedicated

The judicial branch may credit 4% ~~6%~~, up to a maximum of ~~\$300,000~~ \$800,000 per fiscal year, of fee revenue collected pursuant to administrative orders of the court to a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue Funds account to support the capital expenses of the judicial branch. If the fee revenue from the judicial branch is less than the amount budgeted as undedicated fee revenue for the General Fund, the amount credited to the Other Special Revenue Funds account during the fiscal year must be reduced by a percentage equal to the percentage by which General Fund undedicated fee revenue is under budget.

PART LLL

Sec. LLL-1. 5 MRSA §20058 is enacted to read:

§20058. Rural recovery residences for families

1. Recovery residences for families. The Maine State Housing Authority shall make funds available for the acquisition of land or real property to support the creation of certified recovery residences under sections 20054 and 20057 that provide services to parents or guardians recovering from substance use disorder and their minor children.

2. Location. The land or real property acquired under this section must be located in counties with a county seat of no more than 35,000 residents and must be in close proximity to public transportation, or transportation must be provided to residents of the rural recovery residences.

3. Services. A rural recovery residence under this section must provide the following:

A. Recovery support services based on the needs of each resident; and

B. Support for reunification services with minor children based on the needs of each resident.

4. Staffing. Staff employed by a rural recovery residence under this section must be paid at least livable wages, as defined in Title 26, section 1-A.

5. Fund. The Rural Recovery Residence Fund is established as a nonlapsing fund to receive funds to support the land or real property acquisition, construction, renovation and activities described in this section. The Maine State Housing Authority shall distribute funds through a competitive bid process to grantees.

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.

PART MMM

Sec. MMM-1. Working group to evaluate unemployment laws and public assistance. In order to strengthen and enhance the State's workforce participation, the Governor, in consultation with the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, shall convene a working group to evaluate the State's unemployment laws and how those laws relate to the unemployment compensation system, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, the MaineCare program, general assistance programs, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and acquiring welfare benefits. The Governor and the presiding officers shall appoint to the working group 2 members of the Senate, 2 members of the House of Representatives and experts in relevant fields. The working group shall submit the findings and recommendations of the working group's evaluation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs no later than January 15, 2024.

PART NNN

Sec. NNN-1. Lapsed balances; June 30, 2024. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$106,970 of unencumbered balance forward from the Legislature, General Fund carrying account, Personal Services line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

Sec. NNN-2. Lapsed balances; June 30, 2025. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$111,033 of unencumbered balance forward from the Legislature, General Fund carrying account, Personal Services line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2025.

PART OOO

Sec. OOO-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 within the Treasurer of State and on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, may enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the State Police. The financing agreements entered into may not exceed \$3,814,110 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$3,100,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 in principal costs, and a financing agreement may not exceed 6 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 and allocations in the State Police accounts.

PART PPP

Sec. PPP-1. Rename Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations program. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget shall rename the Bureau of Administrative Services and Corporations program within the Department of the Secretary of State to the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions program.

Sec. PPP-2. Rename Elections and Commissions program. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of the Budget shall rename the Elections and Commissions program within the Department of the Secretary of State to the Federal Elections Grant program.

PART QQQ

Sec. QQQ-1. Transfer from General Fund; Maine Community College System Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years program; fiscal year 2023-24. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024 the State Controller shall transfer \$7,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Community College System Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Maine Community College System to provide 2 years of free community college for all eligible students who meet the conditions in section 3, subsection 2.

Sec. QQQ-2. Transfer from General Fund; Maine Community College System Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years program; fiscal year 2024-25. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2025 the State Controller shall transfer \$7,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Community College System Free Community College - 2 Enrollment Years program, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Maine Community College System to provide 2 years of free community college for all eligible students who meet the conditions in section 3, subsection 2.

Sec. QQQ-3. Eligibility and conditions for 2-year free community college tuition program.

1. Eligibility. For purposes of this Part, an eligible student is:

A. A high school graduate in the class of 2020 or 2021 or a person who obtains the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2020 or 2021, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later than during the 2023-2024 academic year;

B. A high school graduate in the class of 2022 or a person who obtains the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2022, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later than the 2024-2025 academic year;

C. A high school graduate in the class of 2023 or a person who obtains the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2023, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later than the 2025-2026 academic year;

D. A high school graduate in the class of 2024 or a person who obtains the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2024, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later than the 2026-2027 academic year; or

E. A high school graduate in the class of 2025 or a person who obtains the equivalent of a high school diploma in 2025, who enrolls in a Maine community college no later than the 2027-2028 academic year.

2. Conditions. In order to receive 2 years of free community college, an eligible student must:

A. Pursue an associate degree or academic credential;

B. Reside in the State at the time of enrollment in a community college and for the duration of that enrollment;

C. Accept all federal and state grants, scholarships and other sources of funding that are available and for which the student has applied and qualified; and

D. Complete the program of study within 200% of the stated completion time.

Sec. QQQ-4. PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. OO is repealed.

Sec. QQQ-5. Disposition of remaining funds. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all funds remaining on the effective date of this Part in the Maine Community College System Free Community College – 2 Enrollment Years program pursuant to the transfer made by the State Controller in accordance with Public Law 2021, chapter 635, Part OO, section 1 must be used to provide 2 years of free community college for all eligible students as specified in sections 1 and 2 of this Part.

Sec. QQQ-6. Report. By October 1, 2023, the Maine Community College System shall submit a report to the Governor and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the use and success of the program providing 2 years of free community college for eligible students, including as established pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 635, Part OO.

PART RRR

Sec. RRR-1. 20-A MRSA §8606-A, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Notification. If the state allocation for expenditures on adult education programs falls below 95% of the allocation established for the prior year pursuant to

subsection 2, the department's office of adult education shall notify the Governor's office and the Legislature in writing. The notice must include the total amount necessary to fulfill the State's obligation for reimbursement of adult education program costs as provided in this section and the total amount that is available.

Sec. RRR-2. Department of Education adult education system and reimbursement formula working group. The Department of Education shall establish a working group, or as an alternative hire and fund an outside agency, to analyze the State's adult education system and reimbursement formula to ensure:

1. The formula is fair and meets the needs of adult education programs;

2. Adult education is funded at a comparable level to kindergarten to grade 12 education, career and technical education and community colleges;

3. All funds appropriated and allocated for adult education, including grants, additional state funds and federal funds, are being used to their best potential to meet the needs of the State's adults; and

4. Communities are incentivized to use, and are rewarded for using, local funding for adult education.

The working group shall consult with adult education programs throughout the State, a statewide adult education association, personnel of the department's office of adult education and others as needed to fully explore and remedy the formula. The department shall submit a report with the findings of the working group no later than November 6, 2024 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs, which may report out a bill based on the report to 132nd Legislature in 2025.

PART SSS

Sec. SSS-1. 3 MRSA §320, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. F, §3, is further amended to read:

§320. Disposition of fees

Fees collected pursuant to this chapter must be deposited into a special revenue account of the commission to be used for the purposes of administering and enforcing the provisions of this chapter, including the costs of obtaining, maintaining and upgrading technology to facilitate disclosure of lobbying and campaign finance information to the public. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the commission may deposit penalties assessed under Title 21-A, sections 1014, 1060-A and 1062-A into the account to be spent exclusively on technology costs consistent with this section.

The commission shall, no later than November 15th of the year prior to any proposed change, establish the amount of the registration fee required to be paid pursuant to section 313 for the subsequent year.

PART TTT

Sec. TTT-1. Carrying provision; Office of 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 Treasurer of State, Debt Service - Treasury program in each year of the 2024-2025 biennium into the following fiscal year.

PART UUU

Sec. UUU-1. 5 MRSA §7061, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 541, is amended to read:

4. Implementation. The procedure established pursuant to this section ~~shall~~ must be implemented by the bureau in conjunction with state agencies. State agencies shall provide sufficient employees and resources to efficiently and effectively implement this section.

A. The procedure ~~shall~~ must provide for periodic updating of job descriptions and the compensation plan under section 7065 at least every 5 years to accurately reflect current duties and responsibilities of each job classification.

B. The procedure must provide for a market pay study every 4 years that compares the salaries of state employees with employees performing comparable work for a sampling of private and public employees in this State, other New England states and other states as appropriate. The bureau shall submit a report on the market pay study to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters and the bargaining agents that represent a bargaining unit of state employees no later than September 30, 2024 and every 4 years thereafter.

C. Beginning in 2024, the procedure must provide for a comprehensive review of the classification plan every 10 years to make modifications and improvements as determined necessary.

Sec. UUU-2. Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to complete review.

The Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall complete the comprehensive review of the classification and compensation system for employees of the executive branch of the State that was undertaken pursuant to a memorandum of agreement executed with the Maine Service Employees Association, SEIU Local 1989 on June 25, 2019, including a recalculation of the market salary report using current salary data.

Sec. UUU-3. Report to Legislature and bargaining agents. No later than January 31, 2024, the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Ser-

vices shall submit a report based upon recommendations in the comprehensive review of the classification and compensation system for employees of the executive branch of the State undertaken pursuant to a memorandum of agreement executed with the Maine Service Employees Association, SEIU Local 1989 on June 25, 2019 to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the bargaining agents that represent a bargaining unit of state employees.

Sec. UUU-4. Negotiations. No later than January 31, 2024, the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, or the commissioner's designee, shall begin negotiating in good faith with the bargaining agents that represent a bargaining unit of state employees on the implementation of the recommendations to close the pay gaps between employees of this State and public and private employees performing comparable work in this State, other New England states and other states as appropriate.

Sec. UUU-5. Authorization for reimbursement of costs associated with comprehensive review of classification and compensation system and market pay study. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services may be reimbursed up to \$1,200,000 from the Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for additional resources necessary to finalize the efforts of the ongoing comprehensive review of the classification and compensation system for employees of the executive branch of the State under section 2 and to conduct a market pay study under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7061, subsection 4, paragraph B by September 30, 2024.

PART VVV

Sec. VVV-1. 22 MRSA §3731-A is enacted to read:

§3731-A. Maine Child Care Affordability Program

The Maine Child Care Affordability Program is established in the department to provide child care subsidies under this chapter in accordance with the principles described under section 3732 to support the high-quality child care needs of children and working families while also providing a living wage to early childhood educators. Eligibility for child care subsidies under the Maine Child Care Affordability Program must be determined in accordance with this chapter and rules adopted pursuant to this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. VVV-2. 22 MRSA §3736, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 158, §2, is amended to read:

2. Eligibility decision within 30 15 days; retroactive reimbursement. The department shall determine eligibility for child care programs administered under this chapter within ~~30~~ 15 days of receiving ~~an~~ a completed application. If a contractor determines eligibility, the department shall require that the contractor determine eligibility within ~~30~~ 15 days of receiving ~~an~~ a completed application. The department shall provide retroactive reimbursement to a child care program that provided tuition assistance to an applicant during the application period.

Sec. VVV-3. 22 MRSA §3736, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Changes in eligibility. The department shall notify a provider of child care services provided under this chapter within 2 business days of when a recipient's eligibility changes.

Sec. VVV-4. 22 MRSA §3736-A is enacted to read:

§3736-A. Head Start eligibility; contract requirements

1. Eligibility. A Head Start program service provider shall provide Head Start program services to a child up to 5 years of age who:

- A. Is at risk or whose family is at risk; and
- B. Lives in a family with an income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level.

For the purposes of this subsection, "at risk" means affected by homelessness, substance use disorder, sexual or physical abuse or a mental health condition that affects the emotional, mental or physical health of a child. "At risk" also means being or having been involved in the child welfare system or having a disability.

2. Contract requirements. The Department of Health and Human Services shall specify by contract how the funding is to be apportioned among Head Start grantees based on need. Head Start grantees shall report annually to the department on use of the funding.

Sec. VVV-5. 22 MRSA §3737, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Payments to providers within 15 days. The department shall reimburse a provider of child care services provided under this chapter within 15 days after receiving a complete and accurate invoice if the provider has met all the required state procurement and payment requirements.

Sec. VVV-6. 22 MRSA §3740-A is enacted to read:

§3740-A. Report

The department shall evaluate child care subsidies provided under this chapter and, beginning January 15, 2024 and annually thereafter, submit a report of the

evaluation with recommendations on increasing enrollment and reducing barriers to families receiving child care subsidies to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The report must include:

1. Barriers. The identification of access barriers:

A. For children and families to know about and enroll in the Maine Child Care Affordability Program established under section 3731-A; and

B. For all child care programs to participate in the Maine Child Care Affordability Program established under section 3731-A;

2. Feedback. The ways in which the department has engaged with feedback from families and child care programs through multiple engagement tools, such as surveys, listening sessions and focus groups; and

3. Reimbursement. The instances and frequency of and reasons for delayed or late reimbursement payments from the Office of Child and Family Services to participating child care programs and plans to remedy delayed or late reimbursement payments.

Sec. VVV-7. 22 MRSA §3740-B is enacted to read:

§3740-B. High-quality child care costs estimator tool

The department shall create and maintain an estimator tool in accordance with this section to calculate the actual cost of quality child care.

1. Considerations. In developing the costs estimator tool, the department shall consider:

- A. Including a living wage compensation scale for early childhood educators;
- B. Including employee salaries and benefits;
- C. Including facility costs;
- D. Including costs associated with compliance with statutory and rule requirements, including the child care quality rating system under section 3737, subsection 3 and specific costs associated with each step of the rating system and any quality indicators used;
- E. Differentiating rates by child age and geographic region; and
- F. Using data and research from available studies and reports.

2. Accessibility. The estimator tool must be publicly accessible. The department's process for making changes to the tool must be transparent to the public.

Sec. VVV-8. 22 MRSA §3740-C is enacted to read:

§3740-C. Affordable child care implementation plan

The department, in consultation with the Office of Child and Family Services, the Children's Cabinet, established under Title 5, section 19131, subsection 1, and the council, shall develop, in accordance with this section, a phased implementation plan with benchmarks for limiting child care costs by 2030 to no more than 7% of a family's income for a family earning up to 250% of the median family income in the State. The implementation plan must focus on children and families that are the furthest from opportunity, as determined by family income, must include recommended targeted supports for providers serving children who are underserved and must emphasize greater racial equity. The implementation plan must include:

1. Phased approach. A phased approach with benchmarks that gradually increases eligibility based on income until 2030;

2. Copayments. A graduated system of copayments to eliminate the benefit cliff effect as defined in Title 26, section 3801, subsection 1 for families and to limit the amount a family pays for child care;

3. Cost modeling. Payment rates informed by a cost modeling tool that includes providing a living wage to licensed child care providers;

4. Expanded access. Expanded access to a child care subsidy by developing a model to enable the department to provide contracted slots to programs that service a family using the child care subsidy; and

5. Strategy. A strategy, a budget, revenue recommendations and a timeline to achieve the goals of this section.

Sec. VVV-9. 22 MRSA §3740-D is enacted to read:

§3740-D. Early childhood integrated data system

This section governs data collection and reporting relating to an early childhood integrated data system.

1. Data collection. To the extent permissible under state and federal laws governing early childhood programs and privacy and confidentiality, the department shall develop and maintain an early childhood integrated data system to integrate data from early childhood programs across state agencies, including, but not limited to, the department, the Department of Education and the Department of Labor. The early childhood integrated data system must be designed to inform decisions about early childhood programs and policies that will promote access, quality and a strong workforce to support children up to 5 years of age and their families.

2. Report. No later than January 15, 2024, and biennially thereafter, the commissioner shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over early childhood programs that

includes an update on the development and implementation of an early childhood integrated data system.

Sec. VVV-10. Department of Health and Human Services to make changes to child care subsidy program. The Department of Health and Human Services shall:

1. Review department rules, department materials and department publications, including on the department's publicly accessible website, and replace references to "Child Care Subsidy Program" with "Maine Child Care Affordability Program";

2. Promote the Maine Child Care Affordability Program, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3731-A, statewide with a plan to reach underserved and marginalized populations; and

3. Streamline and simplify the online invoicing and billing systems for child care providers to accurately reflect reimbursements, including quality increases, payments to child care programs and parent copayments, and to isolate payments for the changes to eligibility under the department's child care subsidy rules from state funding.

Sec. VVV-11. Child care subsidy rules. The Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 6, Child Care Subsidy Program Rules, to:

1. Beginning January 1, 2024, increase eligibility for child care subsidies from 85% of the State's median income to 125% of the State's median income; and

2. Add eligibility for an employee of a licensed child care center or family child care provider if the applicant otherwise meets the eligibility requirements after the department disregards all of the employee's earned and unearned income and verifies the employee's employment.

Sec. VVV-12. Report on salary supplement rulemaking. The Department of Health and Human Services shall, no later than January 15, 2024, report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the status of its rulemaking pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3737-A.

PART WWW

Sec. WWW-1. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§21, as amended by PL 2019, c. 524, §11, is further amended to read:

21. List of banned performance-enhancing substances. Develop and maintain a list of banned performance-enhancing substances in accordance with Title 20-A, section 6621; ~~and~~

Sec. WWW-2. 5 MRSA §20005, sub-§22, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 524, §12, is amended to read:

22. Certification of recovery residences. Establish by rule criteria for the certification of recovery residences. The criteria for the certification of recovery residences must be based on criteria for recovery residences developed by a nationally recognized organization that supports persons recovering from substance use disorder. Certification of a recovery residence pursuant to this subsection is voluntary. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; and

Sec. WWW-3. 5 MRS §20005, sub-§23 is enacted to read:

23. Treatment center. Establish one treatment center for substance use disorder treatment. The treatment center must be located in either Kennebec County or Washington County. The treatment center must have at least 10 beds. At least 40% of the occupancy in the treatment center must be made available to individuals who have coverage under the MaineCare program. The treatment center established pursuant to this subsection shall provide:

- A. A receiving center that is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week to provide substance use disorder treatment while a patient waits for access to a higher level of care;
- B. Medically managed withdrawal services;
- C. Access to medication to treat substance use disorder, including any medication approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and
- D. Coordination with services after treatment, including but not limited to local recovery centers, hypodermic apparatus exchange programs and recovery residences.

No later than February 1, 2025 and annually thereafter, the department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the number of people served, the types of services provided, the attempts made at community outreach and any recommendations relating to the services provided by the treatment center.

Sec. WWW-4. Request for proposals. No later than December 1, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services shall award the contract pursuant to a request for proposals to establish and operate the treatment center required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 20005, subsection 23.

PART XXX

Sec. XXX-1. 30-A MRS §5681, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. G, §1, is further amended to read:

5. Transfers to funds. ~~No~~ Before 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, section 2552, ~~former~~ subsection 1, paragraphs A to F and L, and credited to the General Fund without any reduction, except that for fiscal years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 the amount transferred is 2%, for fiscal year 2019-20 the amount transferred is 3%, for fiscal year 2020-21 the amount transferred is 3.75% and for fiscal year 2021-22 the amount transferred is 4.5% of the receipts during the previous month from the taxes imposed under Title 36, Parts 3 and 8, and Title 36, section 2552, ~~former~~ subsection 1, paragraphs A to F and L, and credited to the General Fund without any reduction, and 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. ~~A percentage share 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 as follows:~~

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, 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.

- ~~C. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2009 but before July 1, 2010, 15%;~~
- ~~D. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2010 but before July 1, 2011, 16%;~~
- ~~E. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2011 but before July 1, 2012, 17%;~~
- ~~F. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2012 but before July 1, 2013, 18%;~~
- ~~G. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2013 but before July 1, 2014, 19%; and~~
- ~~H. For months beginning on or after July 1, 2014, 20%.~~

Sec. XXX-2. 36 MRS §191, sub-§2, ¶R, as amended by PL 2017, c. 211, Pt. A, §8, is further amended to read:

R. The disclosure to the Department of Health and Human Services and to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Division of Financial and Personnel Services of information relating to the administration and collection of the taxes imposed by ~~chapter 358;~~ chapter 373, chapter 375 and chapter 377 for the purposes of administration of

those taxes and the financial accounting and revenue forecasting of those taxes;

Sec. XXX-3. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 539, Pt. DDD, §1, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-4. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§1-B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §136, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-5. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§1-G, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §137, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-6. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§1-H, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. OOOO, §1, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-7. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 257, §2, is amended to read:

2-A. Customer. "Customer" means a person who purchases one or more services subject to tax under section 2552, ~~subsection 1~~.

Sec. XXX-8. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§7-B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §138, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-9. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§10, as amended by PL 2015, c. 300, Pt. A, §30, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-10. 36 MRSA §2551, sub-§11, as corrected by RR 2015, c. 2, §24, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-11. 36 MRSA §2552, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. TTTT, §3 and affected by §9 and amended by c. 300, Pt. A, §32, is repealed.

Sec. XXX-12. 36 MRSA §2552, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Rate. Effective January 1, 2025, a tax at the rate of 6% is imposed on the value of the following services sold in this State:

- A. Cable and satellite television or radio services;
- B. Fabrication services;
- C. Rental of video media and video equipment;
- D. Rental of furniture, audio media and audio equipment pursuant to a rental-purchase agreement as defined in Title 9-A, section 11-105, subsection 7;
- E. Telecommunications services;
- F. The installation, maintenance or repair of telecommunications equipment; and
- G. Ancillary services.

Sec. XXX-13. 36 MRSA §2559, as amended by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. EE, §1, is further amended to read:

§2559. Application of revenues

Revenues Before January 1, 2025, revenues derived by the tax imposed by this chapter must be credited to a General Fund suspense account. On or before the last day of each month, the State Controller shall

transfer a percentage of the revenues received by the State Tax Assessor during the preceding month pursuant to the tax imposed by section 2552, former subsection 1, paragraphs A to F and L to the Local Government Fund as provided by Title 30-A, section 5681, subsection 5. The balance remaining in the General Fund suspense account must be transferred to service provider tax General Fund revenue. On or before the 15th day of each month, the State Controller shall transfer all revenues received by the assessor during the preceding month pursuant to the tax imposed by section 2552, former subsection 1, paragraphs G to J and M to the Medical Care Services Other Special Revenue Funds account, the Other Special Revenue Funds Mental Health Services - Community Medicaid program, the Medicaid Services - Adult Developmental Services program and the Office of Behavioral Health - Medicaid Seed program within the Department of Health and Human Services.

Beginning January 1, 2025, on or before the last day of each month, the State Controller shall transfer a percentage of the revenues received by the State Tax Assessor during the preceding month pursuant to the tax imposed by section 2552, subsection 1-A to the Local Government Fund as provided by Title 30-A, section 5681, subsection 5. The balance remaining in the General Fund suspense account must be transferred to service provider tax General Fund revenue.

Sec. XXX-14. Application. That section of this Part that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2552, subsection 1-A applies to sales occurring on or after January 1, 2025.

Sec. XXX-15. Effective date. This Part takes effect January 1, 2025.

PART YYY

Sec. YYY-1. 20-A MRSA §7302, sub-§2, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. A special purpose private preschool that provides both educational and medically necessary behavioral health services to children with disabilities who have not attained 6 years of age is entitled to receive payment for the educational services the preschool provides for the Child Development Services System. Before the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, the Child Development Services System shall collaborate with special purpose private preschools to establish a funding formula that provides appropriate daily tuition rates for the educational services provided by each special purpose private preschool. The funding formula for the daily tuition rates must include, but is not limited to, the costs of supporting each preschool's site director and teachers and allocations for agency support staff, supplies, equipment, curricula, staff development, technology and noninstructional expenses such as heating, insurance, maintenance,

occupancy costs, office supplies, phones and utilities.

Sec. YYY-2. Intermediate payments. No later than the start of the 2023-2024 school year and prior to the provision of the daily tuition rate in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 7302, subsection 2, paragraph G, the Department of Education and the Child Development Services System shall assist in maintaining education programming at special purpose private preschools by providing payments for specially designed instruction provided by each special purpose private preschool at a rate of \$125 per day, per child, for scheduled school days in accordance with a child's individualized education program. The Department of Education and the Child Development Services System shall make the payments for specially designed instruction provided by special purpose private preschools from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Sec. YYY-3. Report. No later than December 15, 2023, the Department of Education shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the development of the funding formula for daily tuition rates under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 7302, subsection 2, paragraph G, including recommendations and suggested legislation. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. YYY-4. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Child Development Services program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$15,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Education, Child Development Services Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to fund the payments required under section 2.

PART ZZZ

Sec. ZZZ-1. 36 MRSA §111, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 594, §1, 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, ~~2021~~ 2022.

Sec. ZZZ-2. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶M-2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. DDD, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2), division (d) to read:

- (d) "Pension deduction amount" means:
 - (i) For tax years beginning prior to January 1, 2022, \$10,000;

- (ii) For tax years beginning in 2022, \$25,000;

- (iii) For tax years beginning in 2023, \$30,000; and

- (iv) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, ~~\$35,000~~ the maximum annual benefit that an individual eligible to retire at the retirement age, as defined in 42 United States Code, Section 416(l), as of January 1st of the tax year may receive under the federal Social Security Act and amendments to that Act as of June 28, 2023.

Sec. ZZZ-3. 36 MRSA §5124-A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. DD, §13 and affected by §34, is repealed.

Sec. ZZZ-4. 36 MRSA §5124-C, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 616, Pt. X, §3, is amended to read:

1-A. Amount; ~~on or after before~~ January 1, 2020 2026. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2020 and before January 1, 2026, the standard deduction of a resident individual is equal to the federal standard deduction, subject to the phase-out under subsection 2.

Sec. ZZZ-5. 36 MRSA §5124-C, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Amount; on or after January 1, 2026. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, the standard deduction of a resident individual is equal to the sum of the basic standard deduction and the additional standard deduction, subject to the phase-out under subsection 2.

A. The basic standard deduction is:

(1) For single individuals and married persons filing separate returns, \$12,000;

(2) For individuals filing as heads of households, the amount allowed under subparagraph (1) multiplied by 1.5; and

(3) For individuals filing married joint returns or surviving spouses, the amount allowed under subparagraph (1) multiplied by 2.

B. The additional standard deduction is the amount allowed under the Code, Section 63(c)(3).

Sec. ZZZ-6. 36 MRSA §5219-SS, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 474, Pt. B, §17, is amended to read:

§5219-SS. Dependent exemption tax credit

1. Resident taxpayer; tax years beginning before 2026. A 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 ~~was claimed~~ for the same taxable year.

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.

2. Nonresident taxpayer; tax years beginning before 2026. A 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 ~~was claimed~~ for the same taxable year, 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.

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, 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.

3. Part-year resident taxpayer; tax years beginning before 2026. ~~A~~ 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 ~~was claimed~~ for the same taxable year, 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.

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, 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.

4. Limitation and Refundability; phase-out. ~~The~~ 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 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.

Sec. ZZZ-7. 36 MRSA §5403, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2017, c. 474, Pt. B, §20, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Standard deductions. In 2025 and each year thereafter, by the dollar amount contained in section 5124-C, subsection 1-B, paragraph A, subparagraph (1), 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;

Sec. ZZZ-8. 36 MRSA §5403, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 474, Pt. B, §24, is amended to read:

7. Personal exemptions. Beginning in 2018 and each year thereafter, by the dollar amounts contained in section 5126-A, subsection 1, 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. ZZZ-9. 36 MRSA §5403, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 474, Pt. B, §24, is 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. ZZZ-10. 36 MRSA §5403, sub-§9 is enacted 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.

Sec. ZZZ-11. 36 MRSA §5403, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2017, c. 474, Pt. B, §25, is further amended to read:

Except for subsection 5, paragraph A and subsection 9, if the dollar amount of each item, adjusted by the application of the cost-of-living adjustment, is not a multiple of \$50, any increase must be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$50.

Sec. ZZZ-12. Application. That section of this Part that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 111, subsection 1-A applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022 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, 2022.

PART AAAA

Sec. AAAA-1. 22 MRSA §20-A is enacted to read:

§20-A. Housing First Program

1. Program established. The Housing First Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established in the department to facilitate the delivery of support and stabilization services to residents of properties established or developed to provide permanent housing to address chronic homelessness in the State. Except as otherwise provided in this section, services facilitated under the program must be available on site,

24 hours per day and be designed to build independent living skills and connect individuals with community-based services. The department shall ensure that reimbursement under the MaineCare program is available to providers under the Housing First Program to the maximum extent possible. For the purposes of this section, "chronic homelessness" means a situation in which a person is living in a place not meant for human habitation, including emergency shelters, for at least 12 months and for whom homelessness is correlated with a condition that makes accessing services and maintaining housing a significant challenge such as substance use disorder or a behavioral health condition. "Chronic homelessness" includes a situation in which a person has been living intermittently in an institutional care facility, including but not limited to jail or a health treatment facility, but is otherwise living in a place not meant for human habitation.

2. Fund established. The Housing First Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established as a separate and distinct fund for accounting and budgetary reporting purposes in order to support the program. Funds distributed in accordance with this section must be used to supplement, not supplant, existing or future federal funding designed to provide services associated with services provided by the program under subsections 1 and 5, including but not limited to the MaineCare program and the housing outreach and member engagement provider program administered by the department.

3. Sources of fund. The Treasurer of State shall credit to the fund:

A. All money received by the State in accordance with Title 36, section 4641-B, subsection 4-B, paragraph E-1;

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.

4. Distribution of funds. Beginning July 1, 2025, the department shall make distributions from the fund as described in this subsection.

A. Annually, the department shall deposit \$1,000,000 from the fund to an account established for the purpose of providing funding for housing stability services described in subsection 5.

B. The department shall establish payment models as appropriate for the purpose of providing 24-hour, on-site supportive services to residents at Housing First Program properties established or developed to provide permanent housing to persons experiencing chronic homelessness. Supportive services must include coordination with a MaineCare provider.

C. The department shall establish 2 permanent, full-time positions in the department to assist providers with providing 24-hour, on-site supportive services and navigating reimbursement under the MaineCare program for those services.

D. The department shall annually determine the amount necessary to support the established payment models at each property for services provided under the program in the current fiscal year and the anticipated amount needed to pay for 24-hour, on-site services expected to be provided at each property in the next fiscal year. Funds in excess of those amounts must be transferred to the Maine State Housing Authority for the purposes of:

- (1) Providing technical assistance to housing developers to help with capital and planning issues associated with developing properties consistent with the housing model established by the program and as described in subsection 5; and
- (2) Developing affordable housing projects with a housing model established by the program and as described in subsection 5.

5. Housing stability services. The department shall establish a payment model to provide funds to pay for the costs of housing stability services provided to residents at properties under the program where supportive services are not necessarily provided on site or 24 hours per day. Services funded under this subsection must be available to residents no less than 20 hours per week and must adequately meet the needs of the residents to build independent living skills, to maintain housing and to access necessary community-based services. Housing stability services funded under this subsection may also include outreach to persons who are experiencing chronic homelessness for the purposes of establishing connections and providing support that may result in securing stable housing at a property under the program.

6. Rulemaking. The department and the Maine State Housing Authority shall jointly adopt rules to administer the program. The rules must specify which elements of the program are administered by the department, which elements are administered by the Maine State Housing Authority and which elements are administered jointly, if any. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

7. Report. Beginning February 1, 2025, the department and the Maine State Housing Authority shall submit a report annually to the joint standing committee or joint select committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters to provide the committee with necessary data and information to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. The initial report submitted to the committee must provide an assessment of the

number of housing units and the scope of services needed to serve persons who are experiencing chronic homelessness to serve as a baseline against which the effectiveness of the program and other services will be measured. Subsequent reports must provide updates to that assessment in addition to the following:

- A. An accounting of the services facilitated using money from the fund at properties that provide 24-hour, on-site services and properties that provide housing stability services described under subsection 5;
- B. An accounting of services provided at properties under the program funded under the housing outreach and member engagement provider program and services reimbursed under the MaineCare program;
- C. The number of residents served by the program and the number of months residents avoided returning to homelessness or maintained stable housing;
- D. The amount of money from the fund transferred to the Maine State Housing Authority pursuant to subsection 4, paragraph D that is used for the purposes described in subsection 4, paragraph D, subparagraphs (1) and (2); and
- E. Information requested by the committee considered necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Sec. AAAA-2. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§4-B, ¶E, as amended by PL 2021, c. 753, §1, is further amended to read:

E. In fiscal year 2015-16 and each fiscal year thereafter prior to fiscal year 2025-26, 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 any remaining

revenues available under this subparagraph to the General Fund.

(3) On a monthly basis, the Treasurer of State shall credit 50% of the revenues to the Maine State Housing Authority, except that, notwithstanding paragraph F, in fiscal year 2015-16, the Treasurer of State shall first credit \$6,291,740 of the revenues available under this subparagraph to the General Fund and except that, notwithstanding paragraph F, in fiscal year 2016-17, the Treasurer of State shall first credit \$6,090,367 of the revenues available under this subparagraph to the General Fund and except that, notwithstanding paragraph F, in fiscal years 2017-18 and 2018-19, the Treasurer of State shall first credit \$2,500,000 of the revenues available under this subparagraph to the General Fund. 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, 2023, 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. AAAA-3. 36 MRSA §4641-B, sub-§4-B, ¶E-1 is enacted 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 subpar-

agraph 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. AAAA-4. Department of Health and Human Services to apply for state plan amendments to align certain MaineCare rules with Housing First Program.

Within 9 months of the effective date of this Part, 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 relevant state plan amendments for rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 13, Targeted Case Management Services, and the Housing Outreach and Member Engagement Provider program within rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 91, Health Home Services - Community Care Teams, to maximize the alignment of these rules with the Housing First Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 20-A, subsections 1 and 5. The department shall initiate rulemaking within 120 days of receiving state plan approval of the requested changes.

PART BBBB

Sec. BBBB-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Risk Management - Claims.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$3,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Risk Management - Claims program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to pay attorney's fees or other costs awarded by a court against the State and its departments, agencies, officers or employees and settlements of attorney's fees or other costs without court award in these cases, which are not otherwise insured against under a deductible or self-insured retention program.

PART CCCC

Sec. CCCC-1. Voluntary employee incentive programs.

Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 903, subsections 1 and 2, the

Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall offer for use prior to July 1, 2025 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.

Sec. CCCC-2. Continuation of group health insurance. 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 prior to July 1, 2025 and is approved to participate in a voluntary employee incentive program under section 1 based upon the scheduled workweek in effect prior to the employee's participation in the voluntary employee incentive program.

Sec. CCCC-3. Continuation of group life insurance. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 903 and 18056 and the rules of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, the life, accidental death and dismemberment, supplemental and dependent insurance amounts for a state employee who applies prior to July 1, 2025 and is approved to participate in a voluntary employee incentive program under section 1 are based upon the scheduled hours of the employee prior to the employee's participation in the voluntary employee incentive program.

PART DDDD

Sec. DDDD-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 2022-23, the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balance remaining of the \$550,000 appropriated in Public Law 2021, chapter 635 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 EEEE

Sec. EEEE-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Statewide Hunger Relief Program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Statewide Hunger Relief Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide funds for a grant for capital support to a Portland-based food security hub with partnerships or capacity for statewide distribution to enable increased production of hot meals each day for homeless, sheltered or food insecure persons.

PART FFFF

Sec. FFFF-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Milk Commission. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before July 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$1,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Milk Commission program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide one-time pandemic volatility payments to Maine milk producers who produced milk and reported production information to the Maine Milk Commission in calendar year 2022 and are currently participating in the dairy stabilization program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 3153-B, also known as the Tier Program. In calculating the payment, the administrator of the Maine Milk Pool shall attempt to achieve, insofar as practical, a proportional distribution of the entire transferred amount to farmers by basing the payments on a per hundredweight production basis and limiting payments to a production limit of 5,000,000 pounds per farm. The administrator of the Maine Milk Pool may use existing distribution methods within the Maine Milk Pool program to expedite the distribution of payments.

PART GGGG

Sec. GGGG-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, 2025, balances of appropriations in various General Fund 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 of Health and Human Services to be used for federally authorized purposes.

PART HHHH

Sec. HHHH-1. 5 MRSA §203-B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §5, is amended to read:

§203-B. Funds received pursuant to court orders or other settlements of opioid crisis litigation

Notwithstanding section 203-A and unless specifically ordered by the court to do otherwise, the Attorney General may work with the Treasurer of State to deposit identified revenue or money received as a result of any court order or other agreement resulting from litigation

against, or any court settlement with, an opioid manufacturer, an opioid research association or any other person in the opioid industry relating to claims made by or prosecuted by the State into the Maine Recovery Fund ~~described by the Maine State Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds, dated and signed on January 26, 2022, including Schedule A, Core Strategies and Schedule B, Approved Uses, for spending on approved uses as directed by the Maine Recovery Council as established in section 12004-I, subsection 94. As used in this section, "approved uses" and "Maine Recovery Fund" have the same meanings as in section 203-C, subsection 1.~~

Sec. HHHH-2. 5 MRSA §203-C, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 661, §3, is amended to read:

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Approved uses" means the substance use disorder abatement purposes defined as "Approved Uses" in the ~~memorandum~~ Memoranda of understanding ~~Understanding~~.

B. "Maine Recovery Fund" means the fund described by the ~~memorandum~~ Memoranda of understanding ~~Understanding~~.

C. "~~Memorandum Memoranda of understanding~~ Understanding" means the 2 ~~agreements~~ entitled "Maine State State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds," dated and signed on January 26, 2022, and "Maine State-Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds-2023," dated and signed on May 2, 2023, including subsequent amendments and Schedule A, Core Strategies and Schedule B, Approved Uses.

Sec. HHHH-3. 5 MRSA §203-C, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 661, §3, is amended to read:

3. Membership. The council is composed of the 11 members identified by the ~~memorandum~~ Memo-randa of understanding ~~Understanding~~ and of 4 additional voting members as follows:

A. One member who is a medical professional with direct experience providing medication-assisted treatment, appointed by the President of the Senate;

B. One member representing reentry services for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals and their families, appointed by the President of the Senate;

C. One member representing a nonprofit community-based provider of mental health treatment, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

D. One member representing the harm reduction community, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

In making these appointments, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall endeavor to select individuals that reflect the racial, ethnic, gender and indigenous diversity of the State.

PART III

Sec. III-1. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§1, ¶Q, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 474, §5, is amended to read:

~~Q. Civilian~~ 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 ~~who elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan or hired thereafter.~~

Sec. III-2. 5 MRSA §17851-C is enacted to read:

§17851-C. Special plan for civilian employees in Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit

1. Establishment and applicability. Effective August 1, 2024, there is established a special retirement plan for civilian employees in the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit, referred to in this section as "the special plan." The special plan applies to 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.

2. Qualification for benefits. A member employed in any of the positions described in subsection 1 qualifies for a service retirement benefit after completing 25 years of creditable service in that capacity, whether or not the creditable service included in determining that the 25-year requirement has been met was earned under the special plan established in this section or prior to its establishment.

3. Purchase of service credit to be used for qualification for benefits. This subsection governs the use of purchased service credit in order to qualify for benefits under this section. For the purpose of meeting the qualification requirement of subsection 2:

A. Service credit purchased by repayment of an earlier refund of accumulated contributions following termination of service is included if the time to which the refund relates was served in any one or a

combination of the positions described in subsection 1, regardless of whether the time was served before or after the establishment of the special plan;

B. Service credit purchased under section 17760 is considered service under the special plan; and

C. Service credit purchased other than as provided under paragraphs A and B is not included.

4. Computation of benefits. The amount of the service retirement benefit for members qualified under subsection 2 is 1/2 of the member's average final compensation and an additional 2% of the member's average final compensation for each year of membership service not included in determining qualification under subsection 2.

5. Contributions. Notwithstanding any provision of subchapter 3 to the contrary, after July 31, 2024, a member in a position described in subsection 1 shall 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 JJJJ

Sec. JJJJ-1. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§16, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. C, §7, is amended to read:

A. If a school administrative unit is determined eligible pursuant to paragraph B ~~petitions the commissioner and demonstrates that the unexpected education costs of increased English learner student enrollment will cause a budgetary hardship,~~ the commissioner may provide an amount equal to that school administrative unit's most recent state share of the increased English learner weighted allocation, as calculated pursuant to section 15675, subsection 1, resulting from the increased enrollment. If the school administrative unit's most recent state share percentage is less than the statewide state share percentage under section 15671, subsection 1, paragraph B, then the adjustment amount is equal to the most recent state share percentage.

Sec. JJJJ-2. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§16, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. C, §7, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) The school administrative unit's unexpected enrollment increase results in an increase of ~~5%~~ 3% or more in English learner weighted allocation, as calculated pursuant to section 15675, subsection 1.

Sec. JJJJ-3. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§16, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. C, §7, is amended to read:

C. The funds for adjustments under paragraph A are limited to the amount appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose. An unexpended balance from another program's appropriated amounts under this chapter may be applied by the commissioner toward the adjustments.

PART KKKK

Sec. KKKK-1. Department of Education to develop pilot program. The Department of Education's office of school and student supports shall establish a 2-year pilot program to help students avoid homelessness. As soon as funds are available for the pilot program, the department shall provide McKinney-Vento liaisons access to emergency financial assistance for the families of students in an amount up to \$750 per student. Emergency assistance may be provided for services authorized for funding under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act in addition to assistance for other housing-related needs such as rental assistance, utilities and critical home repairs and other assistance that will help a student avoid homelessness.

Sec. KKKK-2. Department of Education report. The Department of Education shall submit a report to the Joint Select Committee on Housing no later than July 1, 2024 on the administration of the pilot program and make recommendations with regard to continued efforts to help students avoid homelessness in the 2024-2025 school year.

PART LLLL

Sec. LLLL-1. 20-A MRSA §20102, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 409, §1, is amended to read:

1. **Active duty.** "Active duty" means full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 United States Code, ~~Sections~~ Chapters 1209 and 1211.

PART MMMM

Sec. MMMM-1. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§2, ¶I, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. GGGGGG, §1, is further amended to read:

I. Any balance remaining in the Consumer-directed Services program, General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for use by this program in the next fiscal year; ~~and~~

Sec. MMMM-2. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§2, ¶J, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. VV, §1, is further amended to read:

J. Any balance remaining in the Office of Behavioral Health program, General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for use by this program in the next fiscal year; and

Sec. MMMM-3. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§2, is enacted to read:

K. Any balance remaining in the Drinking Water Enforcement program, General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for use by this program in the next fiscal year for the same purpose.

Sec. MMMM-4. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Department of Environmental Protection. Any All Other balance remaining in the Water Quality program, General Fund account in the Department of Environmental Protection at the end of any fiscal year must be carried forward for use by this program in the next fiscal year for the same purpose.

Sec. MMMM-5. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Water Quality program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$9,600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection, Water Quality program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to maximize federal matching funds under federal water programs to be used for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater treatment and any remainder to be used consistent with the Maine Clean Water Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 411-C.

Sec. MMMM-6. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Drinking Water Enforcement program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$6,900,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Drinking Water Enforcement program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to maximize federal matching funds under federal water programs to be used for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and wastewater treatment and any remainder to be used consistent with the Maine Drinking Water Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2610.

PART NNNN

Sec. NNNN-1. 35-A MRSA §10115, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 372, Pt. B, §3, is amended to read:

1. Programs. The trust shall oversee and administer:

- A. The United States Department of Energy Energy's State Energy Program; and
- B. Other federally funded programs and projects related to trust programs.

Sec. NNNN-2. 35-A MRSA §10115, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 372, Pt. B, §3, is repealed.

PART OOOO

Sec. OOOO-1. 5 MRSA §3109 is enacted to read:

§3109. 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 program 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 program.

B. The department 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.

C. To maximize the availability of the technical and financial assistance program to all communities and to multi-community regions and service providers, financial assistance programs administered competitively under this section are exempt from rules adopted by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services pursuant to section 1825-C for use in the purchasing 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.

D. Grants awarded under this section may be for a period of up to 2 years. Recipients of grant funds through the program shall cooperate with the office's performance of periodic evaluations. The recipients shall meet the office's specific reporting requirements.

4. Other technical assistance. The program 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.

PART PPPP

Sec. PPPP-1. Personal Services balances; Maine Health Data Organization; transfers authorized. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in the 2024-2025 biennium, the Maine Health Data Organization is authorized to transfer up to \$310,000 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. 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 QQQQ

Sec. QQQQ-1. Transfer to General Fund unappropriated surplus; Housing Authority - State. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no later than October 31, 2023, \$2,800,000 in unobligated balances from funds transferred to the Maine State Housing Authority, Housing Authority - State, Other Special Revenue Funds account to supplement federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, funding in Public Law 2023, chapter 1, Part A must be transferred to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART RRRR

Sec. RRRR-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Emergency Housing Relief Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$12,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Emergency Housing Relief Fund Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide funds for short-term emergency housing, legal services and other wraparound settlement supports intended to support individuals in becoming established in a community or in the workforce. Before June 30, 2024, unobligated amounts remaining from this transfer must be transferred to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART SSSS

Sec. SSSS-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Low-income Home Energy Assistance - MSHA. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$15,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Housing Authority, Low-income Home Energy Assistance - MSHA, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the Low-Income Assistance Program and statewide plan administered by the Maine State Housing Authority to help low-income homeowners and renters pay for electricity costs by providing a credit on their electric bills. Before June 30, 2025, any unobligated amounts remaining from this transfer must be transferred to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

PART TTTT

Sec. TTTT-1. 34-B MRSA §1218-A is enacted to read:

§1218-A. Baxter Counseling Services Program

The Baxter Counseling Services Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the department to facilitate the delivery of therapeutic counseling services for eligible former students of the Maine School for the Deaf or the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf without cost to individuals. Services facilitated under the program are limited to therapeutic counseling services for eligible former students. The department shall ensure that therapeutic counseling services provided under the program are reimbursed under the MaineCare program to the maximum extent possible.

1. Eligibility. This subsection governs eligibility for therapeutic counseling services under the program. Eligibility is limited to individuals 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.

2. Facilitation of counseling services. The department shall facilitate therapeutic counseling services through contracts with mental health providers that specialize in services for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing and late deafened. New contracts entered into with mental health providers that do not have a contract with the State must enroll as MaineCare providers. The department, as payor of last resort, shall provide General Fund contracts for therapeutic counseling services for individuals who do not receive MaineCare benefits and for individuals who are uninsured or underinsured. The department shall assist mental health providers in navigating reimbursement under the MaineCare program. The department shall monitor contracts to ensure compliance related to program eligibility, MaineCare policies and department licensure requirements. Therapeutic counseling services funded under the program may not exceed \$170,000 per year.

Sec. TTTT-2. P&SL 2001, c. 12 is repealed.

Sec. TTTT-3. Application. This Part applies to students formerly governed by Private and Special Law 2001, chapter 12.

PART UUUU

Sec. UUUU-1. PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. CC, §3 is amended to read:

Sec. CC-3. Grant amounts. Under the pilot program, an eligible family caregiver who is not otherwise receiving payment for caring for the person in the caregiver's care may receive up to ~~\$2,000~~ \$5,171 a year. Eligible family caregivers may choose annually to receive either the services specified in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 7308 or services under the pilot program.

PART VVVV

Sec. VVVV-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 2023-24 and 2024-25 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 information technology and related 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 WWWW

Sec. WWWW-1. Transfer to MaineCare Stabilization Fund; end of fiscal year 2022-23. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$6,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-KK.

Sec. WWWW-2. Lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$20,000,000 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Health and Human Services, MaineCare General Fund carrying accounts, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2023.

Sec. WWWW-3. Transfer to MaineCare Stabilization Fund; close of fiscal year 2023-24.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at the close of fiscal year 2023-24, the State Controller shall transfer the first \$28,500,000 of the unencumbered balances in the MaineCare General Fund carrying accounts to the MaineCare Stabilization Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-KK.

PART XXXX

Sec. XXXX-1. PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. T, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. T-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$9,246,702 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account. ~~Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer \$9,279,076 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.~~

Sec. XXXX-2. PL 2023, c. 17, Pt. T, §2 is amended to read:

Sec. T-2. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$12,506,910 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account. ~~Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2025, the State Controller shall transfer \$12,506,910 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services program, Other Special Revenue Funds account.~~

PART YYYY

Sec. YYYY-1. Transfer of funds; Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife carrying account. On or after July 1, 2023 but no later than November 1, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$795,129 from the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Carrying Balances - General Fund account to the Resource Management Services - Inland Fisheries and Wildlife program, General Fund account within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to provide matching funds for the construction of the Fryeburg shooting range.

PART ZZZZ

Sec. ZZZZ-1. 4 MRSA §101, as amended by PL 2005, c. 519, Pt. III, §1, is further amended to read:

§101. Constitution of court

The Superior Court, as established, consists of 17 justices and such Active Retired Justices as may be appointed and serving on the court, learned in the law and of sobriety of manners. The Chief Justice of the Superior Court shall assign the Justices of the Superior Court to preside at various locations of the court. Whenever it becomes necessary, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may designate a Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court or any Active Retired Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to hold a term of Superior Court. The Chief Justice of the Superior Court may, when necessary, assign an Active Retired Justice of the Superior Court to hold a term of Superior Court. The Chief Justice of the Superior Court may designate any Justice of the Superior Court and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may designate any Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to hold one or more sessions of the Superior Court, separate from the session presided over by the justice holding the regular trial term.

Sec. ZZZZ-2. 4 MRSA §157, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 460, §2, is further amended to read:

A. The Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters and to confirmation by the Legislature, shall appoint to the District Court 39 42 judges, except that, beginning July 1, 2024, the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters and to confirmation by the Legislature, shall appoint to the District Court 44 judges. At least one judge must be appointed from each district who is a resident of a county in which the district lies, except that in District 3 there must be 2 judges appointed who are residents of a county in which the district lies; in District 6 there must be 2 judges appointed who are residents of a county in which the district lies; and in District 9 there must be 2 judges appointed who are residents of a county in which the district lies. Each District Court Judge has a term of office of 7 years.

To be eligible for appointment as a District Judge, a person must be a member of the bar of the State. The term "District Judge" includes the Chief Judge and Deputy Chief Judge.

PART AAAAA

Sec. AAAAA-1. 5 MRSA §943, sub-§1, ¶K, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. D, §5, is further amended to read:

K. Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services; and

Sec. AAAAA-2. 5 MRSA §943, sub-§1, ¶L, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. D, §6 and affected by §11, is repealed.

Sec. AAAAA-3. Contingent effective date. This Part does not take effect until the position of Director, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation within the Department of Labor first becomes vacant following enactment of this Part. The Commissioner of Labor shall inform the Revisor of Statutes when this contingency occurs and the Revisor of Statutes shall update the Maine Revised Statutes to reflect the change.

PART BBBBB

Sec. BBBBB-1. 5 MRSA §943, sub-§1, ¶L, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. D, §6 and affected by §11, is amended to read:

L. Director, Bureau of Unemployment Compensation; and

Sec. BBBBB-2. 5 MRSA §943, sub-§1, ¶M, as amended by PL 2013, c. 467, §1, is further amended to read:

M. Director of Communications; and

Sec. BBBBB-3. 5 MRSA §943, sub-§1, ¶N is enacted to read:

N. Associate Commissioner.

PART CCCCC

Sec. CCCCC-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Employment Services Activity. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,750,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Labor, Employment Services Activity, Other Special Revenue Funds account. Of the transferred funds, \$1,500,000 must be used to provide career exploration services targeted to high school students and \$1,250,000 of the transferred funds must be used for recruitment and job-related supports targeted to groups that are underrepresented in the State's workforce.

PART DDDDD

Sec. DDDDD-1. 27 MRSA §10, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 635, Pt. LL, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§10. Imagination Library of Maine Program

The Imagination Library of Maine Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the Maine State Library for the purposes of developing, implementing, promoting and fostering a comprehensive statewide initiative to encourage children from birth to 5 years of age to develop a love of reading and learning.

1. Imagination Library of Maine Fund established; purpose. The Imagination Library of Maine Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the Maine State Library. The State Librarian shall administer the fund. All money in the fund must be used for the purposes set forth in this section. Any fund balance at the close of the fiscal year does not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year and used only for the purposes specified in this section.

A. The purpose of the fund is to promote and encourage reading by children in this State and to provide through a statewide initiative, at no cost to families of children enrolled in the program, age-appropriate books to children from birth to 5 years of age through a nonprofit imagination library organization.

B. The fund must be used to provide a dollar-for-dollar match of the funds needed to provide, through the nonprofit imagination library organization under paragraph A, one age-appropriate book to each enrolled child from birth to 5 years of age in participating counties in this State through a qualified local entity that agrees to a dollar-for-dollar match for purposes of the program. Books must be sent monthly to each child's home at no cost to families of those children.

C. The nonprofit imagination library organization under paragraph A or a statewide nonprofit entity shall serve as the fiscal agent for the fund, including the provision of all records and information necessary for the Maine State Library to report to the Legislature as required pursuant to subsection 5.

As used in this section, "nonprofit imagination library organization" means an organization that is exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, that is based in the United States and that provides, at no charge, regardless of the income of the family, books to children from birth to 5 years of age worldwide. As used in this section, "qualified local entity" means any existing or new local affiliate with the nonprofit imagination library organization.

4. Coordination with nonprofit imagination library organization. The Maine State Library shall coordinate with a nonprofit imagination library organization or a statewide entity, qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, for the purpose of implementing the program.

The Maine State Library shall work with a nonprofit imagination library organization or a statewide nonprofit entity to:

A. Promote the statewide development of local programs affiliated with the program;

B. Advance and strengthen local programs affiliated with the program with the goal of increasing enrollment in the local programs;

C. Develop community engagement in local programs affiliated with the program;

D. Develop, promote and coordinate a campaign to make the public aware of the opportunity to donate to local programs affiliated with the program and to make the public aware of the opportunity to enroll eligible children to receive books through a local program;

E. Administer the local funding match requirement and coordinate the collection and remittance of books and mailing costs of local programs affiliated with the program;

F. Develop statewide marketing and communication plans of the program; and

G. Solicit donations, gifts and other funding to financially support local programs affiliated with the program.

5. Report to Legislature. The Maine State Library shall report to the Legislature, by January 1, 2024 and annually thereafter, on the following:

A. The deposits made to, and expenditures made from, the fund;

B. Whether any local funding match requirements were waived;

C. How many local programs affiliated with the program exist, where they are located and which entity or organization, if any, serves as the local partner; and

D. The number of children enrolled in the program and the number of books sent to enrolled children.

6. Confidentiality. Any records containing the name, address or any other personally identifiable information relating to the parents and children participating in the program are confidential and may not be disclosed other than:

A. In a de-identified, aggregate form for study, evaluation or audit of the program; and

B. With informed parental consent and for the purpose of expanding access to the program, to other state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Corrections, the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services.

PART EEEEE

Sec. EEEEE-1. 22 MRSA §254-D, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. TT, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) Does not receive full MaineCare pharmaceutical benefits; and

Sec. EEEEE-2. 22 MRSA §254-D, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. TT, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) Is at least 62 years of age, or is 19 years of age or older and determined to be disabled by the standards of the federal social security program. A person who was eligible for the program at any time from August 1, 1998 to July 31, 1999 and who does not meet the requirements of this subparagraph at the time of application or renewal retains eligibility for the program if that person is a member of a household of an eligible person; ~~and.~~

Sec. EEEEE-3. 22 MRSA §254-D, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 2015, c. 267, Pt. TT, §1, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (5).

Sec. EEEEE-4. 22 MRSA §3174-LLL is enacted to read:

§3174-LLL. Medicare savings program

The department shall administer the Medicare savings program as described in 42 United States Code, Section 1396a(a)(10)(E) in accordance with federal law and with this section.

1. Asset test. The department may not apply an asset test in determining eligibility for the program.

2. Income eligibility. No later than March 1, 2024, the department shall establish income disregards to determine eligibility so that a person with income that is no more than 185% of the federal poverty level is qualified as a qualified Medicare beneficiary and a person with income that is more than 185% and no more than 250% of the federal poverty level is qualified as a qualified individual.

3. Rules. 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. EEEEE-5. State plan amendment. The Department of Health and Human Services shall prepare and submit any necessary Medicaid state plan amendments to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval for the removal of the asset test and income eligibility guidelines required by this Part.

PART FFFFF

Sec. FFFFF-1. Department of Education, General Purpose Aid for Local Schools; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$40,000,000 of the unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Education, General

Purpose Aid for Local Schools program, General Fund account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2023.

Sec. FFFFF-2. Transfer to School Revolving Renovation Fund from General Fund; Maine Municipal Bond Bank. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$20,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for the School Revolving Renovation Fund established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 6006-F.

PART GGGGG

Sec. GGGGG-1. 32 MRSA §98 is enacted to read:

§98. Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program

The Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the department, to be administered by Maine Emergency Medical Services in consultation with the board and the Department of Health and Human Services, to provide financial assistance to emergency medical services entities based in the State that are facing immediate risk of failure, to increase the sustainability, efficiency and resiliency of emergency medical services throughout the State and to help ensure that all residents of the State continue to have access to high-quality, out-of-hospital clinical care provided by the emergency medical services system.

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Community" means a municipality, group of municipalities or other area of the State served by an emergency medical services entity.

B. "Emergency medical services entity" means a nonprofit or for-profit ambulance service or non-transporting emergency medical service or emergency medical services training center licensed under this chapter or a regional council.

C. "Historical activations" means the number of times an emergency medical services entity was dispatched by the E-9-1-1 system within a defined period of time.

D. "Rurality" means a community's score established by the United States Department of Agriculture that indicates the rural nature of the community.

2. Purpose and use of funding. The purpose of the program is to provide financial assistance, in accordance with subsection 3, to emergency medical services entities at immediate risk of failing and leaving their

communities without access to adequate emergency medical services and to provide grants to assist emergency medical services entities with long-term sustainability and resiliency planning and programming within the emergency medical services system in accordance with subsection 4.

3. Funding requirements. This subsection provides requirements for financial assistance to emergency medical services entities at immediate risk of failing and leaving their communities without access to adequate emergency medical services. Financial assistance under this subsection must be provided through the program.

A. Using a form developed and made available by the board, an emergency medical services entity applying for funding under this subsection must demonstrate that the entity:

(1) Is at immediate risk of failing and leaving its community without access to adequate emergency medical services due to employee recruitment or retention issues or an inability to finance daily operations. The entity must submit a financial statement covering its most recent fiscal year;

(2) Provided ambulance services or nontransporting emergency medical services to its community during the prior calendar year;

(3) Is providing and intends to continue to provide ambulance services or nontransporting emergency medical services to its community; and

(4) In the case of an applicant that is an ambulance service only, is participating in the MaineCare program and maintains an electronic funds transfer account with the Department of Health and Human Services.

B. As a condition of receiving funding under this subsection, an emergency medical services entity meeting the requirements of paragraph A must enter into an agreement with Maine Emergency Medical Services requiring the entity to:

(1) Use all funding received to support only those activities as specified by the board in the application, which must include, but are not limited to:

(a) Supplementing wages, benefits, stipends and incentives for emergency medical services persons;

(b) Supporting training directly related to the provision of clinical care, leadership or management of emergency medical services;

(c) Supplementing wages, benefits, stipends and incentives for administrative support staff;

(d) Implementation of programming directly related to a strategic plan for the emergency medical services system developed by the board; and

(e) Investment in capital expenditures not to exceed \$50,000 in the aggregate;

(2) Submit a report to the board no later than December 31st of the year in which the entity receives the funding identifying how the funding was expended; and

(3) If the board determines, based on the report, that the funding was used to support activities not identified in the application as authorized expenditures, repay all such unauthorized expenditures for redistribution in accordance with this subsection.

(a) For the purposes of this subparagraph, a funding expenditure by an entity is deemed to be unauthorized and subject to repayment if the board determines the expenditure was used to supplant the entity's existing emergency medical services funding sources, except for funding sources originating from in-kind donations, fund-raisers or volunteer labor.

(b) To the extent permissible under applicable federal laws and regulations and state laws and rules, the Department of Health and Human Services may withhold future payments or reimbursements under the MaineCare program that are due to an entity that is an ambulance service and that is required to repay unauthorized expenditures under this subparagraph until such unauthorized expenditures are repaid in full. Payments withheld under this paragraph must be transferred to the program established in this section.

C. The board shall establish an allocation algorithm for maximum and minimum funding distributions to emergency medical services entities under this subsection based on the rurality of a community and historical activations for emergency medical services.

D. The board may establish reasonable deadlines by which an emergency medical services entity seeking funding under this subsection must enter into an agreement pursuant to paragraph B.

4. Sustainability grant requirements. This subsection provides requirements for grants to emergency medical services entities to increase support and de-

velop a plan for sustainability, collaboration and enhancement of efficiency in the delivery of emergency medical services in the State. The board shall adopt rules establishing requirements for grants under this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

A. Using a form developed and made available by the board, an emergency medical services entity may apply for and be awarded a grant under this subsection upon a determination by the board that the applicant meets all applicable requirements for the grant as established by the board by rule.

B. Upon the recommendation of the director after consultation with the board, the board shall establish an allocation algorithm for maximum and minimum funding distributions to emergency medical services entities under this subsection, which may, as applicable, be based on the rurality of the community and historical activations for emergency medical services.

Sec. GGGGG-2. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$31,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Public Safety, Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide financial assistance to emergency medical services entities at immediate risk of failing and leaving their service areas and community without access to adequate emergency medical services as well as assisting emergency medical services entities with long-term sustainability and resiliency planning and programming within the emergency medical services system.

Sec. GGGGG-3. Report. The Emergency Medical Services' Board shall submit a report regarding the Emergency Medical Services Stabilization and Sustainability Program established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 98 to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety no later than January 12, 2024. The report must also include, at a minimum, the actual and planned expenditures and encumbrances and applications submitted and accepted under the program.

PART HHHHH

Sec. HHHHH-1. Transfer for one-time cost-of-living benefit increase. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$19,800,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Retirement Allowance Fund within the Maine Public Employees Retirement System for the purpose of

providing the resources to fund an additional one-time cost-of-living increase of 3.0% of the established 2022 maximum benefit subject to an increase for retirees from the state-sponsored retirement plans. The additional 3.0% applies to retirement benefit payments, up to a maximum of \$24,186.25, for the one-year period ending August 31, 2022. This additional increase applies to retirees who were eligible for a cost-of-living adjustment in September 2022, is a one-time payment and is not included in the calculation of future benefit adjustments.

PART IIIII

Sec. IIIII-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services and Department of the Secretary of State; financing agreements for ongoing modernization of customer service and information services systems. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1587, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in cooperation with the Treasurer of State and on behalf of the Department of the Secretary of State, may enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2023-24 and 2024-25 for improvements to the Department of the Secretary of State's customer service system, technology infrastructure and data centers; updating of Department of the Secretary of State software and hardware; ongoing modernization of databases, storage and other components; and improved security of personally identifiable information and other confidential data. The financing agreements entered into may not exceed \$5,700,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 in principal costs, 7 years in duration and a 7% interest rate. The annual principal and interest costs must be paid from the appropriate line category appropriations in the Department of the Secretary of State accounts.

PART JJJJJ

Sec. JJJJJ-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Infrastructure Adaptation Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$7,500,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Transportation, Infrastructure Adaptation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purpose of supporting the municipal culvert program and providing project planning and state matching funds for federal funds related to adaptation, resiliency and culverts.

PART KKKKK

Sec. KKKKK-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Multimodal Ports and Marine. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2023, the State Controller shall transfer \$12,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Transportation, Multimodal Ports and Marine program, Other Special Revenue Funds account to support

the infrastructure necessary to deploy and connect floating offshore wind turbines in the Gulf of Maine. The funds must be invested in a purpose-built deep water port project and the infrastructure to support the development of an offshore wind industry in the State, driving local supply chain and workforce development, as well as increasing opportunities for federal and other investment and support the planning, design, funding and permitting required as well as ongoing collaboration with communities, businesses and the region.

PART LLLLL

Sec. LLLLL-1. 34-B MRSA §5003-B is enacted to read:

§5003-B. Services across the lifespan

The department shall facilitate the development of a home and community-based waiver from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that provides services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism or other related conditions across the lifespan, including smooth transitions from childhood to adulthood. Upon federal approval, the department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, except that any subsequent amendments to those rules are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. LLLLL-2. Home and community-based lifespan program. The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a MaineCare home and community-based lifespan program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, autism or other related conditions pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-B, section 5003-B, referred to in this Part as "the lifespan program." On or after April 1, 2025, the department may begin enrollment in the lifespan program. The department may seek waivers or other approvals from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement the lifespan program. The goals of the lifespan program are to:

1. Flexibility across the lifespan. Provide home and community-based supports that can change over the member's lifespan as a member as described in this section and the persons who provide support to that member get older, without needing to move from one waiver program to another;

2. Seamless transitions. Expand upon the department's current childhood-to-adulthood transition initiatives by including children beginning at 14 years of age and enable smooth transitions at later life stages;

3. Early planning for independence. Emphasize in-home supports, independent living skills and employment services for youth to prepare them for as much independence as possible in adulthood;

4. Innovation. Include service innovations currently under development, such as tiered shared living, standardized assessment of need, enhanced medical and behavioral health supports, self-direction, innovative employment supports, independent living options and remote support technology, including models of support that can be successfully implemented with a smaller workforce; and

5. Simplified and effective payment methods. Include alternative payment methods to promote quality and efficiency and reduce the administrative burden for service providers and the department.

Sec. LLLLL-3. Relationship to existing programs. The Department of Health and Human Services shall implement the lifespan program in 2 phases. The target group for phase 1 of the lifespan program includes adults who would qualify for home and community-based services programs under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 21 or 29 and children beginning at 14 years of age who would meet all other eligibility criteria for Section 21 or 29 except age. The target group for phase 2 of the lifespan program may include adults who would qualify for home and community-based services programs under rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 20 and children beginning at 14 years of age who would meet all other eligibility criteria for Section 20 except age. When the lifespan program opens for phase 1 enrollment, new enrollment under Sections 21 and 29 will be closed. Members who are enrolled under Section 21 or 29 when enrollment is closed have the option of continuing in their current program or applying for enrollment in the lifespan program during phase 2. Individuals who are on a waiting list for enrollment under Section 21 or 29 when the lifespan program opens will be transferred to the lifespan program waiting list.

Sec. LLLLL-4. Appropriations. Any appropriations made for the lifespan program may be used for purposes of the Department of Health and Human Services rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 29 until the lifespan program opens for enrollment. When the lifespan program opens for enrollment, any unused appropriations for reserve slots in rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 21 must be used for the lifespan program for the same purpose. When the lifespan program opens for enrollment, any appropriations for Section 21 or 29 that become available as a result of attrition of enrollment under Section 21 or 29 must be used for the lifespan program to expand access in that program.

Sec. LLLLL-5. Lifespan stakeholder advisory group. The Department of Health and Human Services shall create a lifespan stakeholder advisory

group to advise the department on development and implementation of the lifespan program. The stakeholder advisory group must include self-advocates; family members and other persons who provide support; advocates; service providers; and experts from higher education or research organizations. The stakeholder advisory group shall meet at least 4 times per year until phase 2 implementation of the lifespan program is complete.

PART MMMMM

Sec. MMMMM-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 2022-23 in order to make post-closing entries and adjustments to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Sec. MMMMM-2. Retroactivity. This Part applies retroactively to June 30, 2023.

PART NNNNN

Sec. NNNNN-1. Department of Health and Human Services may use extraordinary circumstance allowance to provide temporary financial assistance to certain nursing facilities. The Department of Health and Human Services may provide financial assistance under an extraordinary circumstance allowance to a nursing facility, subject to the following conditions.

1. A nursing facility that receives financial assistance under this Part may not convert nursing facility beds to other service models, such as residential care facility beds, without written approval from the department's division of licensing and certification based on the facility's assessment of the net positive value of need for and access to quality services at the appropriate level of care for the facility's residents.

2. A nursing facility shall submit a plan to the department to adjust costs to maximize efficiency and economy, with a focus on contracted labor, prior to approval of an extraordinary circumstance allowance.

3. A nursing facility may seek an extraordinary circumstance allowance due to financial hardship caused by factors that include, but are not limited to, direct care cost increases such as contract labor cost increases, capacity and available beds of other proximate nursing facilities, overall occupancy of the facility and the proportion of residents in the facility who are members of the MaineCare program.

Financial assistance under this Part is subject to the availability of funding for this purpose and is available only prior to the effective date of provider reimbursement rates for nursing facilities established in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3173-J.

Sec. NNNNN-2. Report. The Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report, no later than January 30, 2024, to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with a summary of the extraordinary circumstance allowances provided pursuant to section 1. The report must, at a minimum, specify the total amount of financial assistance granted, the number of nursing facilities that received the financial assistance, the factors that caused the financial hardship and any other relevant information.

PART OOOOO

Sec. OOOOO-1. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. NN, §1, is further amended to read:

D. Forty-five percent from January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2021; ~~and~~

Sec. OOOOO-2. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. NN, §1, is amended to read:

E. Fifty-five percent ~~after June 30~~ from July 1, 2021- to June 30, 2023; and

Sec. OOOOO-3. 20-A MRSA §13451, sub-§3, ¶F is enacted to read:

F. Sixty percent after July 1, 2023.

PART PTTTT

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Child Care Services 0563

Initiative: Deappropriates funding for delivery of Head Start services to support families earning up to 185% of the federal poverty level to provide the funding in the correct program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	(\$3,600,000)	(\$3,600,000)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>(\$3,600,000)</u>	<u>(\$3,600,000)</u>

Head Start 0545

Initiative: Provides funding for delivery of Head Start services to support families earning up to 185% of the federal poverty level.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$3,600,000</u>	<u>\$3,600,000</u>

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Reverses the elimination of one vacant Office Assistant II position and one vacant part-time Public Health Educator III position from the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.500	1.500
All Other	\$62,712	\$65,936
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$62,712	\$65,936

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$16,539	\$17,262
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$16,539	\$17,262

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Eliminates one vacant Office Assistant II position and one vacant part-time Public Health Educator III position from the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention program.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	(1.500)	(1.500)
Personal Services	(\$62,712)	(\$65,936)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$62,712)	(\$65,936)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	(\$16,539)	(\$17,262)
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$16,539)	(\$17,262)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 413
H.P. 340 - L.D. 535**

An Act Regarding Consent for Gender-affirming Hormone Therapy for Certain Minors

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1508 is enacted to read:

§1508. Consent for gender-affirming hormone therapy

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Gender-affirming hormone therapy" means nonsurgical, medically necessary health care that respects the gender identity of the patient, as experienced and defined by the patient, that includes, but is not limited to, the following health care:

- (1) Interventions to suppress the development of endogenous secondary sex characteristics;
- (2) Interventions to align the patient's appearance or physical body with the patient's gender identity; or
- (3) Interventions to alleviate symptoms of clinically significant distress resulting from gender dysphoria.

B. "Gender dysphoria" means a clinical diagnosis of gender dysphoria as defined either in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association or in the Standards of Care for the Health of Transgender and Gender Diverse People, Version 8 or subsequent version, published by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health.

C. "Health care professional" means a person qualified by training and experience to provide and monitor the provision of gender-affirming hormone therapy who is authorized by law to prescribe medication and who is:

- (1) Licensed by the Board of Licensure in Medicine under Title 32, chapter 48;
- (2) Licensed by the Board of Osteopathic Licensure under Title 32, chapter 36; or
- (3) Licensed by the State Board of Nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse under Title 32, chapter 31.

2. Authority of minor to consent. A health care professional may provide gender-affirming hormone therapy and follow-up care to a minor without obtaining

the consent of the parent or guardian of the minor only if:

- A. The minor is at least 16 years of age;
- B. The minor has been diagnosed with gender dysphoria by a health care professional;
- C. In the judgment of the health care professional, the minor is experiencing harm from or is expected to experience harm from not receiving gender-affirming hormone therapy;
- D. The minor informs the health care professional that the minor has discussed the minor's gender dysphoria with a parent or guardian of the minor and that parent or guardian refused to support treatment of the minor's gender dysphoria; and
- E. The minor provides informed written consent to the receipt of gender-affirming hormone therapy in accordance with the requirements of subsection 3; the health care professional makes the written consent that is set forth in a writing containing the information and statements required by subsection 3, paragraph B and that is signed by the minor a part of the minor's health record; and the minor, under all the surrounding circumstances, is mentally and physically competent to give consent.

3. Informed consent. A minor who meets the requirements of subsection 2, paragraphs A to D may provide informed written consent to gender-affirming hormone therapy and follow-up care only in accordance with the requirements of this subsection.

A. A health care professional shall, in a manner that the health care professional believes is not misleading and will be understood by the minor:

- (1) Explain that the information being given to the minor is not intended to coerce, persuade or induce the minor to consent to gender-affirming hormone therapy;
- (2) Explain that the minor may withdraw the decision to commence or to continue to receive gender-affirming hormone therapy at any time either before the therapy begins or during the course of the therapy;
- (3) Clearly and fully explore with the minor the alternative choices available for managing and treating gender dysphoria;
- (4) Explain the physiological effects, benefits and possible consequences of gender-affirming hormone therapy and follow-up care, including the physiological effects, benefits and possible consequences of discontinuing the therapy;
- (5) Discuss the possibility of involving the minor's parents or guardians in the minor's decision making about gender-affirming hormone

therapy and follow-up care and explore whether the minor believes that parent or guardian involvement would be in the minor's best interests; and

(6) Provide an adequate opportunity for the minor to ask any questions concerning gender dysphoria, gender-affirming hormone therapy and follow-up care and provide the information the minor seeks or, if the health care professional cannot provide the information, explain where the minor can obtain the information.

B. After providing the information and counseling required by paragraph A, the health care professional shall have the minor sign and date a form stating:

- (1) The business address and telephone number of the health care professional who provided the information and counseling required by paragraph A;
- (2) The minor has received information on gender-affirming hormone therapy and follow-up care, including the benefits and possible consequences of and alternatives to gender-affirming hormone therapy;
- (3) The minor has received an explanation that the minor may withdraw consent to gender-affirming hormone therapy at any time, including after therapy begins;
- (4) The alternatives for managing gender dysphoria have been clearly and fully explored with the minor;
- (5) The minor has discussed with the health care professional the possibility of involving the minor's parents or guardians in the minor's decision making about gender-affirming hormone therapy and follow-up care. If the minor has chosen not to involve the minor's parents or guardians, the reasons for making that choice must be stated in writing on the form; and
- (6) The minor has been given an adequate opportunity to ask questions and receive answers about gender dysphoria, gender-affirming hormone therapy and follow-up care.

C. The health care professional who provided the information and counseling required by paragraph A shall also sign and date the form signed by the minor under paragraph B. The health care professional shall retain a copy of the form in that health care professional's files and shall give the form to the minor. If the health care professional who provided the information and counseling required by paragraph A is not the health care professional who will provide gender-affirming hormone therapy to

the minor, at the minor's request the health care professional shall transmit the form to the health care professional who will provide gender-affirming hormone therapy to the minor.

4. Rebuttable presumption of validity. A written consent of a minor who meets the requirements of subsection 2 that is set forth in a writing containing the information and statements required by subsection 3, paragraph B and that is signed by the minor is presumed to be a valid, informed consent to treatment for gender-affirming hormone therapy and bars an action by a parent or guardian of the minor on the grounds of battery, malpractice or any other claim for providing gender-affirming hormone therapy without consent from a parent or guardian. The presumption of validity established in this subsection may be rebutted only by evidence that the minor's consent was obtained through fraud, deception or misrepresentation of material fact.

5. Disallowance of recovery. Recovery is not allowed against a health care professional upon the grounds that gender-affirming hormone therapy of a minor who meets the requirements of subsection 2 was rendered without the informed consent of the minor when:

A. The health care professional, in obtaining the minor's consent, complied with the terms of this section and the standards of care among members of the same health care profession with similar training and experience situated in the same or similar communities; or

B. The health care professional received and acted in good faith on the informed written consent to gender-affirming hormone therapy given by the minor to another health care professional that contains the information and statements required by subsection 3, paragraph B.

6. Nonseverability. In the event that any portion of subsections 1 to 5 is held invalid, it is the intent of the Legislature that this entire section, other than subsection 7, is invalid.

7. Authority of parent to consent unaffected. This section does not affect the legal authority of a parent or guardian to consent to gender-affirming hormone therapy for a minor in accordance with established standards of care.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 414

S.P. 702 - L.D. 1756

**An Act to Protect Employee
Freedom of Speech**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §600-B is enacted to read:

§600-B. Adverse action against employee concerning certain religious or political matters prohibited

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Political matters" means matters relating to elections for political office, political parties, proposals to change legislation, proposals to change rules or regulations, proposals to change public policy and the decision to join or support any political party or political, civic, community, fraternal or labor organization.

B. "Religious employer" means a church or convention or association of churches or an organization that is operated primarily for religious purposes and that is operated, supervised, controlled or principally supported by a church or convention or association of churches.

C. "Religious matters" means matters relating to religious belief, affiliation and practice and the decision to join or support any religious organization or association.

2. Adverse action prohibited. An employer or the employer's agent, representative or designee may not discharge, discipline or otherwise penalize or threaten to discharge, discipline or otherwise penalize or take any adverse employment action against an employee because:

A. The employee declines to attend or participate in an employer-sponsored meeting, or any portion of such a meeting, that communicates the opinion of the employer about religious or political matters;

B. The employee declines to receive or listen to a communication from the employer or the agent, representative or designee of the employer, or any portion of such a communication, that communicates the opinion of the employer about religious or political matters; or

C. The employee, or a person acting on behalf of the employee, makes a good faith report, orally or in writing, of a violation or a suspected violation of this section.

3. Enforcement. An aggrieved employee may bring a civil action to enforce this section no later than 90 days after the date of the alleged violation in the Superior Court for the county where the violation is alleged to have occurred or where the principal office of the employer is located. The court may award a prevailing employee all appropriate relief, including injunctive relief, reinstatement to the employee's former position or an equivalent position, back pay and reestablishment of any employee benefits, including seniority, to which

the employee would otherwise have been eligible if the violation had not occurred and any other appropriate relief as considered necessary by the court.

4. Notice. Within 30 days after the effective date of this section, an employer subject to this section shall post and keep posted a notice of employee rights under this section where employee notices are customarily placed.

5. Communications and rights not affected. This section does not:

A. Prohibit communications of information that the employer is required by law to communicate, but only to the extent of the lawful requirement;

B. Limit the rights of an employer or its agent, representative or designee to conduct meetings involving religious matters or political matters as long as attendance is wholly voluntary or to engage in communications as long as receipt or listening is wholly voluntary; or

C. Limit the rights of an employer or its agent, representative or designee from communicating to its employees any information that is necessary for such employees to perform their lawfully required job duties.

6. Exemption. This section does not apply to a religious employer.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 415

S.P. 788 - L.D. 1939

An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative 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 Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission have not met recently and have a backlog of business to address; and

Whereas, making new appointments to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission will cause the commissions to meet and act on unfinished business; 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 §227, as corrected by RR 1991, c. 1, §1, is amended to read:

§227. Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission

The Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, as authorized by Title 5, section 12004-K, subsection 10, ~~shall consist~~ consists of ~~8~~ 12 members, all of whom ~~shall~~ must be citizens of this State. The Speaker of the House shall appoint ~~4~~ 6 members, 2 for a term of one year and ~~2~~ 4 who must be members of the House of Representatives and who ~~shall~~ each hold office from the date of appointment until the term of election to the Legislature expires. The President of the Senate shall appoint ~~4~~ 6 members, 2 for a term of one year and ~~2~~ 4 who must be Senators and who ~~shall~~ each hold office from the date of appointment until the term of election to the Legislature expires. At least one member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House ~~shall~~ must be fluent in the French language. The legislative members appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House must equally represent the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature. In the event of the death or resignation of any member, the vacancy ~~shall~~ must be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as the original appointment.

Members ~~shall~~ must be compensated as provided in Title 5, chapter 379. ~~Four~~ Six members ~~shall~~ constitute a quorum. The commission shall designate one of its members as ~~chairman~~ chair.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §231, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 475, §24, is further amended to read:

1. Commission. The New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission, as established by Title 5, section 12004-K, subsection 11, and in this chapter called "the "commission," consists of ~~4~~ 8 members from Maine, together with the same number of members appointed according to the laws of each of the other member jurisdictions.

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §231, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 475, §24, is further amended to read:

2. Membership. The members of the commission from Maine are the ~~2~~ 4 Senators and the ~~2~~ 4 members of the House of Representatives who are appointed to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission pursuant to section 227.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 19, 2023.

CHAPTER 416

H.P. 1044 - L.D. 1619

An Act to Improve Maine's Reproductive Privacy Laws

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1596, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 262, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Abortion reports. A report of each abortion performed must be made to the Department of Health and Human Services in a manner prescribed by the department. These reports may not identify the patient by name or include other identifying information.

The report must include, without limitation, the following information:

- A. The date and place the abortion was performed;
- B. The age of the person on whom the abortion was performed;
- C. The method used to perform the abortion; and
- D. The gestational age of the fetus when the abortion was performed.

The report containing the information and data required by this subsection must be transmitted by the health care provider to the department not later than 10 days following the end of the month in which the abortion is performed.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1598, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 262, §4, is further amended to read:

1. Policy. It is the public policy of the State that the State not restrict a woman's exercise of her private decision to terminate a pregnancy before viability except as provided in section 1597-A. ~~After viability an abortion may be performed only when it is necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother.~~ It is also the public policy of the State that all abortions may be performed only by a health care professional, as defined in section 1596, subsection 1, paragraph C.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §1598, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Abortion after viability. After viability, an abortion may be performed only when it is necessary in the professional judgment of a physician licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 36 or 48. The physician shall

apply the applicable standard of care in making a professional judgment under this subsection.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §1598, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2019, c. 262, §5, is further amended to read:

3. Persons who may perform abortions; penalties.

A. Only a person licensed under Title 32, chapter 36 or 48 to practice in the State as an osteopathic or medical physician or physician assistant or a person licensed under Title 32, chapter 31 to practice in the State as an advanced practice registered nurse may perform an abortion on another person. Nothing in this paragraph limits the applicability of Title 32, section 3270 or any other civil or criminal law that may apply.

~~B. Any person not so licensed who knowingly performs an abortion on another person or any person who knowingly assists a nonlicensed person to perform an abortion on another person is guilty of a Class C crime.~~

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §1598, sub-§4, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §98, is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 417

H.P. 538 - L.D. 849

An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Working Group to Review the Process for Ongoing Review of Tax Expenditures by the Legislature

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §993, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 702, §2, is amended to read:

§993. Committee membership; chairs

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. 3 MRSA §998, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2017, c. 266, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Schedule. The committee, in consultation with the policy committee, shall establish a prioritized schedule of ongoing review of the tax expenditures assigned to the full evaluation and expedited review categories pursuant to subsection 1, paragraphs A and B. To the extent practicable, the committee shall group the review of tax expenditures with similar goals together. Beginning in 2024, when prioritizing ongoing review of tax expenditures assigned to the full evaluation category, the committee, in consultation with the policy committee, shall give priority to tax expenditures that are intended to provide an incentive to businesses over tax expenditures that are directed primarily toward individual tax relief and shall consider the impact of any statutory provisions regarding the expiration of a tax expenditure that may be the subject of legislation to extend the tax expenditure.

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §998, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Policy committee meetings. In order to perform its functions under this chapter, the policy committee may meet monthly or as often as is determined necessary by the chairs of the policy committee.

Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §998, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Limited analysis projects. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the policy committee may request the committee to approve up to 2 limited analysis projects related to legislation before the policy committee to be completed by the office during each regular legislative session. For the purposes of this section, "limited analysis project" means a limited review of a tax expenditure based on information readily available to the office that is intended to be completed and submitted to the committee and the policy committee within 30 days of approval by the committee.

Sec. 5. 3 MRSA §1000, as amended by PL 2019, c. 161, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 3 MRSA §1001, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 344, §4, is amended to read:

1. Information requests; confidentiality; reporting. The following provisions apply to the performance of duties under ~~sections section~~ 999 and 1000. These powers are in addition to the powers granted to the office and committee under this chapter.

A. The office may request confidential information from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services or other state agencies as necessary to address the evaluation objectives and performance measures approved under section 999, subsection 1. The office shall request any confidential information in accordance with section 997, subsection 4. The office shall request that confidential tax information,

other than beneficiary contact information, be made accessible to the office as de-identified tax data. If Maine Revenue Services is unable to provide such data, the office and representatives of Maine Revenue Services shall determine appropriate methods for the office to access the requested information.

B. Upon request of the office and in accordance with section 997, subsection 4, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services or other state agencies shall provide confidential information to the office. The office shall maintain the confidentiality of the information provided, in accordance with section 997, subsections 3 and 4. This paragraph does not apply to federal tax information that is confidential under Title 36, section 191, subsection 3.

C. The office, the committee or the policy committee may consult with governmental agencies, other entities and experts, including members of the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission under Title 5, section 1710.

D. The office may contract with other entities for the purpose of obtaining assistance in the review of tax expenditures. The office shall require a nondisclosure agreement as part of any contract entered into pursuant to this paragraph. The office may not disclose confidential taxpayer information to a contractor, except for:

- (1) Contact information for specific beneficiaries of tax expenditures for the purpose of conducting interviews, surveys or other data collection; and
- (2) Statistics classified so as to prevent the identification of specific taxpayers or the reports, returns or items of specific taxpayers.

The contractor shall retain physical control of any information obtained pursuant to this paragraph until the conclusion of the review for which the information was provided, after which the information must be immediately destroyed.

E. The office may report confidential information obtained under this section to Legislators, legislative committees, state agencies and the public only in the form of statistics classified so as to prevent the identification of specific taxpayers or the reports, returns or items of specific taxpayers.

F. Prior to the submission of a tax expenditure evaluation report under section 999, subsection 2, the office shall provide the State Tax Assessor an opportunity to review a draft of the report in accordance with the provisions of section 997, subsection 1. The State Tax Assessor may advise the office on compliance with paragraph E.

G. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

- (1) "Beneficiary contact information" means the following information listed on a tax return or included in a tax return: the name, address, zip code, e-mail address and telephone number of the taxpayer, and of any related entity, officers, attorneys, personal representatives and other agents, tax preparers and shareholders of, partners of or members of the taxpayer or of a listed related entity.
- (2) "De-identified tax data" means tax returns and other confidential tax information that are redacted or otherwise modified or restricted by Maine Revenue Services so as to exclude the following:
 - (a) Beneficiary contact information;
 - (b) Identification numbers including federal or state employer identification numbers, social security numbers and registration numbers; and
 - (c) Other information from which the State Tax Assessor determines that the identity of the taxpayer could reasonably be inferred.

Sec. 7. 3 MRSA §1002 is enacted to read:

§1002. Review of proposed tax expenditures

1. Procedures before legislative committees.

Whenever a legislative measure contains a proposed new tax expenditure or a proposed change that affects an existing tax expenditure, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the proposal shall hold a public hearing and determine the level of support for the proposal among the members of the joint standing committee. If there is support for the proposal among a majority of the members of the joint standing committee, the joint standing committee shall request the policy committee to review and evaluate the proposal pursuant to subsection 2 and to report to the joint standing committee. A proposed tax expenditure or change to an existing tax expenditure may not be enacted into law unless the review and evaluation pursuant to this section has been completed.

2. Evaluation. Upon referral pursuant to subsection 1 of a proposal from the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the proposal, the policy committee, in consultation with the office, shall conduct a review and evaluation of the proposal and shall report in a timely manner to the joint standing committee. The policy committee shall evaluate whether the proposed or amended tax expenditure is likely to be assigned to the full evaluation category under section 998, subsection 1, paragraph A. If the tax expenditure is likely to be assigned for full evaluation,

the policy committee shall evaluate whether the proposal contains the provisions necessary for a full evaluation under section 999, including whether the proposal:

- A. Identifies the purposes and goals of the tax expenditure;
- B. Identifies the data or other information necessary to evaluate the tax expenditure and the person or agency responsible for collecting that data or information;
- C. Requires the appropriate person or agency to provide the data or other information identified in paragraph B to the office; and
- D. Provides the necessary framework to permit the office to evaluate and report on the tax expenditure as required under section 999.

3. Report. After its evaluation pursuant to subsection 2, the policy committee shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over the proposal its findings and recommendation on whether the proposed tax expenditure is likely to be assigned to the full evaluation category under section 998, subsection 1, paragraph A and, if so, whether it contains the provisions necessary to fulfill the requirements of a full evaluation under section 999 or whether the legislation should be amended to contain the necessary provisions.

Sec. 8. 5 MRSA §1666, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 2015, c. 344, §5, is further amended to read:

A budget document transmitted by the Governor or Governor-elect must include a part that asks the Legislature whether it wishes to continue funding each individual tax expenditure provided in the statutes. For purposes of this paragraph, "tax expenditures" means those state tax revenue losses attributable to provisions of Maine tax laws that allow a special exclusion, exemption or deduction or provide a special credit, a preferential rate of tax or a deferral of tax liability. The part must include for each tax expenditure a statutory section reference, a brief description of each tax expenditure and the loss of revenue estimated to be incurred by funding source and fiscal year. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs shall consider any reports regarding the evaluation of tax expenditures completed during the previous 2 years pursuant to Title 3, ~~sections section 999 and 1000~~ and shall hold at least one public hearing to receive public comment regarding those tax expenditures when reviewing the continuation of tax expenditures pursuant to this section. This paragraph applies with respect to the preparation of the budget document for the 2008-2009 biennium and thereafter.

Sec. 9. Review by Director of Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accounta-

bility. By November 1, 2024, the Director of the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability shall review the laws governing full evaluations of tax expenditures under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, chapter 37 and identify and recommend to the Government Oversight Committee and the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation potential statutory changes to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the full evaluation process going forward, with particular attention to evaluation parameters and the schedule and pace of full evaluation reports. The Government Oversight Committee may submit legislation related to the recommendations of the director to the First Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Sec. 10. Staffing for tax expenditure review.

By January 15, 2025, the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and the Office of Fiscal and Program Review shall notify the Legislative Council whether they can, within existing resources, provide staffing adequate to support the Government Oversight Committee and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters in staffing the activities required by this Act or whether additional resources are needed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 418

H.P. 855 - L.D. 1341

**An Act to Modernize the
Bureau of Motor Vehicles'
Mobile Services**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §160 is enacted to read:

§160. Mobile motor vehicle services

The Secretary of State shall establish and operate a program to provide mobile services.

1. Populations served. The program under this section must provide mobile services:

A. In rural areas where members of the public are required to travel an inconvenient distance to reach offices that can provide services under this section; and

B. To individuals who are unhoused, immigrants or refugees.

2. Services. The services under this section must include, to the maximum extent feasible:

A. Vehicle registration pursuant to chapter 5, subchapter 1; and

B. Renewal or replacement of a driver's license or nondriver identification card under chapter 11.

Sec. 2. Remote motor vehicle services. In order to provide the services described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 160, the Secretary of State shall acquire 2 large vehicles to accommodate the needs of the program established pursuant to section 160. Each vehicle must be staffed by 4 individuals, who, to the maximum extent feasible, shall operate the program, including driving the vehicle and providing the services described in section 160.

Sec. 3. Funding. The Secretary of State shall modernize the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles' mobile services including traveling units, computer tablets, computers, printers, vehicle expenses and other information technology to establish and operate a program to provide mobile services to include vehicle registration and renewal or replacement of a driver's license or nondriver identification card. This program must be funded with up to \$1,000,000 in available prior year balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Highway Fund account in accordance with Public Law 2023, chapter 50, Part B. The funds may be distributed by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 419

S.P. 557 - L.D. 1390

**An Act to Provide Self-service
Motor Vehicle Services**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §160 is enacted to read:

§160. Motor vehicle services

The Secretary of State shall establish and operate 8 self-service kiosks that provide, to the maximum extent feasible, at least the following services:

1. Vehicle registration. Vehicle registration renewal pursuant to chapter 5, subchapter 1; and

2. Licenses or identification cards. Renewal or replacement for a driver's license or nondriver identification card under chapter 11.

Sec. 2. Report. The Secretary of State shall investigate the various types of self-service kiosks that may provide services offered by the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles that are available to the State, including those self-service kiosks that are offered at no cost to the State. The Secretary of State shall provide a report that includes its findings from the investigation and any recommendations,

including any proposed statutory changes, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation by January 3, 2024. The committee may report out a bill related to self-service kiosks to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 3. Funding. To implement the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 160, the Secretary of State shall lease 8 self-service kiosks and may use, including for technology costs to provide vehicle registration renewal and driver's license and nondriver identification card renewal and replacement, up to \$1,000,000 in available prior year balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Highway Fund account as authorized for this purpose in Public Law 2023, chapter 50, Part B. The funds may be allotted by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 420

H.P. 1251 - L.D. 1947

An Act to Amend the Maine Food Sovereignty Act

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §282, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 314, §1, is amended to read:

1. Direct producer-to-consumer transaction. "Direct producer-to-consumer transaction" means a ~~face-to-face transaction involving an exchange of food or food products at the site of production of those 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.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §415, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 138, §1, is amended to read:

4. Relationship to farmers' market rules. This section does not prohibit a farmers' market from imposing more stringent requirements on its sellers than those imposed by subsection 2, paragraph B or an ordinance adopted pursuant to section 284.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 421
H.P. 1262 - L.D. 1965

An Act to Authorize the Secretary of State to Provide a New General Issue of License Plates

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. C, §1 and affected by §16, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1-A. New general issue. The Secretary of State shall provide for a new general issue of registration plates and shall begin issuing the new plates no later than May 1, 2025. The Secretary of State shall complete the issuance of new plates before July 31, 2026 to all vehicles required to obtain new plates.

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§4, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

A. Registration plates must bear the year of issue or the last 2 numerals of that year and the word "Maine" ~~or the abbreviation "Me."~~ in letters of at least 3/4 inch in height centered at the top of the registration plate.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§4-A, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 311, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4-A. New general issue design. Notwithstanding subsection 4, the design of registration plates issued pursuant to subsection 1-A is governed by this subsection.

A. Registration plates must bear the year of issue or the last 2 numerals of that year and the word "Maine" in letters of at least 3/4 inch in height centered at the top of the registration plate.

B. Except on motorcycle plates, registration numbers may not be substantially less than 3 inches high.

C. On registration plates issued for private use and trucks, the word "Vacationland" must be centered at the bottom in letters not less than 3/4 inch in height, except when the Secretary of State determines that, for other than passenger vehicles, that space may be used for class codes.

D. A new registration plate must have a buff neutral shaded background that does not interfere with any identifying characteristics on the plate, a distinct border and:

(1) Blue identification numbers and letters, a representation of an eastern white pine tree and

a blue star representing the North Star on the side of the plate; or

(2) Blue identification numbers and letters with no other features.

E. The Secretary of State shall devise, with the advice of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters, a numbering system suitable for a new general issue of registration plates.

Sec. 4. 29-A MRSA §451, sub-§6, as amended by PL 1995, c. 645, Pt. C, §3, is further amended to read:

6. Plates to be manufactured at ~~State Prison~~ Bolduc Correctional Facility. The Secretary of State or the duly designated official in charge of vehicle registration shall purchase and cause to be installed at the ~~State Prison~~ Bolduc Correctional Facility the necessary equipment and materials for the production of all vehicle registration plates used in the State. Only plates that ~~can not~~ cannot be produced at the ~~prison~~ Bolduc Correctional Facility and plates for which anticipated demand is below a minimum number determined by the Secretary of State may be purchased for state use.

The Warden of the State Prison has charge of operations at the ~~State Prison~~ Bolduc Correctional Facility relative to the manufacture of all plates made for the State. The Warden of the State Prison, with the consent of the Secretary of State, may employ for limited periods of time a supervisor for the purpose of instructing ~~inmates~~ residents in the operation of making such plates.

For purposes of this subsection, "resident" means an individual who resides in the Bolduc Correctional Facility.

Sec. 5. 29-A MRSA §461, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 352, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Plate issue year. In a year in which new registration plates are issued, the Secretary of State shall reserve ~~until July 1st for one year~~ the same registration number for the succeeding registration year for a person who notifies in writing the Secretary of State ~~prior to May 1st~~ of that person's desire to retain that registration number. The fee for retention of the same registration number is \$25.

The Secretary of State may issue a facsimile plate that is valid for a 90-day period during production of a reserved plate. A facsimile plate must be attached to the rear plate bracket.

~~If a person does not have a vehicle to register on May 1st, a registration number may be held for a maximum of 2 registration years by depositing with the Secretary of State \$25 for each year. This fee is not refundable and may not be applied against the registration fee.~~

~~All numbers other than those reserved must be released and may be issued after July 1st 6 months after the plate issue is complete.~~

~~A person wishing to select a number out of rotation may do so by paying the registration fee and a reserved number fee of \$25.~~

Sec. 6. Report on new registration plates.

The Secretary of State shall evaluate how frequently new registration plates should be issued. By January 15, 2024, the Secretary of State shall report findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 7. Funding.

The Secretary of State shall implement the new general issue of registration plates under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 451, subsection 1-A, including project contractor costs; technology and programming costs; plate material, production and manufacturing costs; and mailing costs, with up to \$7,000,000 in available prior year balances in the Personal Services and All Other line categories in the Department of the Secretary of State, Administration - Motor Vehicles program, Highway Fund account as authorized for this purpose in Public Law 2023, chapter 50, Part B. The funds may be allotted by financial order upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer and approval of the Governor.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 422

S.P. 38 - L.D. 46

An Act to Amend the Statutory Balance Limit on the Finance Authority of Maine's Loan Insurance Reserves

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1511, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. F, §1, is further 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 \$40,000,000 \$50,000,000. Any balance in the Loan Insurance Reserve is appropriated for this purpose.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 423
H.P. 37 - L.D. 62**

An Act to Require Antipinch Sensors on School Bus Doors

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2304, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

A. One door on the right side near the front for ordinary exits and entrances, which must be equipped with technology to prevent the door from closing on a person's limb or other body part if the school bus was manufactured in 2025 or later; and

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 424
H.P. 55 - L.D. 87**

An Act to Permit Emergency Funding for Food Banks When a State of Emergency Is Declared

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1532, sub-§9 is enacted to read:

9. Emergency funding for nonprofit food banks. During a state of emergency declared in accordance with Title 37-B, section 742, subsection 1 that exceeds 10 days, the Governor, in accordance with rules adopted by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, may distribute up to \$400,000 from the stabilization fund to nonprofit entities, including food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens, that provide or distribute food to low-income, indigent or unemployed individuals or households without charge. The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall adopt rules to prescribe the manner in which the funds distributed under this subsection must be disbursed. The commissioner may leverage funds distributed under this subsection to match any relevant federal funding available for qualifying food programs in the State. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as described in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The Governor may not suspend under Title 37-B,

section 742, subsection 1, paragraph C, subparagraph (1) rules adopted under this subsection.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 425
H.P. 96 - L.D. 155**

An Act Regarding Community-based Services for Youth Involved in the Juvenile Justice System

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19132, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 450, §7, is amended to read:

9. Program implementation and oversight. Initiate, implement and oversee programs, policies and services consistent with the purposes of this chapter; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §19132, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 450, §7, is amended to read:

10. Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council. Oversee the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council, established under section 24051, and direct a representative of the cabinet to meet at least once yearly with the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council and consult with one or more state-designated groups representing youth issues regarding goals selected by the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council; and

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §19132, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Coordination across state agencies. Establish a working group that includes the Department of Corrections and the Department of Health and Human Services to promote coordinated policies, finances, programs and service delivery systems to support juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system. The working group shall conduct a review of other states in regard to best practices and organizational structures for juvenile justice services.

Sec. 4. 34-A MRSA §7009 is enacted to read:

§7009. Publication of data

By February 15, 2024, the department shall develop and publish on its publicly accessible website data regarding the number of juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system. The data must be updated monthly and include information regarding the numbers of juveniles referred, diverted, detained, placed on probation, ordered to serve a period of confinement and committed to the department. The department shall

deidentify the data and remove any potential personal identifying information of the juveniles. The data must be organized by region of the State and broken down by age, gender and race.

Sec. 5. 34-A MRSA §7010 is enacted to read:

§7010. Reports regarding juvenile justice system

1. Annual report regarding reducing detention rates and expanding community-based alternatives. By February 15th of each year, the department shall provide an annual report in person to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. The report must include detailed information regarding:

A. The efforts of the department and the Department of Health and Human Services to offer diversion options for juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system and to reduce the rates of detention and commitment of youths across the State;

B. The successes and challenges of the department and the Department of Health and Human Services in expanding access to community-based therapeutic services or programs for the purpose of diverting juveniles involved in the juvenile justice system from detention and commitment;

C. A summary of the Long Creek Youth Development Center, including, but not limited to, the number of staff as of the December 1 preceding the report, staffing levels and the challenges at the facility;

D. The strategic plan developed by the department and the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Corrections in consultation with the task force established by the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group;

E. The specific juvenile-focused community-based programs and services receiving funding from the department, including the amount of funding received by the community-based organizations providing the programs and services;

F. The successes and challenges of the department in expanding juvenile-focused community-based programs and services; and

G. Any other information the department determines is relevant to the report.

2. Annual report regarding possible locations for secure, therapeutic residences for detained and committed youths. By January 1st of each year, the department shall provide an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters on the status of the identification and development of 2 small, secure, therapeutic residences for youths for the purpose of providing detention and confinement for

committed youths in a therapeutic setting. These 2 residences shall provide for a maximum occupancy of 20 youths. The report must include rationale for the consideration of each identified residence, as well as an estimate on the number of youths that will be served at the residence, an estimate of the cost for construction and operation of the residence and staffing options for providing services at the residence to youths living at the residence, including therapeutic programs and educational services.

Sec. 6. PL 2021, c. 398, §KKKK-4 is repealed.

Sec. 7. PL 2021, c. 398, §KKKK-5 is repealed.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 426

H.P. 105 - L.D. 164

An Act Regarding the Funding of Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Projects

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-N, as amended by PL 1989, c. 890, Pt. A, §40 and Pt. B §§79 and 80, is further amended to read:

§480-N. Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund

1. Fund purposes and administration. There is established a nonlapsing Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," from which the commissioner may pay up to 50% of the eligible costs incurred in a lake water quality restoration or protection project, except that eligible costs for projects addressing technical assistance, watershed surveys, watershed plan development, public education or research issues may be paid up to 100%. Eligible costs include all costs except those related to land acquisition, legal fees and debt service. ~~All money~~ The commissioner may use money credited to ~~that the~~ fund ~~must be used by the commissioner for only for the~~ purposes described in subsections 3, 4 and 6 and for projects to improve or maintain the quality of lake waters in the State ~~and for no other purpose.~~ The commissioner may authorize the State Controller to draw a warrant for such funds as may be necessary to pay the lawful expenses of the lake water quality restoration or protection project, up to the limits of the money duly authorized. Any balance remaining in the fund must continue without lapse from year to year and remain available only for the purpose purposes for which the fund is established and for no other purpose.

2. Money Prohibited expenditures. Money in the Lake Restoration and Protection Fund may not be

~~used~~ The commissioner may not use money in the fund to pay costs for projects in or on lakes for which public access is not provided.

3. Intensive staffing program Staffing support. The commissioner ~~shall establish an intensive staffing program to provide adequate staffing at both the state and regional levels. The commissioner shall provide technical information and guidance and the regional agencies shall assist with the adoption of revised comprehensive plans, standards and local ordinances by local governments~~ may use money in the fund for state, regional or local staffing to support administration and implementation of activities authorized under this section.

4. Public education program. The commissioner ~~shall~~ may use money in the fund to develop a coordinated public education program for school children involving extensive use of the media.

5. Research. ~~The commissioner shall encourage internal research focused on the following statewide topics:~~

- ~~A. Lake vulnerability, particularly as it relates to noncultural features of the watershed;~~
- ~~B. The effectiveness and design of the best management practices to control phosphorous pollution; and~~
- ~~C. New lake and watershed diagnostic tools.~~

6. Research. The commissioner may use money in the fund to conduct internal or external assessments and research focused on lake water quality restoration or protection.

7. Funding sources. The fund may receive money from any source, public or private.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund N422

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for projects that meet specific criteria and improve or maintain the quality of lake waters in the State.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$200,000

Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund N422

Initiative: Provides a base allocation in the event that outside funding is received for projects that meet specific criteria and improve or maintain the quality of lake waters in the State.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$500	\$200,500

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 427
S.P. 136 - L.D. 315**

An Act to Provide Funding for Programs Benefiting Maine Farmers

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

Sec. 1. Contracted services regarding water withdrawal permitting process. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, of the funds transferred to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Farmers Drought Relief Grant Program Fund program, Other Special Revenue Funds account in Public Law 2023, chapter 17, Part G, \$35,000 must be used for contracted services to review and overhaul the current water withdrawal permitting process.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Land Use Planning Commission Z236

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Environmental Specialist II position and provides funding for related All Other costs. This position ends June 7, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$88,400
All Other	\$0	\$3,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$91,900

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 428
S.P. 141 - L.D. 320

An Act to Support the Maine
Multicultural 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.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Adult Education 0364

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to the Maine Multi-
cultural Center in Bangor for one or more positions to
establish a comprehensive program for foreign-trained
workers through the Maine Multicultural Center. The
positions will develop and coordinate the comprehen-
sive program, which must be designed to serve foreign-
trained workers with an emphasis on foreign-trained
professionals and seek private funds to support the cen-
ter's programs and operations.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$190,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$190,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 429
H.P. 235 - L.D. 384

An Act to Provide Emergency
Aid to Dairy Farmers Affected
by the Crisis in Production
Costs

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

**Sec. 1. Transfer from General Fund unap-
propriated surplus; Department of Agricul-
ture, Conservation and Forestry, Milk Com-
mission.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
contrary, on or before July 30, 2024, the State Control-
ler shall transfer \$500,000 from the unappropriated sur-
plus of the General Fund to the Department of Agricul-
ture, Conservation and Forestry, Milk Commission pro-
gram, Other Special Revenue Funds account to provide
one-time pandemic volatility payments to Maine milk
producers who produced milk and reported production
information to the Maine Milk Commission in calendar
year 2022 and are currently participating in the dairy
stabilization program under the Maine Revised Statutes,
Title 7, section 3153-B, also known as the Tier Pro-
gram. In calculating the payment, the administrator of
the Maine Milk Pool shall attempt to achieve, insofar as

practical, a proportional distribution of the entire trans-
ferred amount to farmers by basing the payments on a
per hundredweight production basis and limiting pay-
ments to a production limit of 5,000,000 pounds per
farm. The administrator of the Maine Milk Pool may
use existing distribution methods within the Maine Milk
Pool program to expedite the distribution of payments.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The
following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND
FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Milk Commission 0188

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation to allow dis-
tribution of pandemic volatility payments to Maine
dairy farmers who meet specific milk production crite-
ria.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500,000	\$0

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 430
S.P. 186 - L.D. 405

An Act Regarding False Public
Alarms or Reports and
Aggravated False Public
Alarms or Reports

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §509, as amended by PL
1977, c. 510, §56, is further amended to read:

**§509. False public alarm or report; aggravated false
public alarm or report**

1. A person is guilty of false public alarm or report
if:

A. ~~He~~ The person knowingly gives or causes to be
given false information to ~~any~~ 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 ~~such~~ the of-
ficer, 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; ~~or~~

B. ~~He~~ The person knowingly gives or causes to be
given false information to ~~any~~ a law enforcement
officer, a member of a fire fighting ~~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 ~~such~~ the other person is likely to communicate the information to a law enforcement officer ~~or, a member of a fire fighting firefighting~~ agency, an emergency communications center or any other emergency services personnel concerning a fire, explosive or other similar substance ~~which that~~ is capable of endangering the safety of persons, knowing that such the information is false, or knowing that he the person has no information relating to the fire, explosive or other similar substance; or

C. ~~He~~ The person knowingly gives or causes to be given false information concerning an emergency to ~~any an~~ 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 ~~to any a~~ government agency or public utility that deals with emergencies involving danger to life or property, with the intent of inducing such the service, personnel, agency, center or utility to respond to the reported emergency, knowing such the information to be false.

A violation of this subsection is a Class D crime.

For the purposes of this subsection, "emergency communications center" means a state, county or municipal government entity that receives calls by 9-1-1, business lines, radio or other methods requesting public service or emergency response from public safety agencies and, as appropriate, dispatches requests to public safety agencies and assists in coordinating the response between agencies and other specialized professionals.

~~2. False public alarm is a Class D crime.~~

3. A person is guilty of aggravated false public alarm or report if the person violates subsection 1 and the violation causes the evacuation, shutdown or lock-down of a building, school, public square or park, place of assembly or public transportation facility.

A violation of this subsection is a Class C crime.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1501, sub-§8, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 170, §1, is amended to read:

C. The discriminatory motive of the person in making a false public alarm or report or an aggravated false public alarm in violation of section 509, ~~subsection 1;~~ and

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 431
H.P. 261 - L.D. 428**

**An Act to Reclassify Certain
Offenses Under the Inland
Fisheries and Wildlife Laws**

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2015, c. 281, Pt. A, §4, is further amended to read:

1. License required. Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to this Part, a person may not engage in an activity for which a license may be issued under this section unless that person has a valid license issued under this section. An electronic license or permit fulfills the requirement under this subsection that a person must have a physical paper license or permit if the electronic license or permit can be displayed upon request to a game warden or other law enforcement officer, an employee of the department, a registered Maine guide or the owner of the land on which the licensed activity is taking place. ~~Each~~ Except as otherwise provided in this section, each day a person violates this subsection that person commits a Class E crime for which ~~a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable license fee must be imposed~~ the sentencing alternative may include only the penalties provided in Title 17-A, section 1704, subsection 5 and Title 17-A, section 1705, subsection 5.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2017, c. 164, §8, 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 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. 3. 12 MRSA §11109, sub-§3, ¶F, as amended by PL 2019, c. 501, §8, 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 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. 4. 12 MRSA §11159, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

1. Permit required. Except as otherwise authorized in this Part, a person may not engage in the practice of falconry unless that person has a valid permit issued under this section. Each day a person violates this subsection that person commits a ~~Class E crime for which a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable license fee must be imposed~~ civil violation.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §11214, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

F. Hunt migratory game birds with a shotgun of any description originally capable of holding more than 3 shells, unless the shotgun's magazine has been cut off, altered or plugged with a one-piece filler incapable of removal without disassembling the gun so as to reduce the capacity of the gun to not more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined. A person who violates this paragraph commits a civil violation. This paragraph does not apply to:

- (1) Military organizations authorized by law to bear arms or to the National Guard in the performance of its duty;

Sec. 6. 12 MRSA §11214, sub-§1, ¶I, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

I. Allow duck decoys to remain in waters of Merymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time the next day. A person who violates this paragraph commits a civil violation;

Sec. 7. 12 MRSA §11214, sub-§1, ¶J, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

J. Leave or allow to remain in waters of Merymeeting Bay an artificial cover, that is, a "stationary blind," or parts of an artificial cover used for hunting purposes between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time the next day. A person who violates this paragraph commits a civil violation;

Sec. 8. 12 MRSA §11214, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §146 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

2. Penalty. Except as provided in subsection 1, paragraphs F, I and J, a person who violates subsection 1 commits a Class E crime for which the sentencing alternative may include only the penalties provided in Title 17-A, section 1704, subsection 5 and Title 17-A, section 1705, subsection 5.

Sec. 9. 12 MRSA §11301, as amended by PL 2021, c. 100, §6 and affected by §13, is further amended to read:

§11301. Placing of bear bait

1. Bear baiting; penalty. A person may not place bait to entice, hunt or trap black bear, unless:

- A. The bait is placed at least 50 yards from a travel way that is accessible by a conventional 2-wheel-drive or 4-wheel-drive vehicle;
- B. The stand, blind or bait area is plainly labeled with a 2-inch-by-4-inch tag with the name and address of the baiter;
- C. The bait is placed more than 500 yards from a site permitted or licensed for the disposal of solid waste or a campground;
- D. The bait is placed more than 500 yards from an occupied dwelling, unless written permission is granted by the owner or lessee;
- E. The bait is placed not more than 30 days before the opening day of the season, and not more than 30 days before the first Monday preceding September 1st and not after October 31st;
- F. The bait areas will be cleaned up by November 10th, as defined by the state litter laws; and
- G. The person hunting from a stand or blind of another person has permission of the owner of that stand or blind.

A person may not use bait to hunt or trap black bear without the oral or written permission of the landowner.

A person who violates this subsection commits a civil violation.

1-A. Prohibition Prohibitions; penalty. During the open season on hunting bear, a person may not within 50 yards of a bait site established by another person in accordance with section 11227 without the written permission of the person who established the bait site:

A. Hunt, trap, molest or harass bear or release a dog or dogs for the purpose of hunting bear or training dogs to hunt bear; or

A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class E crime for which the sentencing alternative may include only the penalties provided in Title 17-A, section 1704, subsection 5 and Title 17-A, section 1705, subsection 5; or

B. Disturb the bait site through the use of chemicals or take other action intended to interfere with the hunting of bear at the bait site by the person who established the bait site.

A person who violates this paragraph commits a Class E crime for which the sentencing alternative may include only the penalties provided in Title 17-A, section 1704, subsection 5 and Title 17-A, section 1705, subsection 5.

~~2. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime.~~

Sec. 10. 12 MRSA §11302, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §158 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

3. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime civil violation.

Sec. 11. 12 MRSA §12051, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 2013, c. 588, Pt. A, §16, is amended by amending the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime civil violation.

Sec. 12. 12 MRSA §12054, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

2. Rabbit hound field trials. A person may not hold field trials for beagles and other rabbit hounds except from September 1st through the following April 10th. A person who violates this subsection commits a Class E crime civil violation.

Sec. 13. 12 MRSA §12055, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended to read:

1. License required. A club or organization may not hold field trials as provided under this section unless the club or organization has a valid license issued under this section. Each day a person violates this subsection

~~that person commits a Class E crime for which a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable license fee must be imposed civil violation.~~

Sec. 14. 12 MRSA §12101, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §199 and affected by §422, is amended to read:

1-A. License required. A person may not charge others for the opportunity to hunt mallard ducks, pheasants, quail, Chukar partridge and Hungarian partridge in an area or establish a commercial shooting area for such purposes unless that person has a valid license issued under this section. Each day a person violates this subsection that person commits a Class E crime for which a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable license fee must be imposed civil violation.

A. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the operator of a commercial shooting area from authorizing a person to hunt other wild birds or wild animals in the commercial shooting area during the regular open season on those species, in accordance with this Part, as long as the person possesses a valid state hunting license that allows the hunting of those wild birds and wild animals.

Sec. 15. 12 MRSA §12508, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

Each day a person violates this subsection, that person commits a Class E crime for which a minimum fine of \$50 and an amount equal to twice the applicable license fee must be imposed civil violation.

Sec. 16. 12 MRSA §12551-A, sub-§5, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §259 and affected by §422, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) Shall present a receipted invoice, bill of lading, bill of sale or other satisfactory evidence of the lawful possession of live baitfish or smelts for retail sale to any agent of the commissioner upon request. A person who violates this subparagraph commits a civil violation; or

Sec. 17. 12 MRSA §12551-A, sub-§5, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §259 and affected by §422, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

~~Each~~ Except for a violation of subparagraph (2), each day a person violates this paragraph that person commits a class Class E crime for which the sentencing alternative may include only the penalties provided in Title 17-A, section 1704, subsection 5 and Title 17-A, section 1705, subsection 5.

Sec. 18. 12 MRSA §12551-A, sub-§6, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §259 and affected by §422, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) When engaged in taking, or assisting in taking, live baitfish for resale from inland waters, fail to exhibit a baitfish wholesaler's license to any agent of the commissioner upon request. A person who violates this subparagraph commits a Class E crime for which the sentencing alternative may include only the penalties provided in Title 17-A, section 1704, subsection 5 and Title 17-A, section 1705, subsection 5;

Sec. 19. 12 MRSA §12551-A, sub-§6, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §259 and affected by §422, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

Each Except for a violation of subparagraph (1), each day a person violates this paragraph that person commits a class Class E crime for which the sentencing alternative may include only the penalties provided in Title 17-A, section 1704, subsection 5 and Title 17-A, section 1705, subsection 5.

Sec. 20. 12 MRSA §12551-A, sub-§7, ¶B, as amended by PL 2005, c. 237, §3, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) When engaged in taking, or assisting in taking, live smelts for resale from inland waters, fail to exhibit the license to any agent of the commissioner upon request. A person who violates this subparagraph commits a Class E crime for which the sentencing alternative may include only the penalties provided in Title 17-A, section 1704, subsection 5 and Title 17-A, section 1705, subsection 5;

Sec. 21. 12 MRSA §12551-A, sub-§7, ¶B, as amended by PL 2005, c. 237, §3, is further amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

Each Except for a violation of subparagraph (1), each day a person violates this paragraph that person commits a Class E crime for which the sentencing alternative may include only the penalties provided in Title 17-A, section 1704, subsection 5 and Title 17-A, section 1705, subsection 5.

Sec. 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 computer programming costs to update classifications of offenses.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,400	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,400	\$0
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Sec. 23. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.

Effective January 1, 2024.

CHAPTER 432

H.P. 265 - L.D. 432

An Act to Clarify MaineCare Program Requirements Regarding Certain High-risk Health Care Providers

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §5307, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 400, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Final adverse action" has the same meaning as in 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 424.502 (2008) in effect on November 19, 2008.

B. "High-risk provider" means a provider the department has determined is high risk in accordance with subsection 2-A.

C. "Person with ownership interest" means a person who has at least a 5% direct or indirect ownership interest in a high-risk provider or a provider in a high-risk provider category.

D. "Provider" has the same meaning as "provider" or "supplier" in 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 400.202 (1983) in effect on January 1, 2022.

E. "Provider in a high-risk provider category" has the same meaning as "high categorical risk: Provider and supplier categories" in 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 424.518(c)(1) (2020) in effect on December 28, 2020.

F. "State Police" means the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §5307, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 400, §1, is amended to read:

2. Background check. The department shall request a background check for a MaineCare provider applicants applicant who are is a high-risk providers or provider, a provider in a high-risk provider categories as those terms are defined by department rule category or a person with ownership interest. The applicant subject to the background check is responsible for the fees

associated with the background check. The background check must include criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A. The criminal history record information obtained from the Maine Criminal Justice Information System must include a record of 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. A provider applicant shall submit to having fingerprints taken. The State Police, upon payment by the provider applicant, shall take or cause to be taken the applicant's fingerprints and shall forward the fingerprints to the State Bureau of Identification so that bureau 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 State Police for purposes of this paragraph must be paid over to the Treasurer of State. The money must be applied to the expenses of administration incurred by the Department of Public Safety.

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 national criminal history record information of a provider applicant must be used by the department for the purpose of screening that provider applicant.

F. Information obtained pursuant to this subsection is confidential. The results of background checks received by the department are for official use only and may not be disseminated to any other person or entity.

G. An individual whose enrollment as a MaineCare provider has expired and who has not applied for renewal may request in writing that the 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.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §5307, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. High-risk provider adjustments by the department. The department shall adjust the categorical risk for a provider to high if any of the following conditions exist:

A. Within the previous 10-year period:

(1) The MaineCare program has imposed a payment suspension on the provider based on credible allegations of fraud, waste or abuse;

(2) The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General or another state's Medicaid program has excluded the provider from Medicaid;

(3) A Medicare contractor revoked the provider's billing privileges and the provider is attempting to:

(a) Enroll as a new provider; or

(b) Establish billing privileges for a new service location; or

(4) The provider was subject to a final adverse action;

B. Within the previous 6-month period, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services lifted a temporary moratorium for a particular provider type that prevented the provider from enrolling as a MaineCare provider and that provider is now a MaineCare provider applicant;

C. The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General excluded the provider from Medicare; or

D. The provider:

(1) Owes \$1,000 or more to the department as a result of a Medicaid overpayment that is not currently under appeal or in a payment plan;

(2) Has been terminated or is otherwise precluded from billing Medicaid; or

(3) Has been excluded from any federal health care program.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for technology changes.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$9,250
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$9,250

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$27,750
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$27,750

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 433
H.P. 272 - L.D. 439**

**An Act to Allow Death by
Suicide to Be Considered a
Death While in the Line of
Duty**

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA c. 195-A, headnote is amended to read:

CHAPTER 195-A

DEATH BENEFITS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONS, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND CORRECTIONS OFFICERS WHO DIE WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §1611, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:

1-C. Department of Corrections law enforcement officer. "Department of Corrections law enforcement officer" means a person who is employed by the Department of Corrections as an investigative officer, as defined in Title 34-A, section 1001, subsection 10-A, a juvenile community corrections officer, as described in Title 34-A, section 5602, or a probation officer. "Department of Corrections law enforcement officer" does not include a corrections officer.

Sec. 3. 25 MRSA §1611, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2017, c. 229, §6, is further amended to read:

5. Law enforcement officer or officer. "Law enforcement officer" or "~~officer~~" means an active state police officer, municipal police officer, county sheriff, deputy sheriff, game warden, an employee of the Office of the State Fire Marshal who has law enforcement powers pursuant to section 2396, subsection 7, fire marshal, judicial marshal, forest ranger, Baxter State Park ranger, a detective employed by the Office of the Attorney General pursuant to Title 5, section 202, ~~a person employed by the Department of Corrections as an investigative officer as defined in Title 34 A, section 1001, subsection 10 A, a juvenile community corrections officer as described in Title 34 A, section 5602, a probation officer,~~ a security officer appointed by the

Commissioner of Public Safety pursuant to section 2908, a motor vehicle detective or supervisor appointed by the Secretary of State pursuant to Title 29-A, section 152, a military security police officer appointed by the Adjutant General, a University of Maine System police officer or marine patrol officer in this State. "Law enforcement officer" does not include a Department of Corrections law enforcement officer.

Sec. 4. 25 MRSA §1612, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 658, §6, is further amended to read:

1. Amount; recipients. In a case in which the chief determines under rules adopted pursuant to this section that a law enforcement officer has died while in the line of duty, in a case in which the State Fire Marshal determines under rules adopted pursuant to this section that a firefighter has died while in the line of duty, in a case in which the director determines under rules adopted pursuant to this section that an emergency medical services person has died while in the line of duty or in a case in which the Commissioner of Corrections determines under rules adopted pursuant to this section that a Department of Corrections law enforcement officer or corrections officer has died while in the line of duty prior to July 1, 2021, the State shall pay a benefit of \$100,000. When determining whether an individual has died while in the line of duty, the chief, the State Fire Marshal, the director or the Commissioner of Corrections, as applicable, shall evaluate whether an individual who died by suicide died as a result of events or actions experienced by the individual while in the line of duty.

Beginning July 1, 2021 and annually thereafter, the benefit amount must be indexed to the Consumer Price Index whenever there is a percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index from July 1st to June 30th of the previous year. A firefighter, law enforcement officer, emergency medical services person, Department of Corrections law enforcement officer or corrections officer who dies while in the line of duty must be paid the benefit amount as indexed immediately prior to that firefighter's, law enforcement officer's, emergency medical services person's, Department of Corrections law enforcement officer's or corrections officer's death. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall adopt rules to calculate the annual percentage increase in the death benefit.

The State shall pay the benefit as follows:

- A. If there is no surviving child of the firefighter, law enforcement officer, emergency medical services person, Department of Corrections law enforcement officer or corrections officer, to the surviving spouse of the person;
- B. If there is a surviving child or children and a surviving spouse of the firefighter, law enforcement officer, emergency medical services person, Department of Corrections law enforcement officer

or corrections officer, 1/2 to the surviving child or children in equal shares and 1/2 to the surviving spouse;

C. If there is no surviving spouse of the firefighter, law enforcement officer, emergency medical services person, Department of Corrections law enforcement officer or corrections officer, to the child or children in equal shares; or

D. If there is no surviving child or spouse, to the parent or parents of the firefighter, law enforcement officer, emergency medical services person, Department of Corrections law enforcement officer or corrections officer in equal shares.

Sec. 5. 25 MRSA §1612, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 439, Pt. CCCCC, §4, is amended to read:

B. When the chief determines upon showing of need and prior to final action that the death of ~~an~~ a law enforcement officer is a death for which a benefit will probably be paid, the chief may make an interim benefit payment not exceeding \$3,000 to the individual or individuals entitled to receive a benefit under subsection 1 in the manner set out in subsection 1.

Sec. 6. 25 MRSA §1612, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 658, §6, is amended to read:

D. When the Commissioner of Corrections determines upon showing of need and prior to final action that the death of a Department of Corrections law enforcement officer or corrections officer is a death for which a benefit will probably be paid, the commissioner may make an interim benefit payment not exceeding \$3,000 to the individual or individuals entitled to receive a benefit under subsection 1 in the manner set out in subsection 1.

Sec. 7. 25 MRSA §1612, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 658, §6, is further amended to read:

4. Repayment of interim payment; waiver. If a final benefit is not paid, the recipient or recipients of any interim payment under subsection 2 are liable for repayment of the amount received. The State Fire Marshal in the case of a firefighter, the chief in the case of a law enforcement officer, the director in the case of an emergency medical services person or the Commissioner of Corrections in the case of a Department of Corrections law enforcement officer or a corrections officer may waive all or part of the repayment if that official determines that undue hardship would result from that repayment.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 434
S.P. 205 - L.D. 451**

**An Act to Ensure Transparent
and Accountable 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 2009, c. 621, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Registration; renewal. A temporary nurse agency shall register with the department and renew the registration ~~as required by rule thereafter 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 ~~thereof of a business entity~~ that primarily provides nurses, certified nursing assistants and other qualified staff to another organization on a temporary basis within this State. A 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 is enacted 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 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-§1-C is enacted to read:

1-C. Predatory recruitment prohibited. A temporary nurse agency may not require, as a condition of employment, assignment or referral, that an employee of the temporary nurse agency or staff contracted to the temporary nurse agency recruit new employees for the temporary nurse agency from among the permanent em-

ployees of the health care facility to which the temporary nurse agency employees or contracted staff have been assigned or referred.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §2131, sub-§1-D is enacted to read:

1-D. Annual reporting. A temporary nurse agency shall provide an annual report to the department that includes:

A. The number of total employees placed, the health care settings into which they were placed, the average duration of the placements and the state of licensure for those employees;

B. The total and average amounts charged during each quarter of the reporting period to a health care facility for each category of health care employee providing services to the health care facility;

C. The total and average amounts of wages paid during each quarter of the reporting period to health care employees for each category of health care employee;

D. The total and average amounts of stipends paid during each quarter of the reporting period to health care employees for each category of health care employee;

E. Documentation showing that the temporary nurse agency has documentation that each employee contracted to a health care facility during the reporting period had a current, unrestricted license or certification in good standing and met the training and continuing education standards required by state and federal law for the position with the health care facility throughout the entirety of the reporting period; and

F. Documentation showing that the temporary nurse agency has documentation that each employee contracted to a health care facility had successfully completed all background checks required by federal and state law relating to the health care position and health care facility in which the employee was placed during the reporting period.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §2131, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 579, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §2131, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2009, c. 590, §3, is further amended to read:

3. Fee. The initial and annual fee for registration is ~~\$25~~ **\$1,000**.

~~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. 7. 22 MRSA §2131, sub-§4, ¶C is enacted 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 1-B; or

(2) Provide an annual report that includes the documentation required by section 1-D.

Sec. 8. 22 MRSA §2131, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Unfair trade practice. A person or business entity that operates a temporary nurse agency and fails to meet the requirements of this section violates the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Sec. 9. Report. No later than December 6, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services a summary report of the temporary nurse agency annual reports required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2131, subsection 1-D.

Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Division of Licensing and Certification Z036

Initiative: Provides funding for one Comprehensive Health Planner II position to assist with the tracking of temporary nurse agency registrations for administrative changes, complaint investigations, audits related to the new requirements and drafting the required annual report.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS -	1,000	1,000
LEGISLATIVE COUNT		
Personal Services	\$39,228	\$41,393
All Other	\$2,549	\$2,549
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$41,777	\$43,942
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$61,356	\$64,743
All Other	\$5,565	\$5,646
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$66,921	\$70,389

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 435
H.P. 287 - L.D. 470**

**An Act to Support Lead
Abatement in Older
Residential Properties**

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.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Lead Abatement Fund Z267

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the abatement of lead paint hazards in residential housing and for the cost of administering the lead abatement program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$300,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$300,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 436
H.P. 300 - L.D. 483**

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Governing Retirement Benefit
Reductions for Certain
Employees Currently Included
in the 1998 Special Plan**

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

Sec. 1. Computation of service retirement benefits for certain employees of the Department of Corrections. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17851-A, subsection 4 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the service retirement benefit of a qualified member must be computed on the basis of all of the qualified member's creditable service in the capacity specified in Title 5, section 17851-A, subsection 1, paragraph I, regardless of when that creditable service was earned, except that for a member qualifying for a retirement benefit under Title 5, section 17851-A, subsection 2, paragraph B:

1. If the member had 10 years of creditable service on July 1, 1993, the benefit must be reduced as provided in Title 5, 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. 2. Qualified member; definition. As used in this Act, "qualified member" means a member on the effective date of this Act to whom the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17851-A, subsection 1, paragraph I applies and who:

1. Was employed by the Department of Corrections prior to January 1, 2000; and
2. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 17851-A, subsection 1, paragraph E, on the effective date of this Act is employed in a position with the title of:
 - A. Director or chief of security;
 - B. Correctional captain or lieutenant;
 - C. Corrections unit manager;
 - D. Chief correctional industries manager or correctional industries manager;
 - E. Correctional building maintenance supervisor, correctional electrician supervisor or correctional maintenance mechanic;
 - F. Chief corrections firearms instructor; or
 - G. Juvenile facilities operations supervisor or juvenile program manager.

As used in this Act, the terms "creditable service," "member" and "retirement benefit" have the same meanings as in Title 5, section 17001.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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 in the Department of Corrections earned under the regular state employee and teacher plan to be calculated under the 1998 Special Plan.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$170,054
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$170,054

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2024.

Effective July 1, 2024.

**CHAPTER 437
H.P. 321 - L.D. 516**

**An Act to Reduce Cancer
Among Firefighters by
Providing Grants for Safety
Equipment**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3373 is enacted to read:

§3373. Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund

1. Fund established. The Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established under the commission as a nonlapsing fund to provide funds to allow fire departments to purchase and install diesel vehicle exhaust systems and heavy duty extractor washing machines.

2. Grant program. The commission shall establish criteria to award grants to fire departments from the fund. The commission may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

3. Procedure. A fire department may apply to the commission for grants. The commission shall evaluate each application pursuant to the criteria developed pursuant to subsection 2 and, to the extent funds are available, shall award grants from the fund.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION,
MAINE**

Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund N423

Initiative: Creates the Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund with a base allocation.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund N423

Initiative: Provides a one-time appropriation to provide grants to fire departments for the purchase and installation of diesel exhaust systems and heavy duty extractor washing machines. These funds do not lapse but must be carried forward for the purpose for which they were appropriated.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$250,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$250,000

**FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION,
MAINE**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$250,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$500	\$250,500

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 438
H.P. 331 - L.D. 526**

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Governing the Emergency
Medical Services Stabilization
and Sustainability Program**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §98, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. GGGGG, §1, is amended to read:

B. "Emergency medical services entity" means a ~~nonprofit or for-profit~~ an ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service or emergency medical services training center licensed under this chapter or a regional council.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 439
S.P. 256 - L.D. 588**

**An Act to Promote Public
Safety and Retain Essential
First Responders by Funding
the Maine Length of Service
Award 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.

**FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION,
MAINE**

Maine Fire Protection Services Commission 0936

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Maine Length of Service Award Program to provide length of service awards to eligible volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$0	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 440

S.P. 289 - L.D. 731

**An Act Regarding the
Licensing of Persons to
Conduct Advance Deposit
Wagering**

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 Gambling Control Board will need to initiate lengthy rulemaking in order to develop rules to implement advance deposit wagering for any entity that meets the established criteria and to transition away from the current contract with a single licensed entity; and

Whereas, the Gambling Control Unit must meet with and seek input from stakeholders regarding questions related to the expansion of advance deposit wagering and report to the Legislature no later than December 15, 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. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 499, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1-A. Advance deposit wagering. "Advance deposit wagering" means a form of pari-mutuel wagering on horse races in which a person places a wager in person or by telephone, Internet, mobile device or other electronic communication. Before the wager occurs, the person placing the wager deposits money in a wagering account administered by an advance deposit wagering licensee. The advance deposit wagering licensee places the wager from the account at the direction of and on behalf of the account holder. The advance deposit wagering licensee deposits money into the wagering account from winnings awarded to the account holder.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§1-B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

1-B. Advance deposit wagering licensee. "Advance deposit wagering licensee" means a person that is ~~chosen by competitive bid and~~ licensed by the board pursuant to subchapter 7 to conduct advance deposit wagering.

Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:

1-C. Account wagering provider. "Account wagering provider" means a business entity that offers advance deposit wagering on a horse race that is not a commercial track or an off-track betting facility licensed under section 275-D.

Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§20-A is enacted to read:

20-A. Gross advance deposit wagers. "Gross advance deposit wagers" means the total amount of wagers placed by residents of this State by means of advance deposit wagering before payment of money to winning residents of this State.

Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§29-C, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 499, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §1015, as amended by PL 2013, c. 212, §§13 and 14, is further amended to read:

§1015. Licensing of employees of slot machine and casino operators, slot machine and table game distributors ~~and~~, gambling services vendors and advance deposit wagering licensees

1. License required. A person may not be employed by a slot machine operator, casino operator, slot machine distributor, table game distributor ~~or~~, gambling services vendor or advance deposit wagering licensee unless the person is licensed to do so by the board, temporarily authorized as an employee pursuant to subsection 4 or granted a waiver by the board pursuant to subsection 3.

2. Requirements for license. The board may issue an employee license to an employee of a slot machine operator, casino operator, slot machine distributor, table game distributor ~~or~~, gambling services vendor or advance deposit wagering licensee if the applicant meets the qualifications set out in sections 1016 and 1019.

3. Requirements for waiver. Upon application by a slot machine operator, casino operator, slot machine distributor, table game distributor ~~or~~, gambling services vendor or advance deposit wagering licensee, the board may waive the employee license requirement under this section if the slot machine operator, casino operator, slot machine distributor, table game distributor ~~or~~, gambling services vendor or advance deposit wagering licensee demonstrates to the board's satisfaction that the public interest is not served by the requirement of the employee license.

4. Employees authorized temporarily. A new employee of a slot machine operator, casino operator, slot machine distributor, table game distributor ~~or~~ gambling services vendor or advance deposit wagering licensee is temporarily authorized to work in a position requiring an employee license pursuant to subsection 1 as of the date a completed employee license application is received by the board. A completed employee license application is composed of:

- A. The completed form for application for an employee license approved by the board;
- B. Two complete sets of the fingerprints of the applicant;
- C. The fee for processing the employee license application as prescribed by the board; and
- D. The results of the background investigation conducted by the employer.

If the department determines after receiving an employee license application under this subsection that the application is incomplete, it may suspend the new employee's temporary authorization until such time as the new employee files a completed application.

Temporary authorization is not available for renewal of employee licenses.

5. Termination of temporary authorization. Unless suspended or revoked, a temporary authorization under subsection 4 continues until the granting or denial of the new employee's employee license application in accordance with sections 1016, 1017 and 1019 and any applicable rules adopted by the board. An applicant whose temporary authorization is suspended or revoked is not eligible for employment in a position requiring an employee license pursuant to subsection 1 until such time as the suspension or revocation is withdrawn or an employee license is issued.

Sec. 7. 8 MRSA §1016, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 212, §§15 to 18, is further amended to read:

1. Minimum qualifications. Notwithstanding Title 5, chapter 341, and in addition to any requirements imposed by rules adopted by the board, a person must satisfy the following qualifications to be a slot machine operator, a casino operator, a slot machine distributor, a table game distributor, a gambling services vendor, an advance deposit wagering licensee or an employee of these entities:

- A. The person has completed the application form, promptly and truthfully complied with all information requests of the board and complied with any applicable rules adopted by the board;
- B. The person has sufficient financial assets and responsibility to meet any financial obligations imposed by this chapter and, if applying for a slot machine operator license, casino operator license, slot

machine operator license renewal or casino operator license renewal, has sufficient financial assets and responsibility to continue operation of a commercial track or casino;

B-1. If applying for an advance deposit wagering license or renewal of an advance deposit wagering license under section 1073, subsection 1, paragraph A or B, the person has sufficient financial assets and responsibility to continue operation of a commercial track or off-track betting facility as defined in section 275-A, subsection 8;

C. The person has not knowingly or recklessly made a false statement of material fact in applying for a license under this chapter or any gambling-related license in any other jurisdiction;

D. In the case of a person applying to be a slot machine operator ~~or~~ casino operator, or advance deposit wagering licensee, the person has sufficient knowledge and experience in the business of operating slot machines ~~or~~ casinos or advance deposit wagering to effectively operate the slot machine facilities ~~or~~ casino or advance deposit wagering to which the license application relates in accordance with this chapter and the rules and standards adopted under this chapter; and

F. If the applicant is a business organization, the applicant is organized in this State, although that business organization may be a wholly or partially owned subsidiary of an entity that is organized pursuant to the laws of another state or a foreign country, unless the applicant is applying for an advance deposit wagering license and the applicant is an account wagering provider.

Except as provided by section 1013, subsection 3 and section 1013-A, subsection 3, a person may not hold more than one class of license under this chapter unless the 2nd license is an employee license under section 1015 or an advance deposit wagering license under section 1073.

Sec. 8. 8 MRSA §1018, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 697, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Term of license; renewal, renewal fees. Except as provided in section ~~1074~~ 1073, subsection 6 for licenses to conduct advance deposit wagering or as otherwise provided in this subsection, licenses issued by the board under this chapter are effective for one year, unless revoked or surrendered pursuant to subchapter 5. Employee licenses issued by the board under this chapter may be renewed for a one-year term or a 3-year term. Upon proper application and payment of the required fees and taxes and in accordance with rules adopted by the board, the board may renew a license for an additional year if municipal approval has been obtained as provided in section 1012 or 1012-A. The board shall

transfer \$25,000 of the renewal fee required by subsection 1, paragraph C to the municipality in which the slot machines are operated.

Sec. 9. 8 MRSA §1071, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 499, §8, is repealed.

Sec. 10. 8 MRSA §1072, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 499, §8, is amended to read:

§1072. Distribution of ~~net commission~~ advance deposit wagering revenue

~~The net commission established in the contract executed pursuant to section 1071, subsection 3 revenue from wagers placed by means of advance deposit wagering~~ must be distributed according to this section.

1. Distribution of ~~net commission~~ revenue from wagers placed on races conducted in State. An advance deposit wagering licensee shall collect ~~the net commission~~ 5% of gross advance deposit wagers from wagers placed with the licensee on races conducted at tracks in the State and distribute it to the board for distribution as follows.

- A. Ten percent of the ~~net commission amount collected under this subsection~~ must be deposited directly to the General Fund.
- B. Twenty percent of the ~~net commission amount collected under this subsection~~ must be distributed to all off-track betting facilities licensed under section 275-D so that each off-track betting facility receives the same amount.
- C. One percent of the ~~net commission amount collected under this subsection~~ must be distributed to the Sire Stakes Fund established under section 281.
- D. Ten percent of the ~~net commission amount collected under this subsection~~ must be distributed to the Agricultural Fair Support Fund established under Title 7, section 91 except that, notwithstanding Title 7, section 91, subsection 2, paragraph A, no portion of the distribution required by this paragraph may be distributed to a commercial track.
- E. Twenty-four percent of the ~~net commission amount collected under this subsection~~ must be distributed to the fund established under section 298 to supplement harness racing purses.
- F. Twenty percent of the ~~net commission amount collected under this subsection~~ must be distributed to the track where the race upon which the wager was placed was conducted.
- G. Fifteen percent of the ~~net commission amount collected under this subsection~~ must be distributed to all commercial tracks, with each commercial track receiving a portion determined by multiplying that 15% times a fraction, the numerator of which is the minimum number of days of racing the

commercial track is required by law to conduct annually in order to retain its commercial track license and the denominator of which is the sum of the number of days of racing all the commercial tracks are required to conduct in order to retain their commercial track licenses.

2. Distribution of ~~net commission~~ revenue from wagers placed on races conducted outside State. An advance deposit wagering licensee shall collect ~~the net commission~~ 5% of gross advance deposit wagers from wagers placed with the licensee on races conducted at tracks outside the State and distribute it to the board for distribution as follows.

- A. Ten percent of the ~~net commission amount collected under this subsection~~ must be deposited directly to the General Fund.
- B. Thirty-six percent of the ~~net commission amount collected under this subsection~~ must be distributed to all off-track betting facilities licensed under section 275-D so that each off-track betting facility receives the same amount.
- C. One percent of the ~~net commission amount collected under this subsection~~ must be distributed to the Sire Stakes Fund established under section 281.
- D. Ten percent of the ~~net commission amount collected under this subsection~~ must be distributed to the Agricultural Fair Support Fund established under Title 7, section 91 except that, notwithstanding Title 7, section 91, subsection 2, paragraph A, no portion of the distribution required by this paragraph may be distributed to a commercial track.
- E. Seven percent of the ~~net commission amount collected under this subsection~~ must be distributed to the fund established under section 298 to supplement harness racing purses.
- F. Thirty-six percent of the ~~net commission amount collected under this subsection~~ must be distributed to all commercial tracks, with each commercial track receiving a portion determined by multiplying that 36% times a fraction, the numerator of which is the minimum number of days of racing the commercial track is required by law to conduct annually in order to retain its commercial track license and the denominator of which is the sum of the number of days of racing all the commercial tracks are required to conduct in order to retain their commercial track licenses.

Sec. 11. 8 MRSA §1073 is enacted to read:

§1073. Advance deposit wagering license

The board shall exercise authority over the licensing of all persons conducting advance deposit wagering. A person may not conduct advance deposit wagering without a license issued under this section.

1. Eligibility. In order to receive an advance deposit wagering license from the board, an applicant must meet the requirements of this section and the rules adopted by the board under section 1003, subsection 2, paragraph U and must be:

- A. A commercial track;
- B. An off-track betting facility licensed under section 275-D; or
- C. An account wagering provider.

2. Authority to conduct advance deposit wagering. An advance deposit wagering license issued under this section allows a licensee to conduct advance deposit wagering in this State.

3. Contract. An advance deposit wagering licensee may conduct advance deposit wagering directly or through a contract with another advance deposit wagering licensee issued a license under this section.

4. Conditions of licensure. An advance deposit wagering licensee shall:

- A. Purchase a bond to secure the advance deposit wagering accounts;
- B. Ensure that a person who establishes an account to place a wager on horse racing by means of advance deposit wagering has attained 18 years of age and is a resident of this State; and
- C. Accept wagers on all live races being conducted in this State that are available for simulcast.

5. Application fee. The nonrefundable application fee for an advance deposit wagering license is \$1,000. In addition, the board may require an applicant to pay a one-time investigation fee in an amount limited to the cost to the board of processing the application and performing background investigations.

6. License fee; renewal fee; term. The fee for an advance deposit wagering license is \$500. The fee for the annual renewal of an advance deposit wagering license is \$250.

Sec. 12. Transition from contract to licensure. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a person who was a party to a contract with the Department of Public Safety, Gambling Control Board as of January 1, 2023 authorizing that person to conduct advance deposit wagering in this State may continue to conduct advance deposit wagering pursuant to the provisions of that contract until the expiration of that contract or until that person receives a license under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 8, section 1073, whichever first occurs. A person who was party to that contract may apply for a renewal of an advance deposit wagering license under Title 8, section 1073 without need to pay the investigation fee.

Sec. 13. Report on advance deposit wagering and track revenues. The Department of Public

Safety, Gambling Control Unit shall meet with and seek input from stakeholders on issues related to revenue implications for licensed harness racing tracks in the State from the expansion of advance deposit wagering, including policies adopted in other states and technical capabilities of advance deposit wagering platforms. The unit shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs no later than December 15, 2023. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

Sec. 14. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Harness Racing Commission 0320

Initiative: Provides allocation for expenditure of gross advance deposit wagering income.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$1,368,273	\$3,119,665
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,368,273	\$3,119,665

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,368,273	\$3,119,665
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,368,273	\$3,119,665

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Gambling Control Board Z002

Initiative: Provides appropriation for one Public Safety Manager II position and associated All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	1.000	1.000
All Other	\$55,243	\$76,163
	\$1,550	\$1,550
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$56,793	\$77,713

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
	\$56,793	\$77,713

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$56,793	\$77,713
SECTION TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$56,793	\$77,713
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,368,273	\$3,119,665
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$1,425,066	\$3,197,378

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 26, 2023.

**CHAPTER 441
H.P. 1153 - L.D. 1808**

An Act to Amend the State Tax 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, legislative action is immediately necessary to ensure continued and efficient administration of municipal property taxes and the property tax stabilization for senior citizens program; and

Whereas, the property tax stabilization for senior citizens program needs to be updated before the 90-day period expires to avoid delay in the processing of municipal property taxes and municipal applications for state reimbursement; 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. 36 MRSA §1951-C, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 441, §8, is amended to read:

1. Responsibilities of marketplace facilitator. A marketplace facilitator is considered a retailer for each sale of tangible personal property or taxable services for delivery in this State that the marketplace facilitator facilitates on or through its marketplace, including for the collection of the recycling assistance fee pursuant to chapter 719.

Sec. A-2. 36 MRSA §2557, sub-§27, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 673, Pt. V, §25 and affected by §29, is amended to read:

27. Nonprofit housing development organizations. Sales to nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is to develop housing for low-income people. For the purposes of this subsection, "low-income" means having income that is less than 120% of the median income for the area, adjusted for family size, as established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or its successor organization;

Sec. A-3. Effective date. This Part takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature.

PART B

Sec. B-1. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 682, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) 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 ~~the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal~~ an expeditionary medal for service in the Armed Forces of the United States, when they have reached the age of 62 years or when they are receiving any form of pension or compensation from the United States Government for total disability, service-connected or nonservice-connected, as a veteran. 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; or

Sec. B-2. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶D-1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 682, §2, 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 the ~~Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal~~ an expeditionary medal for service in the Armed Forces of the United States, and who are paraplegic veterans within the meaning of as described in 38 United States Code, Chapter 21, Section 2101, and who received a grant from the United States Government for any such housing, or of the unremarried widows or widowers 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. B-3. 36 MRSA §694, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 2013, c. 544, §4 and affected by §7, is further amended to read:

B. In the case of a municipality that chooses reimbursement under this paragraph in which the personal property factor exceeds 5%, the applicable percentage for exempt business equipment is 50% plus an amount equal to 1/2 of the personal property factor. For purposes of this paragraph, "personal property factor" means the percentage derived from a fraction, the numerator of which is the value of taxable business personal property in the municipality, whether taxable or exempt plus the value of exempt eligible business equipment, and the denominator of which is the value of all taxable property in the municipality plus the value of exempt business equipment. For purposes of this paragraph, the ~~taxable~~ value of exempt business equipment is the value that would have been assessed on that equipment if it were taxable.

Sec. B-4. 36 MRSA §701-A, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 663, §1, is amended to read:

For the purpose of establishing the valuation of improved real property, the property must be valued based on its highest and best use as of April 1st of each year, taking all of the following 3 approaches to value into consideration: cost, income ~~capitalization~~ and sales comparison. In establishing the valuation of improved real property, assessors shall consider age, condition, use, type of construction, location, design, physical features and economic characteristics.

Sec. B-5. 36 MRSA §6260, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1991, c. 846, §38, is further amended to read:

2. Deferred property taxes due. The amounts of deferred property taxes, including accrued interest, for all years are due and payable to the bureau ~~April 30th of the year following the calendar year in~~ within 12

months of the date on which the circumstance occurs, except as provided in subsection 3 and ~~section~~ sections 6261 and 6263;

Sec. B-6. 36 MRSA §6263, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 534, Pt. C, §1, is amended to read:

§6263. Extension of time for payment upon death of claimant or spouse

1. Payment extension. If the taxpayer who claimed homestead property tax deferral dies, or if a spouse who continued the deferral under section 6261 dies, the bureau may extend the time for payment of the deferred taxes and interest accruing with respect to the taxes becoming due and payable under section 6260, subsection 2, if:

A. The homestead property becomes property of an individual or individuals:

- (1) By inheritance or devise; or
- (2) If the individual or individuals are heirs or devisees in the course of settlement of the estate;

B. An individual or individuals commence occupancy of the property as a principal residence ~~on or before August 15th of the calendar year following the calendar year~~ within 12 months of the date of death; or and

C. An individual or individuals make application to the bureau for an extension of time for payment of the deferred taxes and interest ~~prior to August 15th of the calendar year following the calendar year~~ within 12 months of the date of death.

2. Extension terms. Subject to paragraph B, an extension granted under ~~this section shall~~ subsection 1 ~~must~~ be for a period not to exceed 6 ~~5~~ years ~~after August 15th of the calendar year following the calendar year from the date of death.~~ The terms and conditions under which the extension is granted ~~shall~~ must be in accordance with a written agreement entered into by the bureau and the individual or individuals.

An extension granted under this section ~~shall terminate~~ terminates immediately if:

A. The homestead property is sold or otherwise transferred by any party to the extension agreement;

B. All of the heirs or devisees who are parties to the extension agreement cease to occupy the property as a principal residence; or

C. The homestead property, a mobile or floating home, is moved out of the State.

3. Accrued interest. During the period of extension, and until paid, the deferred taxes ~~shall~~ continue to accrue interest in the same manner and at the same rate

as provided under section 6255, subsection 3. ~~No interest~~ Interest may not accrue upon interest.

Sec. B-7. Effective date. This Part takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature.

PART C

Sec. C-1. 36 MRSA §2521-A, first ¶, as amended by PL 2015, c. 300, Pt. A, §29, is further amended to read:

Every insurance company, association, producer or attorney-in-fact of a reciprocal insurer subject to the tax imposed by this chapter shall make payment of estimated tax on or before the last day of each April, the 25th day of each June and the last day of each October. Each April and June estimated tax payment must equal 35% of the total tax paid for the preceding calendar year or at least 35% of the total tax to be paid for the current calendar year and each October estimated tax payment must equal 15% of the total tax paid for the preceding calendar year or at least 15% of the total tax to be paid for the current calendar year. except that, for the tax on nonadmitted insurance premiums under section 2531, the surplus lines producer or the insured may elect to determine the estimated tax payment for each estimated tax period on the basis of premiums on contracts written during each estimated tax period of the current calendar year. A final return must be filed on or before March 15th covering the prior calendar year.

Sec. C-2. 36 MRSA §2531, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 2011, c. 548, §19 and amended by §36, is amended to read:

1. Generally. All gross direct insurance premiums and annuity considerations ~~paid to~~ on contracts written by insurers that do not have certificates of authority to do business in this State issued by the Superintendent of Insurance pursuant to Title 24-A are subject to taxation in accordance with this section if this State is the insured's home state, as defined in the federal Nonadmitted and Reinsurance Reform Act of 2010, Public Law 111-203, Section 527. This section does not apply to reinsurance premiums paid by an authorized domestic insurer.

Sec. C-3. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§1, ¶Z, as repealed and replaced by PL 2009, c. 496, §21, is repealed.

Sec. C-4. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶HH, as amended by PL 2013, c. 331, Pt. C, §32, is further amended to read:

HH. To the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, annuity payments made to the survivor of a deceased member of the military who died as the result of service in active or reserve components of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard under a survivor benefit plan or reserve component survivor benefit plan

pursuant to 10 United States Code, Chapter 73 reduced by any amount claimed as a modification under paragraph M ~~or~~, M-1 or M-2;

Sec. C-5. 36 MRSA §5147, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 401, Pt. C, §7 and amended by c. 607, Pt. C, §3, is further amended to read:

§5147. Installment sale election

Notwithstanding any provision of this Part to the contrary, an individual who transferred, during the taxable year, real or tangible personal property located in this State under an installment sale agreement may elect to recognize, for purposes of determining the taxable income under this chapter, the total gain from that sale in the taxable year of the transfer, or to recognize any remaining gain in a subsequent tax year to the extent of the gain not reported in a prior tax year. An election under this section is not available to an individual unless that individual is a nonresident of this State at the time of the transfer or at the time the election is made by the individual. Any installment interest related to the sale of property for which an election is made under this section is excluded from the taxable income of the nonresident individual under chapter 807 for the taxable year for which the election under this section is made and any subsequent taxable year. The interest exclusion in this section does not apply to any loan interest arrangement which has as a principal purpose the avoidance of any tax of this State. An election under this section must be made on a timely filed original income tax return, including if filed by any extension granted for filing the return, and, once made, is irrevocable.

Sec. C-6. 36 MRSA §5219-PP, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Application. Except for the credit allowed with respect to the carry-forward of unused credit amounts pursuant to subsection 4, the tax credit allowed under this section does not apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024.

Sec. C-7. 36 MRSA §5231, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 659, Pt. G, §2, is further amended to read:

1-A. Federal extension. When an individual, estate or trust is granted an extension of time within which to file a federal income tax return for any taxable year, an extension to file the taxpayer's income tax return with respect to the tax imposed by this Part is automatically granted for an equivalent period from the date prescribed for filing the return. When a taxable corporation or a financial institution subject to the tax imposed by chapter 819 is granted an extension of time within which to file its federal income tax return for any taxable year, an extension to file the taxpayer's income tax or franchise tax return with respect to the tax imposed by this Part is automatically granted for an equivalent period from the date prescribed for filing the return plus 30 days.

Sec. C-8. 36 MRSA §6753, sub-§12, as amended by PL 2015, c. 368, §5, is further amended to read:

12. Qualified employee. Except for an employee in a call center in Aroostook County or Washington County, "qualified employee" means a new, full-time employee hired in this State by a qualified business, for whom a retirement program subject to the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 United States Code, Chapter 18 and group health insurance are provided, and whose income derived from employment with the applicant, calculated on a calendar year basis, is greater than the most recent annual per capita personal income in the county in which the qualified employee is employed, as long as ~~Maine income tax withholding gross wages paid~~ attributed to the qualified employee ~~is~~ are subject to reimbursement to the qualified business under this chapter. "Qualified employee" does not include an employee who is shifted to a qualified business from an affiliated business. The commissioner shall determine whether a shifting of employees has occurred.

For an employee in a call center in Aroostook County or Washington County, "qualified employee" means a new, full-time employee hired in this State by a qualified business, for whom a retirement program subject to the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, 29 United States Code, Chapter 18 and group health insurance are provided, and whose income derived from employment with the applicant, calculated on a weekly basis, is greater than the average weekly wage for the most recent available calendar year as derived from the quarterly census of employment and wages and provided annually by the Department of Labor, as long as ~~Maine income tax withholding gross wages paid~~ attributed to the qualified employee ~~is~~ are subject to reimbursement to the qualified business under this chapter. "Qualified employee" does not include an employee who is shifted to a qualified business from an affiliated business. The commissioner shall determine whether a shifting of employees has occurred. The calculation of the average weekly wage must include data from the counties of Androscoggin, Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo and Washington. Notwithstanding this subsection, with respect to a call center in Aroostook or Washington county, in a county in which the average annual unemployment rate at the time of certification for the most recent calendar year is greater than the state average for the same year, the wage threshold is 90% of the average weekly wage as derived from the quarterly census of employment and wages. Notwithstanding this subsection, with respect to a call center in Aroostook or Washington county and upon approval of the commissioner, a qualified business located in a county in which the average annual unemployment rate at the time of certification for the most recent calendar

year is greater than the state average for that same year qualifies for a phase-in of salary threshold requirements. A qualified business under this provision must meet 70% of the average weekly wage as derived from the quarterly census of employment and wages in the first year of certification, 80% of the average weekly wage as derived from the quarterly census of employment and wages in the 2nd year of certification and 90% of the average weekly wage as derived from the quarterly census of employment and wages in all following years of certification. Failure to meet any of these requirements results in automatic revocation of certification.

Sec. C-9. Application. Those sections of this Part that amend the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2521-A, first paragraph, section 2531, subsection 1 and section 5147 apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024. The section of this Part that amends Title 36, section 5231, subsection 1-A applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

Sec. C-10. Application; retroactivity. That section of this Part that repeals the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 5122, subsection 1, paragraph Z applies retroactively to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020. The section of this Part that amends Title 36, section 5122, subsection 2, paragraph HH applies retroactively to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016. The section of this Part that amends Title 36, section 6753, subsection 12 applies retroactively to requests for reimbursement for calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

Sec. C-11. Effective date. This Part takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature.

PART D

Sec. D-1. 36 MRSA §6281, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 751, §1, is amended to read:

1. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Eligible homestead" means a homestead occupied by an eligible individual who is eligible for a homestead exemption under chapter 105, subchapter 4-B for the property tax year ~~during which an application for which the individual is requesting stabilization is made.~~

B. "Eligible individual" means an individual who, on April 1 of the property tax year for which the individual is requesting stabilization:

- (1) Is 65 years of age or older; and
- (2) Is a permanent resident of the State as defined in section 681, subsection 4 ~~who~~ and has owned a homestead in the State for at least 10 years.

C. "Homestead" has the same meaning as under section 681, subsection 2.

D. "Stabilize" means to maintain the property tax billed to an eligible individual for the individual's eligible homestead at the amount billed for that homestead for the property tax year preceding the date of application for property tax year for which the individual is requesting stabilization.

Sec. D-2. 36 MRSA §6281, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 751, §1, is amended to read:

5. State compensation. A municipality that has stabilized property tax for an eligible individual under this chapter may recover from the State 100% of the amount by which the property tax assessed on the homestead of an eligible individual in the usual manner exceeds the stabilized amount of property tax billed under subsection 3. A municipality claiming compensation under this subsection shall submit a claim to the bureau by November 1st of the year in which the property tax was stabilized on the annual return required by section 383. The bureau shall review claims and determine the total amount to be paid to each municipality. The bureau shall certify and the Treasurer of State shall pay the amount due to each municipality by January 15th of the year following the year ~~in~~ for which the claim for compensation was submitted or within 60 days of the date the claim was filed, whichever is later.

Sec. D-3. 36 MRSA §6281, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Audits; determinations of bureau. The bureau may audit the records of a municipality to ensure compliance with this chapter. The bureau may independently review the records of a municipality to determine if applications under this section have been properly approved. If the bureau determines that an application was improperly approved, the bureau shall ensure, either by setoff against other payments due the municipality or otherwise, that the municipality is not compensated for that application. A municipality that is aggrieved by a determination of the bureau under this subsection may appeal pursuant to section 151.

PART E

Sec. E-1. 36 MRSA §4401, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 285, §11, is amended to read:

1-A. Delivery sale. "Delivery sale" means a sale of tobacco products, other than premium cigars, to a consumer in this State when:

- A. The purchaser submits the order for the sale by means of telephonic or other electronic method of voice transmission, the United States mail, the Internet or a delivery service; or
- B. The tobacco products are delivered by use of a delivery service.

Sec. E-2. 36 MRSA §4401, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Consumer. "Consumer" means an individual who purchases, receives or possesses tobacco products for personal consumption and not for resale.

Sec. E-3. 36 MRSA §4401, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:

1-C. Cost price. "Cost price" means:

A. In the case of a manufacturer, the price set for tobacco products or, if a price has not been set, the wholesale value of those products;

B. In the case of a distributor or consumer, the price at which the distributor or consumer purchases tobacco products before the allowance of any discount, trade allowance, rebate or other reduction; or

C. In the case of a remote retail seller:

(1) The actual price paid for an item identified using a stock keeping unit that identifies the item using a unique code or identifier; or

(2) If the actual price paid for an item is not available, the average of the actual price paid for the item over the 12 calendar months before January 1st of the year in which the remote sale occurs.

Sec. E-4. 36 MRSA §4401, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2011, c. 285, §12, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Distributor. "Distributor" means:

A. A person engaged in the business of producing or manufacturing tobacco products in this State for sale in this State;

B. A person engaged in the business of selling tobacco products in this State who brings, or causes to be brought, into this State tobacco products for sale to a retailer;

C. A person with a place of business in this State engaged in the business of selling tobacco products in this State who brings, or causes to be brought, into this State tobacco products for sale to a person other than a retailer;

D. A person engaged in the business of selling tobacco products who ships or transports tobacco products to retailers for sale in this State;

E. A retailer who imports, receives or acquires, from a person other than a licensed distributor, tobacco products for sale within the State; or

F. A person who makes delivery sales.

A distributor may be located within or without the State.

Sec. E-5. 36 MRSA §4401, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Premium cigar. "Premium cigar" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 1551, subsection 5.

Sec. E-6. 36 MRSA §4401, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:

4-B. Remote retail sale. "Remote retail sale" means any sale into this State of premium cigars to a consumer when:

A. The consumer submits the order for the sale by means of a telephone or other method of voice transmission, United States mail or the Internet or other online service or the remote retail seller is otherwise not in the physical presence of the buyer when the request for purchase or order is made; or

B. The premium cigars are delivered to the buyer by common carrier, private delivery service or other method of remote delivery or the remote retail seller is not in the physical presence of the buyer when the buyer obtains possession of the cigars.

Sec. E-7. 36 MRSA §4401, sub-§4-C is enacted to read:

4-C. Remote retail seller. "Remote retail seller" means a person who makes a remote retail sale when:

A. The person's gross sales from sales of tangible personal property or taxable services, as those terms are defined in Part 3, into this State in the previous calendar year or current calendar year exceeds \$100,000; or

B. The person made sales of tangible personal property or taxable services, as those terms are defined in Part 3, for delivery into this State in at least 200 separate transactions in the previous calendar year or current calendar year.

Sec. E-8. 36 MRSA §4401, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 783, §16, is repealed.

Sec. E-9. 36 MRSA §4401, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2019, c. 607, Pt. B, §7 and PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

9. Tobacco products. "Tobacco products" means cigars, including premium cigars; cheroots; stogies; electronic smoking devices and liquids used in electronic smoking devices whether or not they contain nicotine; periques, granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed and other smoking tobacco; snuff; snuff flour; snus; cavendish; plug and twist tobacco; finecut and other chewing tobaccos; shorts; refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco; and other kinds and forms of tobacco, prepared in such manner as to be intended for human consumption or as is likely to

be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled or ingested by any other means. ~~"Tobacco products" does not include:~~

~~A. Products that are subject to the tax provided by chapter 703;~~

~~B. Drugs, devices or combination products authorized for sale by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;~~

~~C. Any product that contains adult use cannabis subject to tax under chapter 723; or~~

~~D. Any product that contains cannabis or cannabis products subject to control under Title 22, chapter 558-C.~~

Sec. E-10. 36 MRSA §4402, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 379, Pt. B, §15, is further amended to read:

1. Generally. Every distributor or remote retail seller shall obtain a license from the State Tax Assessor before engaging in business. A retailer required to be licensed as a distributor or remote retail seller pursuant to this chapter ~~must also that is required to~~ hold a current retail tobacco license issued under Title 22, chapter 262-A, subchapter 1 must hold that license as a condition for licensure under this chapter. A distributor's license must be prominently displayed on the premises of the business covered by the license and A license issued pursuant to this section may not be transferred to any other person. A distributor's license issued pursuant to this section is not a license within the meaning of that term in the Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

Sec. E-11. 36 MRSA §4402, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 627, §7, is amended to read:

2. Applications; forms. Every license application must be made on a form prescribed by the assessor and must state the name and address of the applicant, the address of the applicant's principal place of business and such other information as the assessor may require for the proper administration of this chapter. ~~A person outside the State who ships or transports tobacco products to a retailer in this State must make application as a distributor and be granted by the assessor a license subject to all the provisions of this chapter and agree, upon applying for a license, shall agree to submit that person's books, accounts and records to examination by the bureau during reasonable business hours and to accept service of process by mail when service is made in any proceeding involving enforcement of this chapter.~~

Sec. E-12. 36 MRSA §4402, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 627, §7, is amended to read:

4. Penalties. The following penalties apply to a violation of this section.

A. A distributor or remote retail seller that imports into this State any tobacco product 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 and not more than \$500 must be adjudged.

B. A distributor or remote retail seller that 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 and not more than \$1,000 must be adjudged for each subsequent violation.

C. A distributor or remote retail seller that sells at wholesale or retail, offers for sale at wholesale or retail or possesses with intent to sell at wholesale or retail any tobacco product 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 and not more than \$500 must be adjudged.

D. A distributor or remote retail seller that 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 and not more than \$1,000 must be adjudged for each subsequent violation.

Sec. E-13. 36 MRSA §4402, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2019, c. 379, Pt. B, §17, is further amended to read:

5. Surrender, revocation or suspension. When the business with respect to which a license was issued pursuant to this section is sold or ceases to do business in this State, the holder of the license shall immediately surrender it to the assessor. The assessor may revoke or suspend the license of any distributor or remote retail seller for failure to comply with any provision of this chapter or if the person no longer imports or sells tobacco products. A license that has been revoked or suspended pursuant to this subsection must be immediately surrendered to the assessor. A person aggrieved by a revocation or suspension may request reconsideration as provided in section 151.

Sec. E-14. 36 MRSA §4402, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2019, c. 379, Pt. B, §18, is further amended to read:

6. License directory maintained. The assessor shall maintain a directory of distributors and remote retail sellers licensed pursuant to this chapter. The assessor shall update the directory as necessary, but not less than annually. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 191, the list must be available to the public and must be posted on a publicly accessible website maintained by the assessor. ~~The directory must be mailed annually to all retailers at or near the time of renewal of a retail tobacco license issued under Title 22, chapter 262-A, subchapter 1.~~

Sec. E-15. 36 MRSA §4402, sub-§7, as amended by PL 2019, c. 379, Pt. B, §18, is further amended to read:

7. Notification. A distributor or remote retail seller that has its license suspended or revoked, within 10 business days of the suspension or revocation, shall inform in writing all its accounts in this State that it no longer holds a valid license under this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 191, the assessor may publish the names of distributors and remote retail sellers that have had a license suspended or revoked.

Sec. E-16. 36 MRSA §4403, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 530, Pt. A, §4, is further amended to read:

2. Other tobacco. ~~A tax is imposed on cigars, pipe tobacco and other tobacco intended for smoking at the rate of 20% of the wholesale sales price beginning October 1, 2005.~~ Beginning January 2, 2020, 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, 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 2, 2020, the tax rate imposed pursuant to this subsection is subject to adjustment pursuant to subsection 5.

Sec. E-17. 36 MRSA §4403, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2005, c. 627, §9, is further amended to read:

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 ~~to consumers or to retailers~~ or for use or at the time tobacco products are manufactured or fabricated in this State for sale in this State.

Sec. E-18. 36 MRSA §4403, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 783, §16, is repealed.

Sec. E-19. 36 MRSA §4403, as amended by PL 2019, c. 530, Pt. A, §§3 to 5, is further amended by enacting at the end a new paragraph to read:

A tobacco product may be taxed only once by the State in accordance with this section.

Sec. E-20. 36 MRSA §4403-A is enacted to read:

§4403-A. Exemptions from the tobacco tax

1. Exempt items. The tax imposed on tobacco products does not apply to the following products:

A. Products that are subject to the tax provided by chapter 703; or

B. Drugs, devices or combination products authorized for sale by the United States Department of

Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

2. Tobacco products containing cannabis. The tax imposed on tobacco products does not apply to the sale of an electronic smoking device or other tobacco product containing adult use cannabis subject to tax under chapter 723 or an electronic smoking device or other tobacco product containing cannabis or cannabis products subject to control under Title 22, chapter 558-C.

3. Exportation. The tax imposed on tobacco products does not apply to those products exported from this State or to any tobacco products that under laws of the United States may not be subject to taxation by this State.

Sec. E-21. 36 MRSA §4404, as amended by PL 2019, c. 379, Pt. B, §§19 and 20, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§4404. Returns; payment of tax and penalty

1. Monthly returns. Every distributor or remote retail seller subject to the licensing requirement of section 4402 shall file, on or before the last day of each month, a return on a form prescribed by the assessor together with payment of the tax due under this chapter. The return must report all tobacco products held, purchased, manufactured, brought in or caused to be brought in from outside the State or shipped or transported to retailers or consumers within the State during the preceding calendar month.

2. Exports. The return must include further information as the assessor may prescribe and must show a credit for any tobacco products exported on which the tax was previously paid as provided in section 4403-A, subsection 3. The distributor or remote retail seller shall maintain records to substantiate the credit.

3. Tax previously paid on unsalable items. Tax previously paid on tobacco products that are returned to a manufacturer, a distributor or a remote retail seller because the product has become unfit for use, sale or consumption and on tobacco products that are returned to a distributor or remote retail seller that are subsequently destroyed by the distributor or remote retail seller may be taken as a credit on a subsequent return. The assessor may either witness the destruction of the product or may accept another form of proof that the product has been destroyed by the distributor or remote retail seller or returned to the manufacturer.

4. Person not a distributor or remote retail seller required to file. A person who is not a distributor or remote retail seller licensed pursuant to this chapter who imports, receives or otherwise acquires tobacco products for use or consumption in the State from a person other than a licensed distributor or licensed remote retail seller shall file, on or before the last day of the month following each month in which tobacco products

were acquired, a return on a form prescribed by the assessor together with payment of the tax imposed by this chapter at the rate provided in section 4403. The return must report the quantity of tobacco products imported, received or otherwise acquired from a person other than a licensed distributor, licensed remote retail seller or retailer during the previous calendar month and additional information the assessor may require.

Sec. E-22. 36 MRSA §4404-A, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 627, §11, is amended to read:

Violation of this section by a person other than a retailer is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A. It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under this section that a retailer, alleged to have imported tobacco products or caused tobacco products to be imported, reasonably relied on licensing information ~~annually mailed to the retailer~~ provided by the assessor pursuant to section 4402, subsection 6 that listed the company from which the retailer obtained tobacco products as being a licensed distributor.

Sec. E-23. 36 MRSA §4404-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2007, c. 438, §103, is further amended to read:

3. Exception for personal use. A person who is not a licensed distributor or licensed remote retail seller may:

A. Import or transport tobacco products other than cigars into this State and transport those tobacco products from place to place within this State for personal use in a quantity not greater than one pound; or

B. Import or transport cigars into this State and transport those cigars from place to place within this State for personal use in a quantity of no more than 125 cigars.

Untaxed tobacco products imported or transported into this State in any quantity are subject to the tax imposed by section 4403.

Sec. E-24. 36 MRSA §4404-B, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 627, §11, is amended to read:

§4404-B. Sales of tobacco products in contravention of law

1. Tobacco products. A distributor or remote retail seller may not offer for sale or sell tobacco products if the package containing the tobacco products:

A. Is subject to and does not comply with 15 United States Code, Section 4401, et seq., for the placement of labels, warnings or any other information for a package of tobacco products to be sold within the United States and 26 United States Code, Section 5723;

B. Is labeled "For Export Only," "U.S. Tax Exempt," "For Use Outside U.S." or with other wording indicating that the manufacturer did not intend that the product be sold in the United States;

C. Has been altered by adding or deleting wording, labels or warnings described in paragraphs A and B;

D. Has been imported into the United States in violation of 26 United States Code, Section 5754; or

E. In any way violates federal trademark or copyright laws.

2. Shipment only to licensed retailers. A distributor may not sell or offer to sell tobacco products to a retailer unless the retailer has provided documentation to the distributor that the retailer holds a current retail tobacco license issued under Title 22, section 1551-A.

3. Deceptive practice. A distributor or remote retail seller that sells tobacco products described in subsection 1, with or without having paid the appropriate tax, commits an unfair or deceptive act or practice under the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

4. Penalties. The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

A. A distributor or remote retail seller that violates this section commits a Class E crime.

B. A distributor or remote retail seller that violates this section ~~when the distributor has~~ after having one or more prior convictions for a violation of this section commits a Class D crime. Title 17-A, section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence.

Violation of this section is a strict liability crime as defined in Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.

Sec. E-25. 36 MRSA §4404-C, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 627, §11, is amended to read:

2. Exceptions. The following tobacco products are not subject to seizure:

A. Tobacco products in the possession of a licensed distributor, remote retail seller or manufacturer for which the tax imposed by this chapter has not been paid;

B. Tobacco products for which the tax imposed by this chapter has not been paid that are in the course of transit from without the State and are:

- (1) Consigned to a licensed distributor or remote retail seller; or
- (2) In transit by common carrier or contract carrier; and

C. Tobacco products in a quantity of no more than 125 cigars or one pound of other tobacco product

in the possession of an individual who is not a licensed distributor or remote retail seller for which the tax imposed by this chapter has not been paid.

Notwithstanding paragraphs A, B and C, tobacco products described in section 4404-B, subsection 1 are subject to seizure under the process described in subsection 3 unless the distributor or remote retail seller can prove the tobacco products are to be exported out of the country.

Sec. E-26. Application. This Part applies to tobacco products brought into this State or manufactured or fabricated in this State on or after January 1, 2024.

Sec. E-27. 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	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,920	\$0

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,920	\$0
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Sec. E-28. Effective date. This Part takes effect January 1, 2024.

PART F

Sec. F-1. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶SSS is enacted to read:

SSS. The disclosure to the Treasurer of State when necessary for the performance of the Treasurer of State's official duties as administrator under Title 33, chapter 45 of the current mailing address for a taxpayer for purposes of returning unclaimed or abandoned property to the rightful owner or heir, except as prohibited by federal law.

PART G

Sec. G-1. 36 MRSA §1112-C, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 630, Pt. C, §13, is amended to read:

3. Penalty Open space penalty. If land classified as open space under this subchapter is withdrawn from taxation under this subchapter, the assessor shall impose a penalty upon the owner. The penalty is the greater of:

A. An amount equal to the taxes that would have been assessed on the land on the first day of April for the 5 tax years, or any lesser number of tax years starting with the year in which the land was first classified, preceding the withdrawal had that land been assessed in each of those years at its just value on the date of withdrawal less all taxes paid on that land over the preceding 5 years, or any

lesser number of tax years starting with the year in which the land was first classified, and increased by interest at the prevailing municipal rate from the date or dates on which those amounts would have been payable; and

B. An amount computed by multiplying the amount, if any, by which the just value of the land on the date of withdrawal exceeds the 100% valuation of the land pursuant to this subchapter on the preceding April 1st by the following rates:

- (1) If the land was subject to valuation under this subchapter for 10 years or fewer prior to the date of withdrawal, the rate is 30%; and
- (2) If the land was subject to valuation under this subchapter for more than 10 years prior to the date of withdrawal, the rate is 30% reduced by one percentage point for each full year beyond 10 years that the land was subject to valuation under this subchapter prior to the date of withdrawal, except that the minimum rate is 20%.

For purposes of this subsection, just value at the time of withdrawal is the assessed just value of comparable property in the municipality adjusted by the municipality's certified assessment ratio.

Sec. G-2. 36 MRSA §1112-C, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Farmland penalty. If land classified as farmland under this subchapter is withdrawn from taxation under this subchapter, the assessor shall impose one of the following penalties:

A. If land is withdrawn within 10 years of a transfer from either open space tax classification under this subchapter or tree growth tax classification under subchapter 2-A, the assessor shall impose a penalty equal to the amount calculated under subsection 3; or

B. If the penalty under paragraph A does not apply, the assessor shall impose a penalty upon the owner equal to the taxes that would have been assessed on the land on the first day of April for the 5 tax years, or any lesser number of tax years starting with the year in which the land was first classified, preceding the withdrawal had that land been assessed in each of those years at its just value on the date of withdrawal less all taxes paid on that land over the preceding 5 years, or any lesser number of tax years starting with the year in which the land was first classified, and increased by interest at the prevailing municipal rate from the date or dates on which those amounts would have been payable.

For purposes of this subsection, just value at the time of withdrawal is the assessed just value of comparable property in the municipality adjusted by the municipality's certified assessment ratio.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved, except as otherwise indicated.

Effective July 26, 2023, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 442

S.P. 311 - L.D. 753

An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to Be Recertified

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13013, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Reissuance; retired teacher. The commissioner may issue a professional teacher certificate to a person who is receiving a retirement benefit from the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program established under Title 5, section 17602 and who was employed for at least 10 years by a public school, who has been receiving a retirement benefit for no more than 5 years and who, immediately prior to receiving that benefit, possessed an active professional teacher certificate in good standing that has subsequently lapsed. The professional teacher certificate must be issued with the same grades and subject areas endorsements as were issued with the active professional teacher certificate that was held by the teacher at the time of the teacher's retirement. A professional teacher certificate issued under this subsection is for the same period as specified in subsection 4 and subject to the same renewal standards as specified in subsection 5. State board rules may further govern qualifications for a professional teacher certificate issued under this subsection.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §13019-H, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. 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 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.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

**Higher Education and Educator Support Services
Z082**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for software updates necessary to allow a professional teacher certificate or educational technician certificate to be reissued to a teacher or educational technician who has retired and whose certificate has lapsed.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$10,000	\$0

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 443
S.P. 314 - L.D. 756**

**An Act to Limit Changes to the
Resource Coordination
Agreement Between the
Bureau of State Police and the
Penobscot County Sheriff's
Department and Require
Annual Reporting Regarding
Resource Coordination
Agreements**

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1511 is enacted to read:

§1511. Annual report regarding resource coordination agreements and other services

Beginning January 1, 2024 and annually thereafter, the Bureau of State Police shall report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters, transportation matters and appropriations and financial affairs regarding resource coordination agreements between the Bureau of State Police and county sheriffs' departments, including where those agreements are in place, a summary of the agreements and any changes to those agreements in the prior calendar year. The Bureau of State Police shall also provide to those joint standing committees a summary of the services provided by the State Police throughout the State. A joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Legislature based on the reports submitted to the committee pursuant to this section. As used in this section, "resource coordination agreement" means the coordination of services by the Bureau of State Police and a county sheriff to provide law enforcement services in response to requests by the public in a manner that maximizes efficiency and reduces duplication of effort.

Sec. 2. Restriction on change to resource coordination agreement with Penobscot County

Sheriff's Department. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, before December 1, 2024, the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police may not change its resource coordination agreement with the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department that was in effect on May 1, 2023 unless mutually agreed upon by the Bureau of State Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department. If the resource coordination agreement is changed, that change must be documented in writing and provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs as soon as practicable after it has been mutually agreed upon by the Bureau of State Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department.

As used in this section, "resource coordination agreement" has the same meaning as in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 1511.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 444
S.P. 432 - L.D. 1063**

**An Act to Provide Equitable
Tax Treatment to State-
licensed Cannabis Businesses**

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

Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §1101, sub-§2, ¶D is enacted to read:

D. Any funds remaining in the fund after expenditures made in accordance with paragraphs A to C 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.

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$93,918 \$123,845

See title page for effective date.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶PP, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 452, §31, is amended to read:

PP. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, for business expenses related to carrying on a trade or business as a registered caregiver or a registered dispensary, as defined in Title 22, section 2422, an amount equal to the deduction that would otherwise be allowable under this Part to the extent that the deduction is disallowed under the Code, Section 280E. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, for business expenses related to carrying on a trade or business as a registered caregiver, a registered dispensary or a manufacturing facility, as defined in Title 22, section 2422, or a cannabis establishment or testing facility, as defined in Title 28-B, section 102, an amount equal to the deduction that would otherwise be allowable under this Part to the extent that the deduction is disallowed under the Code, Section 280E.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §5200-A, sub-§2, ¶BB, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 452, §32, is amended to read:

BB. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, for business expenses related to carrying on a trade or business as a registered caregiver or a registered dispensary, as defined in Title 22, section 2422, an amount equal to the deduction that would otherwise be allowable under this chapter to the extent that the deduction is disallowed under the Code, Section 280E. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, for business expenses related to carrying on a trade or business as a registered caregiver, a registered dispensary or a manufacturing facility, as defined in Title 22, section 2422, or a cannabis establishment or testing facility, as defined in Title 28-B, section 102, an amount equal to the deduction that would otherwise be allowable under this chapter to the extent that the deduction is disallowed under the Code, Section 280E.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Revenue Services, Bureau of 0002

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Tax Examiner position through June 7, 2025 and provides funding for related All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$88,100	\$119,500
All Other	\$5,818	\$4,345

CHAPTER 445

S.P. 457 - L.D. 1123

An Act to Create a Presumption Under the Maine Workers' Compensation Act of 1992 That a Cardiovascular Injury or Disease or Pulmonary Disease Suffered by Certain Law Enforcement Officers Is in the Course of Employment

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

Sec. 1. 39-A MRSA §328-D is enacted to read:

§328-D. Cardiovascular injury or disease and pulmonary disease suffered by a law enforcement officer or resulting in a law enforcement officer's death

Cardiovascular injury or disease and pulmonary disease suffered by a law enforcement officer or resulting in a law enforcement officer's death are governed by this section.

1. Law enforcement officer defined. For the purposes of this section, "law enforcement officer" means an active member of a law enforcement agency, as defined in Title 5, section 4651, if the person is vested by law with the power to make arrests for crimes or serve criminal process, whether that power extends to all crimes or is limited to specific crimes and if the person holds a current and valid certificate issued by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy pursuant to Title 25, section 2803-A.

2. Presumption. There is a rebuttable presumption that a law enforcement officer received the injury or contracted the disease arising out of and in the course of employment, that sufficient notice of the injury or disease has been given and that the injury or disease was not occasioned by the willful intention of the law enforcement officer to cause self-injury or injury to another if the law enforcement officer has been an active member of a law enforcement agency, as defined in Title 5, section 4651, for at least 2 years prior to a cardiovascular injury or the onset of a cardiovascular disease or pulmonary disease and if:

A. The disease has developed or the injury has occurred within 6 months of having participated in law enforcement activities or in a training or drill that involved law enforcement activities; or

B. The law enforcement officer had developed the disease or had suffered the injury that resulted in death within 6 months of having participated in law enforcement activities or in a training or drill that involved law enforcement activities.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 446

H.P. 727 - L.D. 1155

An Act to Address Legislative Salaries

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. 2, §2, is further amended to read:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, beginning with the first Wednesday of December 2000 ~~and thereafter~~ 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 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 \$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.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

Legislature 0081

Initiative: Provides funding for the costs of increasing Legislator salaries starting with the 132nd Legislature to \$25,000 in the first year of each biennium and to \$20,000 in the 2nd year of each biennium.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$1,660,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,660,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 447

H.P. 777 - L.D. 1229

An Act to Provide Information to Parents Involved in the Child Protective Services System and Ensure Funding in the Child Protective Services Contingency Fund

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2007, c. 586, §2, is further amended to read:

D. Establishing and maintaining a Child Protective Services Contingency Fund, which is a nonlapsing fund, to provide temporary assistance to families to help them provide proper care for their children;

Sec. 2. Contract requirements. The Department of Health and Human Services shall contract with an entity to provide free virtual classes conducted in real

time with information, resources and support to parents who are involved in the child protective services system. The classes must be facilitated by parents who have experience with the child protective services system or who have navigated multiple complex systems. The contracted entity must conduct activities that maximize outreach to parents that qualify, promote the classes to parents and providers of services to such parents and provide one-on-one follow-up with parents who participate in the classes.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Office of Child and Family Services - District 0452

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to contract with an entity to provide free virtual classes that provide information, resources and support to parents involved in the child protective services system, facilitated by parents who have experience with the child protective services system or who have navigated multiple complex systems.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$200,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 448

H.P. 1206 - L.D. 1881

**An Act Regarding
Compensation Fees and
Related Conservation Efforts
to Protect Soils and Wildlife
and Fisheries Habitat from
Solar and Wind Energy
Development and High-impact
Electric Transmission Lines
Under the Site Location of
Development Laws**

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §484-C is enacted to read:

§484-C. Solar energy compensation fee for impact to high-value agricultural land

1. Compensation fee. The department shall establish a solar energy compensation program in accordance with this section. The program must require a person who obtains approval under this article to construct or cause to be constructed a solar energy devel-

opment located on high-value agricultural land as defined in section 3201, subsection 1 to pay a compensation fee or other form of compensation in accordance with this section for any portion of the development, including associated facilities, that is located on high-value agricultural land, referred to in this section as "the impacted area."

2. Calculating fee. The compensation fee under this section must be calculated by the department, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, using the square footage of the impacted area and applying a per square foot compensation fee set by the department. The fee must be based upon the fair market value of the impacted area and include reasonable costs, including stewardship costs, for a compensation project, as defined by the department by rule, that is completed in whole or in part with the compensation fee. Square footage of the impacted area that is already subject to the compensation fee under section 484-D may not be included in calculating the compensation fee under this subsection. The compensation fee may be reduced by the department, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, if the applicant proposes mitigation strategies, including, but not limited to, dual-use agricultural and solar production. The fee may be increased by the department, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, based on the severity of the adverse impacts on the impacted area. For purposes of this subsection, "dual-use agricultural and solar production" means the productive use of land for agricultural production and solar energy production in accordance with standards established by rule adopted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, in consultation with the department and the Governor's Energy Office.

3. Collection of fees. All compensation fees collected under this section must be deposited in an account in the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and must be distributed at the discretion of the commissioner for the purpose of farmland conservation and solar mitigation projects. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, eligible investment earnings credited to this account become part of the assets of the account and any balance remaining in the account at the end of a fiscal year must be carried forward for the next fiscal year.

4. Conservation option. The department shall allow an applicant to meet the requirements of this section by conserving other land in accordance with this subsection. The amount of land conserved must be equal in square footage to the impacted area. The conserved land must be subject to a perpetual conservation easement or fee ownership by a public, quasi-public or municipal organization or a private, nonprofit organization that ensures the land remains available for agricultural production. An applicant who wishes to meet the re-

quirements of this section in accordance with this subsection shall submit with the application a plan to execute the option and shall complete the fee purchase or conservation easement prior to the start of construction.

5. Location and type of projects. A compensation project funded in whole or in part by a compensation fee or land designated for a conservation option under this section must be located in the same region as the solar energy development and must consist of soils comparable to those in the impacted area unless otherwise approved by the department.

6. Responsibility for additional compensation. The requirements of this section are in addition to the requirements of section 480-Z and section 484-D.

7. Rulemaking. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §484-D is enacted to read:

§484-D. Compensation fee program for renewable energy development

1. Compensation fee program. The department shall establish a compensation fee program to fund a compensation project as an alternative means of satisfying requirements related to off-site habitat improvement or preservation that the department determines necessary to mitigate the adverse effects of a renewable energy development on wildlife and fisheries habitats, as defined by the department, to comply with section 484, subsection 3. For purposes of this section, "renewable energy development" means a development subject to the requirements of this article that is:

A. A solar energy development and associated facilities;

B. A wind energy development as defined in Title 35-A, section 3451, subsection 11 and associated facilities; or

C. A high-impact electric transmission line as defined in Title 35-A, section 3131, subsection 4-A.

A compensation project funded in whole or in part from compensation fees under this section must be approved by the department.

2. Calculating compensation fee. The department shall establish criteria for determining compensation fee amounts based upon the fair market value of land consisting of habitat comparable to the habitat affected by the development under this section and including reasonable costs, including stewardship costs, of a compensation project completed in whole or in part with the compensation fee. A portion of the fee may be used to cover the cost of administering a compensation fund in subsection 3. The fee may not include compensation for an area as defined by section 480-Z, subsection 7.

3. Compensation fund. The department shall establish one or more compensation funds to receive compensation fees under this section for restoration, enhancement or preservation activities under paragraph A or to provide compensation fees to an organization authorized by the department under paragraph B. The department may require compensation fees to be remitted to another fund or funds created by the Legislature that can carry out the purposes of this section. Funds may be used by an agency required to assist with implementation of the requirements of this section to hire contract staff.

A. The department may establish a nonlapsing compensation fund for the purpose of receiving compensation fees, grants and other related income to carry out a compensation project dedicated to payment of costs and related expenses of restoration, enhancement or preservation activities of the project. The department may make payments from the fund consistent with the purpose of the fund. Income received under this paragraph must be deposited with the Treasurer of State to the credit of the compensation fund and may be invested as provided by law. Interest on investments under this paragraph must be credited to the compensation fund.

B. The department may enter into an enforceable, written agreement with a public, quasi-public or municipal organization or a private, nonprofit organization with expertise in the conservation of natural or working lands. The organization must demonstrate the ability to receive compensation fees, administer a compensation fund and ensure that compensation projects are implemented consistent with local, regional or state management priorities. If compensation fees are provided to an authorized organization, the organization shall maintain records of expenditures and provide an annual summary report as requested by the department. If the organization is a state agency other than the department, the agency shall establish a fund meeting the requirements specified in paragraph A. If the organization does not perform in accordance with this paragraph or with the requirements of the written agreement with the department, the department may revoke the organization's authority to conduct activities in accordance with this paragraph.

4. Location and type of projects. A compensation project funded by a compensation fee under this section must be located in the same biophysical region as the renewable energy development unless otherwise approved by the department and must consist of habitat comparable to the habitat affected by the renewable energy development. The department shall base approval of a compensation project on the management priorities

for the biophysical region in which the project is located. For purposes of this subsection, "biophysical region" has the same meaning as in section 480-Z.

5. Relationship to other provisions. The payment of a compensation fee under this section does not relieve the renewable energy development of the requirement to comply with any other provision of this article, including but not limited to the requirement to avoid and minimize adverse impacts on natural resources to the greatest extent practicable.

6. Rules. The department shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA c. 35 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 35

PROTECTION OF AGRICULTURAL SOILS FROM SOLAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS

§3201. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. High-value agricultural land. "High-value agricultural land" means land that has a high value for agricultural use, as determined in accordance with rules adopted by the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, in consultation with the department and the Governor's Energy Office.

2. Solar energy development. "Solar energy development" means a development that:

- A. Uses ground-mounted solar arrays and installations to convert solar energy to electrical energy;
- B. Occupies 5 acres or more; and
- C. Is wholly or partially located on high-value agricultural land.

§3202. Permitting of solar energy development

Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person may not construct, cause to be constructed or operate a solar energy development without a permit from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry has permitting authority over solar energy development. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall adopt rules to implement this section, which must include, but are not limited to:

1. Administration. Administrative procedures relating to the permitting process, including required fees;

2. Permit; standards. Standards for the approval of a permit;

3. Delegation. Standards and conditions for delegation of the authority to issue permits for solar energy development to a municipality or the Maine Land Use Planning Commission; and

4. Enforcement. Procedures for the enforcement of this section.

Notwithstanding Title 5, section 8071, subsection 3, rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 4. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry and Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules. By December 31, 2023, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Protection and the Governor's Energy Office, shall initiate rulemaking to define "high-value agricultural land" under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 35, establish tiers of high-value agricultural land with variable compensation amounts for each tier and define "dual-use agricultural and solar production," and the Department of Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Governor's Energy Office, shall initiate rulemaking to establish a compensation fee program to accept and administer compensation fees under Title 38, sections 484-C and 484-D and to define "wildlife and fisheries habitats" under Title 38, section 484-D, subsection 1, which must include but not be limited to large undeveloped habitat blocks, important wildlife corridors and other habitat types identified in consultation with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The rules must establish variable compensation amounts based on the value of the habitats and high-value agricultural land affected and the degree of adverse effect caused by the development and must establish mitigation strategies that may reduce or otherwise alter any compensation fee, including but not limited to the use of wildlife-friendly fencing and dual-use agricultural and solar production. Notwithstanding Title 5, chapter 375, the Department of Environmental Protection may allow for the payment of a compensation fee prior to the adoption of final rules using interim criteria established in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Governor's Energy Office.

Sec. 5. Application. That section of this Act that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, chapter 35 applies to solar energy developments on which construction begins after September 1, 2024.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides funding for contracted legal services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,000	\$5,000

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Environmental Licensing Supervisor position and provides funding for related All Other costs. This position ends June 7, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$84,930	\$119,745
All Other	\$9,500	\$9,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$94,430	\$129,245

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Provides allocations for expenditures related to centralized technology management costs for one limited-period Environmental Licensing Supervisor position.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$585	\$585
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$585	\$585

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Provides funding for centralized technology management costs related to one limited-period Environmental Licensing Supervisor position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,292	\$3,292
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$3,292	\$3,292

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$102,722	\$137,537
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$585	\$585
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$103,307	\$138,122

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 449

H.P. 49 - L.D. 79

An Act to Ensure a High-quality Education for Students with Disabilities by Clarifying the Definition of "State Agency Client" and Who Provides Special Education Programs and Services

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1, sub-§34-A, as amended by PL 2017, c. 148, §4, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1, sub-§34-B is enacted to read:

34-B. State agency client. "State agency client" means a child with a disability who is 3 years of age or older and under 22 years of age who requires an individualized education program in order to access a free, appropriate public education and who is:

A. In the care or custody, or both, of the Department of Health and Human Services and whose placement, either with a person who is not the child's parent, legal guardian or relative or in a residential setting, is facilitated by a caseworker from the Department of Health and Human Services and funded, in whole or in part, through the MaineCare program or the Department of Health and Human Services, and that placement is for reasons other than educational reasons; or

B. In the custody or under the supervision of the Department of Corrections, including, but not limited to, a juvenile on conditional release, an informally adjusted juvenile, a probationer or a juvenile on community reintegration status from the Long Creek Youth Development Center and who is placed, for reasons other than educational reasons, pursuant to a court order or with the agreement of an authorized agent of the Department of Corrections, outside the juvenile's home.

Notwithstanding paragraphs A and B, "state agency client" also means a child who is under 3 years of age and has a diagnosed, established condition or a biological factor that has a high probability of resulting in developmental delay.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §7007, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 19, §1, is amended to read:

Related services must be provided by qualified individuals employed or contracted by the school administrative unit, intermediate educational unit, public school or other public agency that receives federal or state funds to provide early intervention or free, appro-

priate public education services to children with disabilities in accordance with rules adopted by the department pursuant to section 7005.

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §7202, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

Each school administrative unit ~~operating schools~~ shall:

Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §7206, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 571, Pt. U, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Complaint. An interested party may file with the commissioner a written complaint alleging that a school administrative unit or private school, intermediate educational unit or other public agency serving children with disabilities has failed to comply with this chapter. The complaint must allege a violation that occurred not more than one year prior to the date that the complaint is received or the complaint must request compensatory services for a violation that occurred not more than 2 years prior to the date the complaint is received.

Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §7206, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1983, c. 862, §60, is further amended to read:

5. Enforcement. If the ~~unit~~ school administrative unit, intermediate educational unit, public school or other public agency against which a complaint has been filed under subsection 1 fails to comply with ~~the commissioner's order~~ an order issued by the commissioner, the commissioner:

A. May withhold financial aid from the school administrative unit, intermediate educational unit, public school or other public agency until it complies with the commissioner's order; and

B. Shall refer the matter to the Attorney General, who shall take appropriate action to bring the school administrative unit, intermediate educational unit, public school or other public agency into compliance.

Sec. 7. 20-A MRSA §7251, first ¶, as amended by PL 1987, c. 395, Pt. A, §73, is further amended to read:

A school administrative unit or public school may establish an appropriate special education program.

Sec. 8. 20-A MRSA §15689-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. C, §54, is further amended to read:

1. Payment of state agency client costs. State agency client costs are payable pursuant to this subsection. As used in this subsection, "state agency client" has the same meaning as defined in section 1, subsection ~~34-A~~ 34-B.

A. The commissioner shall approve special education costs and supportive services, including transportation, for all state agency clients placed in residential placements by an authorized agent of a state agency.

B. Special education costs authorized by this subsection for state agency clients must be paid by the department in the allocation year at 100% of actual costs.

C. The commissioner shall pay only approved special education costs and supportive services, including transportation, authorized by this subsection for state agency clients and may not allocate for those special education costs and supportive services, including transportation, incurred by the school administrative unit for state agency clients in the base years starting July 1, 1985, and every base year thereafter.

D. Transportation costs for state agency clients, when provided in accordance with rules established by the commissioner under section 7204, must be paid by the department in the allocation year at 100% of actual costs.

E. The commissioner may pay tuition to school administrative units or private schools for the education of institutional residents within the limits of the allocation made under this section.

F. The commissioner may deduct from these funds and pay on behalf of the state agency clients allowable school-based costs that represent the State's portion of MaineCare payments. A transfer of payment by the department to the Department of Health and Human Services must be made pursuant to a schedule agreed upon by the Department of Health and Human Services and the department and in a manner that remains in compliance with federal intergovernmental transfer requirements.

Sec. 9. 34-A MRSA §1206, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 789, §§5 and 9, is amended to read:

F. "State agency client" means the same as set out in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection ~~34-A~~ 34-B.

Sec. 10. 34-B MRSA §1208, sub-§1, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 789, §§7 and 9, is amended to read:

G. "State agency client" has the same meaning as in Title 20-A, section 1, subsection ~~34-A~~ 34-B.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 450
H.P. 66 - L.D. 98**

**An Act to Update the Special
Education Laws**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §7001, sub-§1-B, ¶B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §21, is further amended to read:

B. For children at least 3 years of age and under ~~20~~ 22 years of age evaluated in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 United States Code, Section 1414, subsections (a) to (c) as measured by both standardized, norm-referenced diagnostic instruments and appropriate procedures with delays or impairments such that the children need special education:

- (1) A child at least 3 years of age and under 6 years of age with a significant developmental delay, at the discretion of the intermediate educational unit or school administrative unit, as defined in rules adopted by the department, in one or more of the following areas: cognitive development; physical development, including vision and hearing; communication development; social or emotional development; adaptive development; or
- (2) A child with at least one of the following:
 - (a) Intellectual disability;
 - (b) ~~Hearing impairment, including deafness~~ Deafness, including hearing loss;
 - (c) Speech or language impairment;
 - (d) Visual impairment, including blindness;
 - (e) ~~Serious emotional disturbance~~ Emotional disability;
 - (f) Orthopedic impairment;
 - (g) Autism;
 - (h) Traumatic brain injury;
 - (i) Other health impairment;
 - (j) Specific learning disabilities;
 - (k) ~~Deafness and blindness~~ Deaf-blindness; and
 - (l) Multiple disabilities.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §7201, sub-§2-A, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 662, Pt. A, §22, is amended to read:

B. Children with disabilities at least 3 years of age and under ~~20~~ 22 years of age, including children in public or private institutions or other care facilities, must be educated with children without disabilities. Special classes, separate schooling or other removal of children with disabilities from the regular educational environment may occur only when the nature or severity of the disability of a child is such that education in regular classes with the use of supplementary aids and services cannot be achieved satisfactorily.

Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §7202, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2005, c. 662, Pt. A, §23, is further amended to read:

3. Diagnosis and evaluation. Provide the evaluations and assessments required by the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 United States Code, Section 1400 et seq., as amended, to plan and implement a special education program for children with disabilities at least 3 years of age and under ~~20~~ 22 years of age within its jurisdiction;

Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §7258, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 345, §1, is amended to read:

1. Attendance at pupil evaluation individualized education program team meetings. Annually, representatives from appropriate state service agencies, as determined by the ~~pupil evaluation individualized education program~~ pupil evaluation individualized education program team of the school administrative unit, and in accordance with special education rules, shall designate a transition contact person to participate in transition planning for students with disabilities. The transition contact person shall attend ~~pupil evaluation individualized education program~~ pupil evaluation individualized education program team meetings or provide relevant information to the ~~pupil evaluation individualized education program~~ pupil evaluation individualized education program team for transition planning purposes. This requirement applies to students with disabilities who have attained 16 years of age, or 14 years of age when determined by the ~~pupil evaluation individualized education program~~ pupil evaluation individualized education program team to be appropriate.

Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §7258, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 542, Pt. A, §22, is further amended to read:

1-A. Care manager. Within 2 years before the date that a student with an intellectual disability, serious emotional disturbance or other developmental disabilities will graduate or finish school, the Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the ~~pupil evaluation individualized education program~~ pupil evaluation individualized education program team of the school administrative unit, shall designate a case manager to participate in transition planning for that student. The case manager shall convene an adult services transition team, ensure interagency coordination and access to adult services, serve as a single contact person for the student transitioning into the adult ser-

vices and attend pupil evaluation individualized education program team meetings or provide relevant information to the pupil evaluation individualized education program team for transition planning purposes.

Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §8305-A, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2011, c. 679, §8, is further amended to read:

3. Adult participation in career and technical education courses. Persons A person who is continuing the person's educational placement until the person attains 22 years of age and who is enrolled in a special education program has the right to participate in career and technical education courses. A person who ~~are 20~~ is 22 years of age or older or who ~~have~~ has graduated from a secondary school and who otherwise ~~comply~~ complies with the requirements of this section may receive career and technical education in a career and technical education course if, after all other eligible persons have been enrolled in that course, space exists to accommodate participation by ~~persons who are 20 years of age or older or who have graduated from a secondary school~~ that person. A region, center or satellite program may charge reasonable fees to ~~persons~~ a person who ~~receive~~ receives career and technical education pursuant to this subsection.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 451
S.P. 60 - L.D. 121**

An Act to Expand Health Insurance Coverage for Certain Legislative Employees

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §285, sub-§7, ¶M is enacted to read:

M. Beginning November 1, 2023, except as provided in subsection 7-A, for an employee of the Legislature in a regularly recurring position available only for a portion of a year, the State shall pay a share of the individual premium for the standard plan identified and offered by the commission as follows, regardless of whether the employee is in active work status unless the employee is covered by another health insurance plan.

(1) For an employee whose base annual rate of pay is projected to be less than or equal to \$50,000 on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the State shall pay 95% of the premium.

(2) For an employee whose base annual rate of pay is projected to be greater than \$50,000

and less than \$100,000 on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the State shall pay 90% of the premium.

(3) For an employee whose base annual rate of pay is projected to be \$100,000 or greater on July 1st of the state fiscal year for which the premium contribution is being determined, the State shall pay 85% of the premium.

The payment of the premium is not intended to provide an incentive for employees to artificially delay notice of resignation.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 452
S.P. 104 - L.D. 204**

An Act to Ensure Safe Access to Schools by Implementing Interlocking Door Controller Technology

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4015 is enacted to read:

§4015. Interlocking door controller technology

When constructing a new elementary or secondary school or renovating an existing elementary or secondary school, a school administrative unit shall ensure that the school is equipped with interlocking door controller technology. The State shall provide funds to a school administrative unit to implement this section. For purposes of this section, "interlocking door controller technology" means an area in between 2 doors separating the interior of a school from the exterior and where both doors cannot be opened at the same time.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

School Finance and Operations Z078

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to reimburse school administrative units for the cost of installing interlocking door controller technology when constructing a new elementary or secondary school or renovating an existing elementary or secondary school in fiscal year 2024-25 only.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$187,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$187,500

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 453
H.P. 217 - L.D. 343**

**An Act to Invest in an
Educational Technician
Training Program to Address
Shortages in Public Schools**

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.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE

Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to support the Learning Facilitator Credential Program at Eastern Maine Community College.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$200,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 454
S.P. 260 - L.D. 592**

**An Act to Amend the Law
Governing MaineCare
Coverage of Chiropractic
Treatment**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-CCC, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 421, §1 and reallocated by RR 2019, c. 1, Pt. A, §24, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Reimbursement. The department shall reimburse under the MaineCare program for certain chiropractic services, as described in this section and defined in department rules, performed by a chiropractic doctor licensed under Title 32, chapter 9 that are within the scope of practice of chiropractic doctors. Services that are reimbursed are the following:

A. Treatment by means of manual manipulation of the spine;

B. Evaluation and management examinations; and

C. Physical therapy when the service is otherwise covered by MaineCare when performed by a physical therapist licensed under Title 32, chapter 45-A.

This subsection does not affect any limits that may apply to reimbursements such as limits on the number of visits.

Sec. 2. State plan amendment. No later than July 1, 2024, 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 allow for Medicaid reimbursement for physical therapy services performed by chiropractic doctors licensed under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 9 within their scope of practice as long as those services are covered when performed by licensed physical therapists.

Sec. 3. 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 physical therapy services that are within a chiropractic doctor's scope of practice and are otherwise covered if provided by a licensed physical therapist.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$33,716
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$33,716

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$77,722
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$77,722

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,755
FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,755

Sec. 4. Contingent effective date. That section of this Act that repeals and replaces the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-CCC, subsection 1 does not take effect unless:

1. The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approves a state plan amendment to allow for Medicaid reimbursement for physical therapy services performed by chiropractic doctors licensed under Title 32, chapter 9 within their scope of practice as long as those services are covered when performed by licensed physical therapists; and

2. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services notifies the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and

the Revisor of Statutes that written approval for the state plan amendment has been received.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 455
S.P. 453 - L.D. 1119**

An Act to Clarify the Criminal Statutes with Regard to Assaults on Emergency Medical Services Persons

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §752-C, as amended by PL 2015, c. 471, §1, is further amended to read:

§752-C. Assault on an emergency medical care provider services person

1. A person is guilty of assault on an emergency medical care provider services person if that person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to an emergency medical care provider a person licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 2-B while the emergency medical care provider that licensee is providing emergency medical care regardless of the location where the emergency medical care is provided.

2. As used in this section, "emergency medical care provider" includes hospital personnel assisting in an emergency and emergency medical services persons, defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, but does not include a firefighter as defined in section 752-E, subsection 2.

3. Assault on an emergency medical care provider services person is a Class C crime.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §752-F is enacted to read:

§752-F. Assault in an emergency room

1. A person is guilty of assault in an emergency room if that person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes bodily injury to a person employed or contracted by a hospital licensed under Title 22, chapter 405 if the injury occurs in the hospital's designated emergency room.

2. Assault in an emergency room is a Class C crime.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1604, sub-§5, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

B. If the State pleads and proves that, at the time any crime, ~~excluding murder~~, under chapter 9, 11, 12, 13, 27 or 35, ~~excluding section 853-A~~; section 402-A, subsection 1, paragraph A; or section

752-A ~~or~~, 752-C or 752-F was committed, or an attempt of any such crime was committed, the individual had 2 or more prior convictions under chapter 9, 11, 12, 13, 27 or 35, excluding section 853-A; section 402-A, subsection 1, paragraph A; or section 752-A ~~or~~, 752-C or 752-F, or for an attempt of any such crime, or for engaging in substantially similar conduct in another jurisdiction, the sentencing class for the crime is one class higher than it would otherwise be.

(1) In the case of a Class A crime, the sentencing class is not elevated, but the prior record must be assigned special weight by the court when imposing a sentence.

(2) Section 9-A governs the use of prior convictions when determining a sentence, except that, for the purposes of this paragraph, for violations under chapter 11, the dates of prior convictions may have occurred at any time.

This paragraph does not apply to section 210-A if the prior convictions have already served to elevate the sentencing class under section 210-A, subsection 1, paragraph C or E or any other offense in which prior convictions have already served to elevate the sentencing class.

This paragraph does not apply to murder under section 201 or to section 853-A.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §832-A, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 292, §1, is amended to read:

C. "Emergency medical care provider" ~~has the same meaning as in Title 17-A, section 752-C, subsection 2~~ includes hospital personnel assisting in an emergency and emergency medical services persons, defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12, but does not include a firefighter.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 456
H.P. 741 - L.D. 1169**

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Revolving Loan Program

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 110, sub-c. 13, headnote is amended to read:

SUBCHAPTER 13

FOREIGN CREDENTIALING AND SKILLS RECOGNITION ~~REVOLVING LOAN GRANT~~ PROGRAM

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, as amended by PL 2021, c. 133, §§1 to 6, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§1100-AA. Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition ~~Revolving Loan Grant~~ Program

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 447, §1, is amended to read:

B. "Fund" means the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition ~~Revolving Loan Grant~~ Program Fund, established in subsection 3.

Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 447, §1, is amended to read:

D. "Program" means the Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition ~~Revolving Loan Grant~~ Program, established in subsection 2.

Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 447, §1, is amended to read:

2. Program established. The Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition ~~Revolving Loan Grant~~ Program is established to provide financial assistance to immigrants who need assistance in paying for eligible costs.

Sec. 6. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 447, §1, is amended to read:

3. Fund established. The Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition ~~Revolving Loan Grant~~ Program Fund is established as a nonlapsing ~~revolving~~ fund to be administered by the authority. All amounts appropriated to the program must be deposited into the fund as well as all amounts repaid to the program by persons receiving loans under the program. Amounts in the fund must be used by the authority for purposes authorized in this section.

Sec. 7. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 447, §1, is amended to read:

5. Disbursement from the fund. Upon approval of an immigrant, the authority shall determine the amount to be disbursed from the fund to the immigrant. Funds must be disbursed directly to and used by the immigrant pursuant to a contract entered into between the immigrant and the authority in accordance with subsection 7. Funds must be disbursed by the authority in one lump sum in the form of an ~~interest free loan~~ a grant. An immigrant may not receive more than the maximum amount established by the authority, regardless of whether the immigrant submits one or multiple applications to the fund.

Sec. 8. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 447, §1, is amended to read:

6. Treatment of loans grants. Amounts ~~loaned~~ disbursed to an individual under the program are not income for purposes of any municipal general assistance program as defined by Title 22, section 4301, subsection 7.

Sec. 9. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§7, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 447, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 10. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§7, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 447, §1, is amended to read:

D. A provision that, if the individual breaches the contract with the authority, the authority may require immediate repayment of the ~~loan grant~~ to the authority; and

Sec. 11. 10 MRSA §1100-AA, sub-§9, as corrected by RR 2019, c. 2, Pt. A, §§13 and 14, is amended to read:

9. ~~Financing terms~~ Terms and conditions. ~~Loans Grants~~ under the program must conform to the following requirements.

A. A ~~loan grant~~ to any individual for eligible costs may not exceed ~~\$700~~ \$1,000, but this limit may be adjusted upward at least biannually by the authority to reflect inflation or cost of living or other necessary adjustments.

~~B. Loans are not subject to interest.~~

~~C. Loans must be repaid in full by an individual within 18 months of disbursement by the authority, together with any reasonable administrative fee established by the authority not to exceed 5% of the total of the loan funds disbursed to the individual, except that:~~

~~(1) In any case of demonstrable hardship, the authority may allow extensions of time for repayment or other flexibility in repayment terms; and~~

~~(2) Repayment of a loan may not be required until at least 60 days after the recipient of the loan has obtained a work permit, except that, if the recipient of the loan has obtained a work permit but has not obtained employment, repayment may not be required until at least 30 days after the recipient has obtained employment as long as the recipient is in compliance with the provisions of Title 22, section 4316-A.~~

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 457
H.P. 755 - L.D. 1183

An Act to Establish the School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSa §6664 is enacted to read:

§6664. School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund

1. School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund. The School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established in the department to issue grants to eligible school administrative units to improve school meal equipment and programs. The fund consists of money received as appropriations, allocations and contributions from private and public sources. The fund 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. The fund may be used to provide grants to eligible school administrative units to:

A. Purchase school kitchen and cafeteria equipment needed to serve healthy meals that meet federal nutrition standards;

B. Improve food safety in school kitchens and cafeterias;

C. Support the maintenance and expansion of the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program within the school administrative unit; and

D. Reimburse food costs related to medically necessary dietary restrictions of students.

For the purposes of this subsection, "eligible school administrative unit" means a school administrative unit that participates in the National School Lunch Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 210 and the School Breakfast Program under 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 220 and that meets federal compliance requirements established by the United States Department of Agriculture for those programs.

2. Federal grant funding. The department shall apply for any federal grants available for the purposes of this section.

3. Rules. The department shall adopt routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of the fund.

Sec. 2. Department of Education, Alternative Breakfast Delivery Service Program; lapsed balances. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, \$343,781 of unencumbered balance forward from the Department of Education, Alternative Breakfast Delivery Service Program, General Fund carrying account, All Other line category lapses to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2024.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund N448

Initiative: Provides base allocations to authorize expenditures in the event funds are received from federal grants.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$500	\$500

School Meal Equipment and Program Improvement Fund N448

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for grants to eligible school administrative units to purchase school kitchen and cafeteria equipment, improve food safety in school kitchens and cafeterias, reimburse food costs related to medically necessary dietary restrictions of students and support the maintenance and expansion of the National School Lunch Program and the federal School Breakfast Program within the school administrative units.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$343,781	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$343,781	\$0

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$343,781	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$344,281	\$500

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 458
H.P. 764 - L.D. 1204**

An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Closing Coverage Gaps in the MaineCare Program for Incarcerated Persons

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-CC, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 492, §2, is amended to read:

§3174-CC. Medicaid eligibility during incarceration

1. Establish procedures. The department shall establish procedures to ensure that:

A. A person receiving federally approved Medicaid services prior to incarceration in a correctional facility, county jail or regional jail does not lose Medicaid eligibility as a result of that incarceration and receives assistance with reapplying for benefits if that person's Medicaid coverage expires or is terminated during the term of incarceration; and

B. A person who is not receiving federally approved Medicaid services prior to incarceration in a correctional facility, county jail or regional jail but meets the eligibility requirements for Medicaid receives assistance with applying for federally approved Medicaid services.

2. Presumptive eligibility. If a MaineCare provider determines that a person who is incarcerated in a correctional facility, county jail or regional jail who does not have Medicaid coverage is likely to be eligible for services under this section, the provider must be reimbursed for services provided under this section in accordance with 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 435.1101.

3. Memorandum of understanding with Department of Corrections. The department and the Department of Corrections shall enter into a memorandum of understanding in order to provide as a person who is incarcerated in a correctional facility with assistance in applying for benefits under this section and section 3104, subsection 17.

4. Memorandum of understanding with counties. No later than January 1, 2024, the department shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with counties in this State that have a county jail or a regional jail in order to provide a person who is incarcerated in a county jail or a regional jail with assistance in applying for benefits under this section.

5. MaineCare coverage prior to release. During at least the 90-day period prior to the release of an individual from incarceration in a correctional facility,

county jail or regional jail, the department shall provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program for services that can be provided under the program to individuals who are incarcerated and that facilitate an individual's transition back into the community.

The provisions of this section apply even if Medicaid coverage is limited during the period of incarceration in a correctional facility, county jail or a regional jail. Nothing in this section requires or permits the department to maintain an incarcerated person's Medicaid eligibility if the person no longer meets eligibility requirements.

Sec. 2. Report regarding memorandums of understanding. No later than January 1, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on the progress made toward entering into memorandums of understanding with counties in the State that have a county jail or a regional jail as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-CC, subsection 4. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 3. Federal waiver. No later than 18 months after the effective date of this Act, 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 waiver pursuant to Section 1115 of the United States Social Security Act to provide during at least the 90-day period prior to the release of an individual from incarceration in a correctional facility, county jail or regional jail reimbursement under the MaineCare program for services that can be provided under the program to individuals who are incarcerated and that facilitate an individual's transition back into the community.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF Correctional Medical Services Fund 0286

Initiative: Deappropriates funding for medical services that will now be covered by the MaineCare program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	(\$1,115,715)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,115,715)

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$0	(\$1,115,715)
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	(\$1,115,715)

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147

Initiative: Provides funding for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program for services that can be provided under the program to individuals who are incarcerated and that facilitate an individual's transition back into the community, for at least the 90-day period prior to release of an individual from incarceration in a county jail, regional jail or a correctional facility.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$433,232
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$433,232
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$2,800,724
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$2,800,724

Office for Family Independence Z020

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for required technology development and testing.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$31,725	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$31,725	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$97,472	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$97,472	\$0

Office for Family Independence - District 0453

Initiative: Provides funding to establish one Eligibility Specialist position.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$20,788	\$21,793
All Other	\$1,634	\$1,634
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$22,422	\$23,427
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$62,364	\$65,380
All Other	\$6,526	\$6,599
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$68,890	\$71,979

Office of MaineCare Services 0129

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for required technology development and testing.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$94,422	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$94,422	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$290,103	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$290,103	\$0
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$148,569	\$456,659
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$290,103	\$2,800,724
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$166,362	\$71,979
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$605,034	\$3,329,362
SECTION TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$148,569	(\$659,056)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$290,103	\$2,800,724
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$166,362	\$71,979
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$605,034	\$2,213,647

Sec. 5. Contingent effective date. The Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3174-CC, subsection 5 does not take effect unless:

1. The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approves the federal waiver sought under section 3; and
2. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services notifies the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes that written approval for the waiver has been received.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 459

S.P. 517 - L.D. 1280

**An Act to Invest in Maine's
Fire Service Training Facilities**

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.

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION, MAINE

Maine Fire Protection Services Commission 0936

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for fire service training facilities in the State.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,500,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 460
S.P. 533 - L.D. 1315**

An Act to Require Public Schools to Offer Training for Secondary Students on the Administration of Naloxone Hydrochloride

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSa §6307-A is enacted to read:

§6307-A. Naloxone hydrochloride administration instruction

In accordance with rules adopted by the department, a public school shall offer training to secondary students on how to administer naloxone hydrochloride, as defined in section 6307, subsection 1, paragraph C, in nasal spray form. The rules adopted by the department under this section must provide that the training is an extracurricular instruction, that instruction is delivered by a qualified individual and that the standards for instruction are based on those of a nationally recognized program, organization or agency. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 461
S.P. 554 - L.D. 1389**

An Act to Establish a Mobile Learning Lab

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSa §4710-C is enacted to read:

§4710-C. Mobile learning lab

1. Mobile learning lab. The department shall establish a mobile learning lab for science, technology, engineering and mathematics that will allow students in all areas of the State to engage in hands-on learning. The department may enter into a public-private partnership in the creation of the mobile learning lab.

2. Rules. The department 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. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Office of Innovation Z333**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for contracted staffing services to support a mobile learning lab for science, technology, engineering and mathematics to allow for students in all areas of the State to engage in hands-on learning.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$150,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$150,000

Office of Innovation Z333

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for a mobile learning lab for science, technology, engineering and mathematics to allow for students in all areas of the State to engage in hands-on learning.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$250,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$250,000

**EDUCATION,
DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$400,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$400,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 462
H.P. 911 - L.D. 1415**

An Act to Expand Access to School Construction Funding

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15905, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 616, Pt. C, §9, is further amended to read:

A. The state board may approve projects as long as no project approval will cause debt service costs, as defined in section 15672, subsection 2-A, paragraph A and pursuant to rules adopted in accordance with Resolve 2007, chapter 223, section 4, to exceed the maximum limits specified in Table 1 and Table 2 in subsequent fiscal years.

Fiscal year	Table 1 Major Capital	
	Maximum Debt Service Limit	Integrated, Consolidated Secondary and Postsecondary Project Maximum Debt Service Limit
1990	\$ 48,000,000	
1991	\$ 57,000,000	
1992	\$ 65,000,000	
1993	\$ 67,000,000	
1994	\$ 67,000,000	
1995	\$ 67,000,000	
1996	\$ 67,000,000	
1997	\$ 67,000,000	
1998	\$ 67,000,000	
1999	\$ 69,000,000	
2000	\$ 72,000,000	
2001	\$ 74,000,000	
2002	\$ 74,000,000	
2003	\$ 80,000,000	
2004	\$ 80,000,000	
2005	\$ 84,000,000	
2006	\$ 90,000,000	
2007	\$ 96,000,000	
2008	\$100,000,000	
2009	\$104,000,000	
2010	\$108,000,000	
2011	\$126,000,000	
2012	\$116,000,000	
2013	\$116,000,000	
2014	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
2015	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
2016	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
2017	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
2018	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
2019	\$126,000,000	\$10,000,000
2020	\$126,000,000	\$20,000,000
2021	\$126,000,000	\$20,000,000
2022	\$126,000,000	\$20,000,000
2023	\$126,000,000	\$20,000,000

Fiscal year	Table 2	
	Maximum Debt Service Limit	
2024	\$150,000,000	
2025	\$150,000,000	
2026	\$150,000,000	
2027	\$150,000,000	

Sec. 2. School construction projects. The State Board of Education shall amend its rule Chapter 61: Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects, Section 15 regarding administering funding

for integrated, consolidated 9-16 educational facilities to allow the governing body of one school administrative unit with multiple high schools together with a career and technical high school to apply for funding for a proposed school. Rules adopted to comply with this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Fiscal year 2024-25 funding. In fiscal year 2024-25, a school administrative unit is eligible to apply for funding for both a major capital school construction project under State Board of Education rule Chapter 61: Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects and an integrated, consolidated 9-16 educational facility under Section 15 of that rule.

Sec. 4. Study. The Commissioner of Education shall conduct a study for the purpose of making recommendations on researching and identifying alternative pathways or revenue sources to finance school construction needs in the State. The commissioner shall report the recommendations of the study, including any necessary implementing legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 6, 2023. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 463

H.P. 935 - L.D. 1439

An Act to Promote Family-centered Interventions for Substance Use Disorder Treatment

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1729 is enacted to read:

§1729. Substance use disorder treatment information

Beginning July 1, 2024, a hospital licensed under chapter 405 shall post in a publicly accessible area of its emergency department information provided by the department that describes how individuals with substance use disorder can access evidence-based treatment services.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF
Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Z199**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for grants to support substance use disorder treatments that include family members of the person with substance use disorder, including community reinforcement and family training interventions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$30,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$30,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 464
S.P. 576 - L.D. 1458

An Act to Increase Funding 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, as amended by PL 2009, c. 486, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Tuition; room and board; funding. Students from this State may attend the school free of tuition charges and free of the cost of room and board. Additional funding for students from this State may be provided within amounts appropriated for that purpose as follows.

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 in Maine with a parent, other relative or guardian for at least 6 months immediately preceding application to the school.

B. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, effective July 1, 1996 and to the extent funds are not appropriated for this purpose, the student or the student's parent or guardian shall pay to the school the cost of room and board for the school year. In the case of financial need, the State shall pay to the school the difference between the cost of room and board and the student's or the student's family's ability to pay that cost. The board of trustees shall adopt rules governing the determination of financial need and the cost and schedule of payment of room and board under this paragraph. The determination of financial need must be based on a nationally recognized public or private school financial needs assessment system. A student may use scholarship funds in place of payment for all or part of the cost of room and board and any other fees or

expenses incurred as a result of that student's enrollment at the school.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8205, sub-§16-B is enacted to read:

16-B. Sustainability report. To submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters a sustainability report by February 1st of each year beginning February 1, 2024 and annually thereafter. The report must include a plan for and updates on student recruitment efforts, the rate of student attrition, graduation rate, a budget for and explanation of mental health services available to students and a discussion of the school's Limestone location;

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

General Purpose Aid for Local Schools 0308

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to the Maine School of Science and Mathematics.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 465

S.P. 579 - L.D. 1461

An Act to Prevent Dating Partner Abuse by Including Dating Partners in the Scope of Domestic Violence Crimes

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §15, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §§15 and 16 and affected by §65, is further amended by amending subparagraph (5-A) to read:

(5-A) Assault, criminal threatening, terrorizing, stalking, criminal mischief, obstructing the report of a crime or injury or reckless conduct if the officer reasonably believes that the person and the victim are family or household members, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or dating partners as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4;

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §207-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §17 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

A. The person violates section 207 and the victim is a family or household member as defined in Title

19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §207-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §18 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

B. The person violates paragraph A and at the time of the offense:

(1) Has one or more prior convictions for violating paragraph A or for violating section 208-D, 208-E, 208-F, 209-A, 210-B, 210-C or 211-A or one or more prior convictions for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in paragraph A or in section 208-D, 208-E, 208-F, 209-A, 210-B, 210-C or 211-A in another jurisdiction;

(2) Has one or more prior convictions for violating Title 19-A, former section 4011, subsection 1 or Title 19-A, section 4113, subsection 1 or one or more prior convictions for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in Title 19-A, section 4113, subsection 1 in another jurisdiction;

(3) Has one or more prior convictions for violating Title 15, section 1092, subsection 1, paragraph B when the condition of release violated is specified in Title 15, section 1026, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (5) or (8) when the alleged victim in the case for which the defendant was on bail was a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4; or

(4) Has one or more prior convictions for violating section 208, 208-B or 208-C, and the State had pled and proved that the victim of the applicable prior conviction was a family or household member, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6, or a dating partner, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4, or has one or more prior convictions in another jurisdiction for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in section 208, 208-B or 208-C and it had been pled and proved that the victim was a family or household member or a dating partner.

Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime.

Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §208-D, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §19 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

1. A person is guilty of domestic violence aggravated assault if that person:

A. Violates section 208, subsection 1, paragraph A and the victim is a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4. Violation of this paragraph is a Class B crime;

B. Violates section 208, subsection 1, paragraph A-1 and the victim is a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4. Violation of this paragraph is a Class A crime;

C. Violates section 208, subsection 1, paragraph B and the victim is a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4. Violation of this paragraph is a Class B crime; or

D. Violates section 208, subsection 1, paragraph C and the victim is a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4. Violation of this paragraph is a Class B crime.

Sec. 5. 17-A MRSA §208-E, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §20 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

B. The victim is a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4.

Sec. 6. 17-A MRSA §208-F, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §21 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

B. The victim is a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4.

Sec. 7. 17-A MRSA §209-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §22 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

A. The person violates section 209 and the victim is a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or

Sec. 8. 17-A MRSA §209-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §23 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

B. The person violates paragraph A and at the time of the offense:

(1) Has one or more prior convictions for violating paragraph A or for violating section 207-A, 208-D, 208-E, 208-F, 210-B, 210-C or 211-A or one or more prior convictions for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in paragraph A or in section 207-A, 208-D, 208-E, 208-F, 210-B, 210-C or 211-A in another jurisdiction;

(2) Has one or more prior convictions for violating Title 19-A, former section 4011, subsection 1 or Title 19-A, section 4113, subsection 1 or one or more prior convictions for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in Title 19-A, section 4113, subsection 1 in another jurisdiction;

(3) Has one or more prior convictions for violating Title 15, section 1092, subsection 1, paragraph B when the condition of release violated is specified in Title 15, section 1026, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (5) or (8) when the alleged victim in the case for which the defendant was on bail was a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4; or

(4) Has one or more prior convictions for violating section 208, 208-B or 208-C, and the State had pled and proved that the victim of the applicable prior conviction was a family or household member, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6, or a dating partner, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4, or has one or more prior convictions in another jurisdiction for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in section 208, 208-B or 208-C and it had been pled and proved that the victim was a family or household member or a dating partner.

Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime.

Sec. 9. 17-A MRSA §210-B, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §25 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

A. The person violates section 210 and the victim is a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or

Sec. 10. 17-A MRSA §210-B, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §26 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

B. The person violates paragraph A and at the time of the offense:

(1) Has one or more prior convictions for violating paragraph A or for violating section 207-A, 208-D, 208-E, 208-F, 209-A, 210-C or 211-A or one or more prior convictions for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in paragraph A or in section 207-A, 208-D, 208-E, 208-F, 209-A, 210-C or 211-A in another jurisdiction;

(2) Has one or more prior convictions for violating Title 19-A, former section 4011, subsection 1 or Title 19-A, section 4113, subsection 1 or one or more prior convictions for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in Title 19-A, section 4113, subsection 1 in another jurisdiction;

(3) Has one or more prior convictions for violating Title 15, section 1092, subsection 1, paragraph B when the condition of release violated is specified in Title 15, section 1026, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (5) or (8) when the alleged victim in the case for which the defendant was on bail was a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4; or

(4) Has one or more prior convictions for violating section 208, 208-B or 208-C, and the State had pled and proved that the victim of the applicable prior conviction was a family or household member, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6, or a dating partner, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4, or has one or more prior convictions in another jurisdiction for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in section 208, 208-B or 208-C and it had been pled and proved that the victim was a family or household member or a dating partner.

Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime.

Sec. 11. 17-A MRSA §210-C, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §27 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

A. The person violates section 210-A and the victim is a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or

Sec. 12. 17-A MRSA §210-C, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §28 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

B. The person violates paragraph A and at the time of the offense:

(1) Has one or more prior convictions for violating paragraph A or for violating section 207-A, 208-D, 208-E, 208-F, 209-A, 210-B or 211-A or one or more prior convictions for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in paragraph A or in section 207-A, 208-D, 208-E, 208-F, 209-A, 210-B or 211-A in another jurisdiction;

(2) Has one or more prior convictions for violating Title 19-A, former section 4011, subsection 1 or Title 19-A, section 4113, subsection 1 or one or more prior convictions for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in Title 19-A, section 4113, subsection 1 in another jurisdiction;

(3) Has one or more prior convictions for violating Title 15, section 1092, subsection 1, paragraph B when the condition of release violated is specified in Title 15, section 1026, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (5) or (8) when the alleged victim in the case for which the defendant was on bail was a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4; or

(4) Has one or more prior convictions for violating section 208, 208-B or 208-C, and the State had pled and proved that the victim of the applicable prior conviction was a family or household member, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6, or a dating partner, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4, or has one or more prior convictions in another jurisdiction for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in section 208, 208-B or 208-C and it had been pled and proved that the victim was a family or household member or a dating partner.

Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime.

Sec. 13. 17-A MRSA §211-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §29 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

A. The person violates section 211 and the victim is a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4. Violation of this paragraph is a Class D crime; or

Sec. 14. 17-A MRSA §211-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §30 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

B. The person violates paragraph A and at the time of the offense:

(1) Has one or more prior convictions for violating paragraph A or for violating section 207-A, 208-D, 208-E, 208-F, 209-A, 210-B or 210-C or one or more prior convictions for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in paragraph A or in section 207-A, 208-D, 208-E, 208-F, 209-A, 210-B or 210-C in another jurisdiction;

(2) Has one or more prior convictions for violating Title 19-A, former section 4011, subsection 1 or Title 19-A, section 4113, subsection 1 or one or more prior convictions for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in Title 19-A, section 4113, subsection 1 in another jurisdiction;

(3) Has one or more prior convictions for violating Title 15, section 1092, subsection 1, paragraph B when the condition of release violated is specified in Title 15, section 1026, subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (5) or (8) when the alleged victim in the case for which the defendant was on bail was a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6 or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4; or

(4) Has one or more prior convictions for violating section 208, 208-B or 208-C, and the State had pled and proved that the victim of the applicable prior conviction was a family or household member, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6, or a dating partner, as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4, or has one or more prior convictions in another jurisdiction for engaging in conduct substantially similar to that contained in section 208, 208-B or 208-C and it had been pled and proved that the victim was a family or household member or a dating partner.

Violation of this paragraph is a Class C crime.

Sec. 15. 17-A MRSA §1603, sub-§2, ¶C, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §34 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

C. That the victim is a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6, paragraphs A to E or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4 who is a victim of domestic violence committed by the convicted individual.

Sec. 16. 17-A MRSA §1804, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

3. Exception to limits when victim is family or household member. If the State pleads and proves that the person was convicted of committing against a fam-

ily or household member or a dating partner a crime under chapter 9 or 13 or section 554 or if the person was convicted under chapter 11 or 12 or section 556, the period of probation may not exceed:

- A. For a Class A crime, 6 years; and
- B. For a Class B or Class C crime, 4 years.

Sec. 17. 17-A MRSA §1804, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §39 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

6. Exception to limits when person ordered to complete domestic violence intervention program and pay restitution. If the State pleads and proves that the enumerated Class D or Class E crime was committed by the person against a family or household member or a dating partner and the court orders the person to complete a certified domestic violence intervention program as defined in Title 19-A, section 4116, the person may be placed on probation for a period not to exceed 2 years, except that, on motion by the person's probation officer, the person or the court, the term of probation must be terminated by the court when the court determines that the person has:

- A. Served at least one year of probation;
- B. Completed the certified domestic violence intervention program;
- C. Paid in full any victim restitution ordered; and
- D. From the time the period of probation commenced until the motion for termination is heard, met all other conditions of probation.

As used in this subsection, "enumerated Class D or Class E crime" means any Class D crime in chapter 9, any Class D or Class E crime in chapter 11, the Class D crimes described in sections 302 and 506-B and the Class D crimes described in sections 554, 555 and 758.

Sec. 18. 17-A MRSA §2107, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §42 and affected by §65, is further amended to read:

For purposes of this section, "crime involving domestic violence" has the same meaning as in Title 15, section 1003, subsection 3-A and includes those crimes under section 152, subsection 1, paragraph A, section 208 and section 208-B when the victim is a family or household member as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 6, paragraphs A to E or a dating partner as defined in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4.

Sec. 19. 17-A MRSA §2301, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Dating partner. "Dating partner" has the same meaning as in Title 19-A, section 4102, subsection 4.

Sec. 20. 17-A MRSA §2307, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

F. A crime against a family or household member or a dating partner listed under chapter 9 or 13 or section 506-B, 554, 555 or 758.

Sec. 21. 17-A MRSA §2308, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

F. A crime against a family or household member or a dating partner listed under chapter 9 or 13 or section 506-B, 554, 555 or 758.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 466

S.P. 615 - L.D. 1552

An Act to Create the Lobster Innovation Fund

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA c. 619, sub-c. 4-A, head-note is amended to read:

SUBCHAPTER 4-A

LOBSTER RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND AND LOBSTER INNOVATION FUND

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6465, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 623, §1, is amended to read:

The Lobster Research, Education and Development Fund, referred to in this subchapter section as "the fund," is established in the department. Balances in the fund may not lapse and must be carried forward and used for the purposes of this section.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6466 is enacted to read:

§6466. Lobster Innovation Fund

The Lobster Innovation Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established in the department. The fund consists of money received as appropriations and contributions from public and private sources. Balances in the fund may not lapse and must be carried forward. The fund must be used to provide stipends to holders of Class I, Class II or Class III lobster fishing licenses to participate in the testing of new lobster fishing technologies.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF Lobster Innovation Fund N439

Initiative: Provides a one-time appropriation to provide stipends to holders of Class I, Class II or Class III commercial lobster fishing licenses to participate in the testing of new lobster fishing technologies.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$50,000

Lobster Innovation Fund N439

Initiative: Provides a base allocation for outside funding received for stipends to holders of Class I, Class II or Class III commercial lobster fishing licenses to participate in the testing of new lobster fishing technologies.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

MARINE RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$50,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$500	\$50,500

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 467
H.P. 1033 - L.D. 1588
An Act to Provide Public Sector Labor Unions Reasonable Access to Information Regarding Employees**

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §975, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 389, §1, is amended to read:

A. ~~Not later than 30 calendar days after the date a prospective school employee accepts an offer of employment or not later than 30 calendar days after the date of hire for all other public employees, public~~ Public employers shall provide the following information regarding newly hired public employees and, upon request, regarding all other public employees to a bargaining agent in spreadsheet file format or another format agreed to by the bargaining agent:

- (1) Name;

- (2) Job title;
- (3) Workplace location;
- (4) Home address;
- (5) Work telephone numbers;
- (6) Home telephone and personal cellular telephone numbers, if known;
- (7) Work e-mail address;
- (8) Personal e-mail address, if known; and
- (9) Date of hire.

For information regarding newly hired public employees, the employer shall provide the information required under this paragraph not later than 30 calendar days after the date a prospective public employee accepts an offer of employment or not later than 30 calendar days after the date of hire for all public employees. At the request of the bargaining agent, but not more than quarterly, the public employer shall provide the required information for all other public employees in the bargaining unit within 30 calendar days.

Sec. 2. 26 MRSA §975, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 389, §1, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is subject to the dispute resolution process specified in an applicable collective bargaining agreement for a public employee.

Sec. 3. 26 MRSA §979-T, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 389, §2, is amended to read:

A. ~~Not later than 30 calendar days after the date a prospective school employee accepts an offer of employment or not later than 30 calendar days after the date of hire for all other state employees and legislative employees, public~~ Public employers shall provide the following information regarding newly hired state employees and legislative employees and, upon request, regarding all other state employees and legislative employees to a bargaining agent in spreadsheet file format or another format agreed to by the bargaining agent:

- (1) Name;
- (2) Job title;
- (3) Workplace location;
- (4) Home address;
- (5) Work telephone numbers;
- (6) Home telephone and personal cellular telephone numbers, if known;
- (7) Work e-mail address;
- (8) Personal e-mail address, if known; and
- (9) Date of hire.

For information regarding newly hired state employees and legislative employees, the employer shall provide the information required under this paragraph not later than 30 calendar days after the date a prospective state employee or legislative employee accepts an offer of employment or not later than 30 calendar days after the date of hire for all state employees and legislative employees. At the request of the bargaining agent, but not more than quarterly, the public employer shall provide the required information for all other state employees and legislative employees in the bargaining unit within 30 calendar days.

Sec. 4. 26 MRSA §979-T, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 389, §2, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is subject to the dispute resolution process specified in an applicable collective bargaining agreement for a public employee.

Sec. 5. 26 MRSA §1037, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 389, §3, is amended to read:

A. Not later than 30 calendar days after the date of hire for an employee, the The university, academy or community college shall provide the following information regarding newly hired university, academy or community college employees and, upon request, regarding all other university, academy or community college employees to a bargaining agent in spreadsheet file format or another format agreed to by the bargaining agent:

- (1) Name;
- (2) Job title;
- (3) Workplace location;
- (4) Home address;
- (5) Work telephone numbers;
- (6) Home telephone and personal cellular telephone numbers, if known;
- (7) Work e-mail address;
- (8) Personal e-mail address, if known; and
- (9) Date of hire.

For information regarding newly hired university, academy or community college employees, the employer shall provide the information required under this paragraph not later than 30 calendar days after the date a prospective university, academy or community college employee accepts an offer of employment or not later than 30 calendar days after the date of hire for all university, academy or community college employees. At the request of the bargaining agent, but not more than quarterly, the public employer shall provide the required infor-

mation for all other university, academy or community college employees in the bargaining unit within 30 calendar days.

Sec. 6. 26 MRSA §1037, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 389, §3, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is subject to the dispute resolution process specified in an applicable collective bargaining agreement for a public employee.

Sec. 7. 26 MRSA §1295, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 389, §4, is amended to read:

A. Not later than 30 calendar days after the date of hire for a judicial employee, the The public employer shall provide the following information regarding newly hired judicial employees and, upon request, regarding all other judicial employees to a bargaining agent in spreadsheet file format or another format agreed to by the bargaining agent:

- (1) Name;
- (2) Job title;
- (3) Workplace location;
- (4) Home address;
- (5) Work telephone numbers;
- (6) Home telephone and personal cellular telephone numbers, if known;
- (7) Work e-mail address;
- (8) Personal e-mail address, if known; and
- (9) Date of hire.

For information regarding newly hired judicial employees, the public employer shall provide the information required under this paragraph not later than 30 calendar days after the date a prospective judicial employee accepts an offer of employment or not later than 30 calendar days after the date of hire for all judicial employees. At the request of the bargaining agent, but not more than quarterly, the public employer shall provide the required information for all other judicial employees in the bargaining unit within 30 calendar days.

Sec. 8. 26 MRSA §1295, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 389, §7, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is subject to the dispute resolution process specified in an applicable collective bargaining agreement for a public employee.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 468
S.P. 634 - L.D. 1602

An Act to Implement the
Recommendations of the
Stakeholder Group Convened
by the Emergency Medical
Services' Board on Financial
Health of Ambulance Services

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8712, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 423, Pt. A, §6, is further amended to read:

2. **Payments.** The organization shall create a publicly accessible interactive website that presents reports related to payments for services rendered by health care facilities and practitioners to residents of the State. The services presented must include, but not be limited to, imaging, preventative health, radiology, surgical services, ambulance services, comparable health care services as defined in Title 24-A, section 4318-A, subsection 1, paragraph A and other services that are predominantly elective and may be provided to a large number of patients who do not have health insurance or are underinsured. The website must also be constructed to display prices paid by individual commercial health insurance companies, 3rd-party administrators and, unless prohibited by federal law, governmental payors. Beginning October 1, 2012, price information posted on the website must be posted semiannually and beginning October 1, 2022 must be posted annually, must display the date of posting and, when posted, must be current to within 12 months of the date of submission of the information. Payment reports and price information posted on the website must include data submitted by payors with regard to all health care facilities and practitioners that provide comparable health care services as defined in Title 24-A, section 4318-A, subsection 1, paragraph A or services for which the organization reports data pertaining to the statewide average price pursuant to this subsection or Title 24-A, section 4318-B. Upon notice made by a health care facility or practitioner that data posted by the organization pertaining to that facility or practitioner is inaccurate or incomplete, the organization shall remedy the inaccurate or incomplete data within the earlier of 30 days of receipt of the notice and the next posting date.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §4303-F, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 241, §3, is amended to read:

§4303-F. **Reimbursement for ambulance services and participation of ambulance service providers in carrier networks**

1. **Reimbursement for ambulance services.** ~~Un-~~til December 31, 2023, with With respect to a bill for

covered ~~emergency~~ services rendered by an ambulance service provider, a carrier shall reimburse the ambulance service provider or enrollee, as applicable, as follows.

A. If the ambulance service provider participates in the carrier's network, the carrier shall reimburse at the ambulance service provider's rate or 200% of the Medicare rate for that service, whichever is less, plus any adjustment required by paragraph C.

B. If the ambulance service provider is an out-of-network provider, the carrier shall reimburse at the ambulance service provider's rate or 180% of the Medicare rate for that service, whichever is less, plus any adjustment required by paragraph C.

C. If the ambulance service provider is located in a rural or super rural area as designated by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and eligible for additional Medicare reimbursement for services that were provided to a Medicare enrollee, the carrier shall increase the reimbursement to that ambulance service provider in the same amount as the additional Medicare reimbursement.

D. If, on the effective date of this subsection, an ambulance service provider's charge for ambulance services is below 200% of the Medicare rate for that service, the ambulance service provider may not increase the charge for that service by more than 5% annually.

E. A carrier may not require an 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.

~~This subsection is repealed December 31, 2023.~~

Notwithstanding this subsection, a carrier is not required to reimburse an ambulance service provider at the reimbursement rates required in this subsection for covered services delivered through community paramedicine in accordance with Title 32, section 84, subsection 4 and a carrier may require an ambulance service provider to obtain prior authorization before providing services through community paramedicine.

1-A. Reimbursement for nontransport services. With respect to a health plan with an effective date on or after January 1, 2024, when an ambulance service provider responds to a call for emergency services and an enrollee refuses transport to a hospital, a carrier shall reimburse that ambulance service provider for any services other than transport provided to the enrollee as follows.

A. If the ambulance service provider participates in the carrier's network, the carrier shall reimburse the ambulance service provider at the ambulance

service provider's rate or 200% of the average of the Medicare rate for basic life support services and the Medicare rate for advanced life support services, whichever is less, plus any adjustment required by paragraph C.

B. If the ambulance service provider is an out-of-network provider, the carrier shall reimburse the ambulance service provider at the ambulance service provider's rate or 180% of the average of the Medicare rate for basic life support services and the Medicare rate for advanced life support services, whichever is less, plus any adjustment required by paragraph C.

C. If the ambulance service provider is located in a rural or super rural area as designated by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and eligible for additional Medicare reimbursement for services that were provided to a Medicare enrollee, the carrier shall increase the reimbursement to that ambulance service provider in the same amount as the additional Medicare reimbursement.

D. If, on the effective date of this subsection, an ambulance service provider's rate for ambulance services is below 200% of the average of the Medicare rate for basic life support and advanced life support services, the ambulance service provider may not increase the rate for that service by more than 5% annually.

2. Network participation; standard contract. A carrier shall offer a standard contract to all ambulance service providers willing to participate in the carrier's provider network with the following provisions:

A. The reimbursement rate paid for ambulance services conforms to the requirements of subsection 1.

~~This paragraph is repealed December 31, 2023;~~

B. The contract term is for a minimum of 24 months;

C. The contract may be terminated as long as the party seeking to terminate the contract provides at least 180 days' prior notice; and

D. The contract provides that an ambulance service provider has a minimum of 120 days to submit a claim.

3. Exemption. This section does not apply to air ambulance services.

4. Medical necessity. A carrier shall consider the requirements of the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services related to medical necessity of ambulance services when establishing the carrier's own policies and

guidelines related to the medical necessity and reasonableness of covered services provided by ambulance service providers.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§2, ¶L, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 241, §5 and reallocated by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. A, §113, is amended to read:

L. The board shall establish by rule a program for collecting and reporting cost and performance metrics related to emergency medical treatment services, including ambulance services. The cost and performance metrics for ambulance services adopted in rule must include, at a minimum, data on the volume of services provided per capita and per square mile of geographic area, the type of entity, the payer mix, the impact on length of stay in a health care facility due to lack of available ambulance transport, demographics on personnel and level of licensure, the number of vacancies and the number of volunteer hours dedicated to emergency medical services. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF
Emergency Medical Services 0485**

Initiative: Establishes one limited-period Management Analyst I position and provides appropriations for related costs to collect and report cost and performance information related to emergency services. This position begins November 1, 2023 and ends June 7, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$51,878	\$82,151
All Other	\$5,000	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$56,878	\$87,151

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 469

S.P. 640 - L.D. 1608

**An Act to Address Teacher
Shortages Through Financial
Assistance and Career
Advancement Opportunities**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §10911 is enacted to read:

§10911. Report on Maine teacher residency program

By December 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the university shall submit a report to the joint standing

committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on the status of a Maine teacher residency program administered by the university.

Sec. 2. Maine Education Policy Research Institute to study career ladders for educators. The Maine Education Policy Research Institute shall study the development of career ladders for educators. The study must include:

1. A review of career ladders for educators developed in other states, including Maryland;
2. An analysis of the options for developing a teacher residency certificate and advanced teacher certificates, such as distinguished teacher certificates and lead teacher certificates;
3. Ways to diversify the educator workforce; and
4. Educator recruitment and retention best practices.

By December 6, 2023, the institute shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 3. 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 funds to support the Maine Teacher Residency Program at the University of Southern Maine.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$200,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 470

H.P. 1068 - L.D. 1670

An Act to Strengthen Maine's Agriculture, Food and Forest Economy by Funding the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund and Amending Related Provisions of Law

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §320-C, sub-§6, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. KK, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

- (2) Recommending program changes and improvements; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §320-C, sub-§6, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. KK, §2, is amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

- (3) Preparing a comprehensive report, in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Community Development and other appropriate agencies and organizational partners, on the performance, use and sustainability of funds and supporting programs of the Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund to submit to the commissioner; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §320-C, sub-§6, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 483, Pt. KK, §2, is amended by enacting subparagraph (4) to read:

- (4) Collaborating with the Department of Economic and Community Development and other appropriate agencies and organizational partners to ensure that investment objectives are appropriately targeted and not duplicative and to establish various grant and loan instruments as part of the fund.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Agriculture, Food and Forest Products Investment Fund N383

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to support public-private partnerships to facilitate strategic investments in the State's agricultural, food and forest products processing and manufacturing industries. These funds are nonlapsing.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 471

S.P. 674 - L.D. 1687

An Act to Improve Geographic Information System Data Acquisition and Maintenance

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

Sec. 1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services review; report. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall review the mission, duties, powers, organizational structure and similar aspects of the following 3 entities established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 163: the Office of Information Technology, the Office of Geographic Information Systems and the Maine Library of Geographic Information. The purpose of the review, which must be done within existing resources, is to determine whether the current organizational structure of these entities provides state agencies, the Legislature and the public with relevant, up-to-date information in the most efficient and cost-effective manner. The department shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by December 31, 2023 with details of the review and any recommendations to best achieve the function and purpose of these entities.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 472

H.P. 1118 - L.D. 1739

An Act to Extend Development District Tax Increment Financing Districts

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5224, sub-§2, ¶H, as repealed and replaced by PL 2019, c. 140, §1, is 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; and, except that, during the 10 calendar years after the general effective date of laws enacted during the First Special Session of the 131st Legislature, a district may be extended an additional 20 years if the district uses at least 75% of tax increment financing revenue for affordable housing projects or transit-oriented development. 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, retail or services establishments that are located in transit-served nodes or corridors; 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

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 473

H.P. 1131 - L.D. 1767

An Act to Require the University of Maine to Provide Education Regarding Meat and Poultry Processing

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §197 is enacted to read:

§197. Meat processing workforce development and education

The University of Maine within available funding shall provide cooperative extension education regarding meat and poultry processing, including quality control training and hazard analysis critical control point training and plan development for meat and poultry processors.

Sec. 2. 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 funds for cooperative extension education regarding meat and poultry processing, including quality control training and hazard analysis critical control point training and plan development for meat and poultry processors.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$142,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$142,500

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 474
H.P. 1146 - L.D. 1783

An Act to Implement the
Recommendations of the
Governor's Advisory Council
on Military Sexual Trauma

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSa §3360-C, sub-§1, as amended
by PL 2003, c. 243, §4, is further amended by enacting
at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

For purposes of this subsection, an unrestricted report
of sexual assault made to the Maine National Guard by
a current or former member of the Maine National
Guard is a crime reported to a law enforcement officer.

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSa §3, sub-§1, ¶D, as
amended by PL 2021, c. 634, Pt. B, §§10 and 11, is fur-
ther amended by amending subparagraph (25) to read:

(25) By ~~February 15, 2023~~ December 6, 2023,
and annually thereafter, the Adjutant General
shall submit a report to the joint standing com-
mittee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
over veterans affairs containing:

- (a) Data regarding all reported incidents of sexual assault and sexual harassment within the National Guard in each of the preceding 10 years, including information on the current duty status of victims and the outcome of any state or federal criminal or Maine Code of Military Justice proceedings arising out of such incidents, to the extent that the sharing of such data and information is not prohibited by federal law or federal regulation and can be presented in a way that does not identify, and that cannot be used with other information to identify, any victim of sexual assault or sexual harassment. If necessary to protect the identity of victims of sexual assault or sexual harassment, the Adjutant General may submit a summary of specific items of data or information required to be included in the report;
- (b) A description of all sexual assault and sexual harassment prevention training provided to members of the National Guard in the preceding year;
- (c) A description of the current practices and procedures for the prevention of sexual assault and sexual harassment and investigation of and disciplinary actions taken in response to reports of sexual assault and sexual harassment in the National Guard; and

(d) A summary of the activities during the preceding year of any advisory council or special study group convened by the Governor or the department or in which officials of the department have been asked to participate whose duties involve, at least in part, examining or making recommendations regarding the prevention of or the response to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the National Guard or, if no advisory council or special study group with such duties engaged in activities during the preceding year, a statement to that effect.

After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation related to the report.

Sec. 3. 37-B MRSa §3, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 634, Pt. B, §§10 and 11, is further amended by enacting a new subparagraph (26) to read:

(26) By December 6, 2023, and annually thereafter, to the extent allowed by federal law, the Adjutant General shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans affairs containing the:

- (a) Aggregate number of new members of the Maine National Guard broken down by gender in the previous year;
- (b) Aggregate discharge numbers of Maine National Guard members broken down by gender in the previous year;
- (c) Aggregate promotion rates from the previous year of Maine National Guard members broken down by gender;
- (d) Aggregate data or coded reason for discharge of all Maine National Guard members discharged in the previous year broken down by gender;
- (e) Percentages of Maine National Guard members broken down by gender reporting sexual harassment and sexual assault as measured by the anonymous survey with the highest percentage of Maine National Guard members having completed surveys from the previous year; and
- (f) Number of restricted and unrestricted reports of sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Maine National Guard by year broken down by gender of the reporting party.

Sec. 4. 37-B MRSa §390-D is enacted to read:

§390-D. Paid leave pending completion of sexual harassment investigation or sexual assault investigation

A full-time or part-time member of the Maine National Guard who is in active state service pursuant to section 181-A and who reports that the member is a victim of a sexual assault or sexual harassment by another member of the Maine National Guard may request paid leave during any pending investigation, and paid leave must be granted if the reporting party requests it. A full-time or part-time member of the Maine National Guard who is in active state service pursuant to section 181-A and who is the responding party in an investigation of sexual assault or sexual harassment must be placed on paid leave pending completion of the investigation, unless the reporting party consents to an alternative arrangement after consultation with counsel for the Maine National Guard. If a reporting party takes paid leave but wishes to return to work prior to completion of the investigation, an evaluation of supervisory or reporting structures must be completed and modified as necessary to avoid further alleged conduct by the responding party.

Sec. 5. Report by Adjutant General. By December 6, 2023, the Adjutant General shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. The report must contain any report made to the Governor or any summary of activities of the Governor's Advisory Council on Military Sexual Trauma that was established by Executive Order 1 FY 21/22 and must include any additional information examining or making recommendations for the prevention of or the response to sexual assault and sexual harassment in the Maine National Guard. After reviewing the report and any summary of activities, the committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature to implement the report's recommendations. In its deliberations, the committee may consider whether to establish an advisory council on sexual trauma in the Maine National Guard.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Military Training and Operations 0108

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to pay for paid leave costs that are not otherwise reimbursed by another entity.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$0	\$126,000
All Other	\$0	\$54,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$180,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 475
S.P. 715 - L.D. 1790**

An Act Removing the Statute of Limitations on Civil Actions and Criminal Prosecutions for Certain Sexual Offenses Against Minors

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

Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §752-C, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 639, §1, is amended to read:

2. Sexual acts toward minors defined. As used in this section, "sexual acts toward minors" means the following acts that are committed against or engaged in with a person under the age of majority:

A. Sexual act, as defined in Title 17-A, section 251, subsection 1, paragraph C; or

B. Sexual contact, as defined in Title 17-A, section 251, subsection 1, paragraph D.

C. Gross sexual assault, as described in Title 17-A, section 253;

D. Sexual abuse of a minor, as described in Title 17-A, section 254;

E. Unlawful sexual contact, as described in Title 17-A, section 255-A;

F. Unlawful sexual touching, as described in Title 17-A, section 260;

G. Sexual exploitation of a minor, as described in Title 17-A, section 282; or

H. Incest, as described in Title 17-A, section 556.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §8, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 483, §1, is amended to read:

B. If the victim had not attained the age of ~~16~~ 18 years at the time of the crime, a prosecution for incest; unlawful sexual contact; sexual abuse of a minor; ~~or~~ rape or gross sexual assault, formerly denominated as gross sexual misconduct; unlawful sexual touching; or sexual exploitation of a minor.

Sec. 3. Application. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 8, subsection 1, paragraph B applies to the following crimes in which a victim has not attained 18 years of age at the time of the crime:

1. Incest, unlawful sexual contact, sexual abuse of a minor, gross sexual assault, unlawful sexual touching or sexual exploitation of a minor committed on or after the effective date of this Act; and

2. Incest, unlawful sexual contact, sexual abuse of a minor, rape or gross sexual assault, formerly denominated as gross sexual misconduct, unlawful sexual touching or sexual exploitation of a minor for which the prosecution was not barred by the statute of limitations in force immediately prior to the effective date of this Act.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 476
S.P. 721 - L.D. 1796**

**An Act to Protect Maine's
Transit Employees**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3520 is enacted to read:

§3520. Protection of transit employees

1. Posting of signs. A transit district shall post signs in conspicuous places in all transit district facilities accessible to the public, including a building, terminal, kiosk, shelter or passenger rail, ferry, bus, bicycle or pedestrian facility, informing the public of the penalties for assaulting a transit employee.

2. De-escalation training. All employees of a transit district must receive de-escalation training upon commencement of employment with the transit district and at least once annually thereafter. The transit district shall jointly approve the de-escalation training curriculum with the labor organization representing a plurality of the employees of the transit district, except that if the transit district is party to a joint labor-management safety committee, the committee shall approve the curriculum. For purposes of this subsection, "de-escalation" means the reduction of violent or disruptive behavior and resolution and minimization of conflict through verbal engagement and calming techniques.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 477
S.P. 724 - L.D. 1799**

**An Act to Expand Maine's
High-quality Early Learning
and Care for Children by
Increasing Public Preschool
Opportunities in Communities**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4272 is enacted to read:

§4272. Expansion of public preschool programs report

The commissioner shall report annually by February 15th to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters on the department's initiatives, incentives and progress to expand public preschool programs.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4501, first ¶, as amended by PL 2019, c. 343, Pt. UUUU, §1, is further amended to read:

In accordance with the policy expressed in section 2, every school administrative unit shall raise annually sufficient funds to maintain or support elementary and secondary schools to provide free education for its resident students at all grade levels. These schools shall meet the requirements of basic school approval. To the extent the State provides adequate start-up funding, a school administrative unit may offer an opportunity for every child 4 years of age residing in the school administrative unit to attend a public preschool program, or a program affiliated with the school administrative unit, meeting the requirements of basic school approval. It is the goal of the State to provide adequate start-up funding to ensure that public preschool programs for children 4 years of age are offered by all school administrative units by the 2023-2024 school year establish an equitable, mixed-delivery public preschool system that provides universal access for preschool-aged children and their families in accordance with the following timeline: 60% by the 2024-2025 school year; 80% by the 2025-2026 school year; and 100% by the 2026-2027 school year.

Sec. 3. Commission established. The Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care and Education, referred to in this section as "the commission," is established.

1. Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 15 members appointed as follows:

- A. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- B. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including a member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- C. One representative from the Department of Health and Human Services involved in the provision of services for children and families of children under 5 years of age selected by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services;
- D. One representative from the Department of Education involved in the provision of services for children and families of children under 5 years of age selected by the Commissioner of Education;

E. One representative of the public school system nominated by the Maine School Management Association and appointed by the President of the Senate;

F. Two parents of children who are under 5 years of age who have used state services for their children, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;

G. One representative of family child care services appointed by the President of the Senate;

H. One representative of a Head Start program appointed by the President of the Senate;

I. One representative of center-based child care services appointed by the Speaker of the House;

J. One representative of public preschool teachers appointed by the Speaker of the House;

K. One member with expertise in school funding nominated by the Commissioner of Education and appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

L. One representative from the Child Development Services System selected by the Commissioner of Education.

2. The first-named Senate member is the Senate chair, and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the commission.

3. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this Act. 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 Act 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.

4. The commission shall explore options to provide full-day preschool and pathways for publicly funded early care and education programs. The commission shall establish a plan that must address the following:

A. How to offer publicly funded preschool in all types of programs and classrooms where 4-year-olds are enrolled, including, but not limited to, school administrative units and licensed child care programs such as Head Start programs, child care centers and family child care programs;

B. Partnerships between school administrative units and child care programs that meet or could be supported to meet the public preschool basic approval standards under Department of Education rule Chapter 124: Basic Approval Standards: Public Preschool Programs; and

C. Ways to design a funding formula that can achieve the goal of 100% access to preschool programming by 2026. The commission shall establish a timeline, an implementation plan and incentives to expand publicly funded preschool programming to 30 hours per week or the length of the local school day at a school administrative unit with the goal of establishing an equitable, mixed-delivery public preschool system that provides universal access for preschool-aged children and their families as follows: 60% by the 2024-2025 school year; 80% by the 2025-2026 school year; and 100% by the 2026-2027 school year.

5. The commission may also study and make recommendations on aligning programs and blending and braiding funding in early care and education systems. The commission may make recommendations on the following:

A. Improving the opportunities for children under 5 years of age by ensuring the availability and coordination of early childhood programs and services through the State with a focus on child development, education and supporting the needs of working families;

B. Prioritizing the interests and input of children, parents, providers and the community in designing and delivering early childhood programs and services and the equitable delivery of resources and supports for early childhood education;

C. Determining whether integrating early care and education systems with a central state access point and a regional hub structure could serve as part of a funding structure;

D. Examining how various funding streams can be blended and braided to provide more efficient service delivery for families and providers; and

E. Ensuring that data about programs and early care and early childhood education systems are available to the public and are shared, coordinated and used by the State to improve policies and outcomes for children and families.

6. 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.

7. No later than December 6, 2023, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out a bill based on the recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 4. Department of Education responsibilities. The Department of Education, referred to in this section as "the department," shall inform the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs and the Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care and Education on progress relating to the expansion of public preschools, and the department shall:

1. Develop a plan to align the credentials and training earned through the Maine Roads to Quality Professional Development Network with those earned through the Department of Education early childhood education certification. The department, through a professional development and certification stakeholder working group, shall develop a plan that includes the following components:

A. The development of a competency-based credential that recognizes experience, cumulative elective training hours and a demonstration of knowledge and skills in early childhood teaching practices;

B. Reciprocity for credit for or training hours toward certification from other states and countries;

C. A Maine Roads to Quality Professional Development Network career lattice to align with department educator credentials and that considers credentials obtained in the absence of college course work of the same content;

D. Eligibility of family child care providers who hold and maintain national accreditation standards accepted by the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services as publicly funded preschool locations; and

E. Collaborating with local adult education providers, apprenticeship sponsors, career and technical education programs, the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System to create articulation agreements between these entities for the transfer of credits for course work related to early childhood education and to facilitate enrollment in courses that lead to the awarding of a postsecondary degree by an accredited institution of higher education; and

2. Report to the Commission to Study Expansion of Public Preschool and Early Care and Education and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on progress relating to public preschool expansion, including establishing state and community partnerships for a mixed delivery of child care and early childhood education programs and services through community and school-based providers by November 15, 2023.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 478
S.P. 727 - L.D. 1802**

**An Act to Include Certain
Volunteer Firefighters in the
Tax Credit for Employers of
Individuals Who Are Volunteer
Firefighters or Volunteer
Municipal Emergency Medical
Services Persons**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §3151, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 737, Pt. A, §2 and Pt. C, §106 and amended by PL 1989, c. 6 and c. 9, §2 and c. 104, Pt. C, §§8 and 10, is further amended to read:

2. Municipal firefighter. "Municipal firefighter" means an active member, whether full-time, part-time or on call, of a municipal fire department, who aids in the extinguishment of fires or an individual who receives compensation from the municipality for aiding in the extinguishment of fires. "Municipal firefighter" includes a volunteer municipal firefighter.

Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §3151, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Volunteer municipal firefighter. "Volunteer municipal firefighter" means a part-time or on-call municipal firefighter who receives up to 20% of the compensation of a full-time municipal firefighter and who may receive injury and death benefits.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §5217-F, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 731, §5, is amended to read:

§5217-F. Employer support for volunteer firefighters and volunteer municipal emergency medical services persons and volunteer municipal firefighters

For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, an employer who employs an individual who is a volunteer firefighter, ~~as defined in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 4, or a volunteer municipal emergency medical services person or, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2025, a volunteer municipal firefighter~~ and who permits that employee to respond to fire calls or emergency medical services calls, as appropriate, during hours when the employee is scheduled to work without a reduction in pay is eligible for a credit against the tax imposed by this Part equal to the compensation that is paid to the employee at the employee's regular rate of pay during the time when the employee is away from work due to firefighting or emergency response responsibilities. For the purposes of this subsection, "volunteer firefighter" has the same meaning as in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 4; "volunteer municipal emergency medical services person" means an

emergency medical services person as defined in Title 32, section 83, subsection 12 who responds to emergency medical services calls from a municipality and who receives no compensation from the municipality other than injury and death benefits; and "volunteer municipal firefighter" has the same meaning as in Title 30-A, section 3151, subsection 5.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 479

H.P. 1176 - L.D. 1844

An Act to Support Emergency Housing Construction and Renovation Statewide by Creating a Matching Grant Program

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4766 is enacted to read:

§4766. Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program

1. Program established. The Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the Maine State Housing Authority.

2. Purpose. The purpose of the program is to provide grants to qualified providers of emergency housing and shelter services for the construction, renovation or acquisition of a new or existing building to provide emergency housing and shelter services. Grant funds may also be used to cover the costs to lease a building to provide emergency housing and shelter services.

3. Program requirements. The Maine State Housing Authority shall establish program requirements, including, but not limited to, requiring that an applicant to the program:

A. Meet the eligibility requirements of existing programs within the Maine State Housing Authority that provide funding to reimburse shelter operators that provide emergency shelter services at a fixed location;

B. Provide emergency housing and housing navigation services 24 hours per day, 7 days per week in the building that is constructed, acquired, renovated or leased using grant funds; and

C. For requests greater than \$100,000, demonstrate that the applicant has secured funding from a source other than state funding to match the amount of the grant request on a one-to-one basis.

4. Request for proposals; amount of grant. The Maine State Housing Authority shall issue a request for

proposals to award grants under the program no later than January 1st of the year in which a grant will be issued and shall provide grants on an annual basis. When scoring requests for proposals, the Maine State Housing Authority shall award points favorably to applicants that propose to provide emergency housing and shelter services in geographic areas that are underserved and where the provision of those services could result in reducing the demand for emergency housing and shelter services in cities and towns in this State that serve as hubs for services for persons experiencing homelessness and in need of emergency shelter or that have a population of persons experiencing homelessness disproportionate to the housed population of the city or town. The maximum grant awarded to an applicant is determined by the Maine State Housing Authority.

5. Fund. The Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program Fund, referred to in this subsection as "the fund," is established within the Maine State Housing Authority to fund grants under the program. The fund may receive money from appropriations, allocations, donations and other sources, public and private. The fund is interest-bearing, and interest earned by the fund is credited to the fund. Money in the fund does not lapse and carries over to the next fiscal year.

6. Rules. The Maine State Housing Authority shall 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.

Sec. 2. Request for proposals. No later than January 1, 2024, the Maine State Housing Authority shall issue a request for proposals for grants under the Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4766, for the 2024 grant year under the program.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program Fund N430

Initiative: Provides one-time appropriations for grants to homeless service providers to construct, renovate or acquire new or existing buildings to house the homeless services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$257,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$257,000

Emergency Housing Matching Grant Program Fund N430

Initiative: Establishes ongoing base allocations to allow for the expenditure of funds if money is received from donations and other public or private sources.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500
HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$257,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$500	\$257,500

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 480

H.P. 1191 - L.D. 1861

An Act to Reduce Chronic Student Absenteeism

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 211, sub-c. 6 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 6

CHRONIC ABSENCE

§5171. Chronically absent students

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms having the following meanings.

A. "Absence" means an excused absence, unexcused absence or disciplinary absence, as those terms are defined by the state board by rule.

B. "Chronically absent student" means a student who is enrolled in a school under the jurisdiction of a school administrative unit and whose total number of absences at any time during a school year is equal to or greater than 10% of the total number of days that that student has been enrolled at that school during that school year.

C. "School chronic absenteeism rate" means the total number of chronically absent students for a school in the previous school year divided by the total number of students enrolled in that school for that school year.

D. "Unit chronic absenteeism rate" means the total number of chronically absent students under the jurisdiction of a school administrative unit in the previous school year divided by the total number of

students under the jurisdiction of that unit for that school year.

2. School administrative unit. A school administrative unit that:

A. Has a unit chronic absenteeism rate of 10% or higher shall establish an attendance review team under subsection 3 or establish a committee to review chronic absence for the school administrative unit;

B. Has under its jurisdiction a school with a school chronic absenteeism rate of 15% or higher shall establish an attendance review team under subsection 3 at that school;

C. Has under its jurisdiction more than one school with a school chronic absenteeism rate of 15% or higher shall establish an attendance review team under subsection 3 for the school administrative unit or at each such school; or

D. Has a unit chronic absenteeism rate of 10% or higher and has one or more schools under its jurisdiction with a school chronic absenteeism rate of 15% or higher shall establish an attendance review team under subsection 3 for the school administrative unit or at each such school.

3. Attendance review teams. An attendance review team established under this subsection may consist of school administrators, guidance counselors, school counselors, school social workers and teachers. An attendance review team is responsible for reviewing the cases of students who are truant and chronically absent students, discussing school interventions and community referrals for such students who are truant and chronically absent students and making any additional recommendations for such students who are truant and chronically absent students and their parents or guardians. An attendance review team shall meet at least monthly.

The attendance review teams established pursuant to this subsection must be established to address chronic absenteeism in the school administrative unit or at the school.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 481

S.P. 766 - L.D. 1895

An Act Regarding the Procurement of Energy from Offshore Wind Resources

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA c. 412, sub-c. 3 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 3
PORT FACILITIES RELATING TO OFFSHORE
WIND POWER PROJECTS

§4441. Port facility-related requirements

1. Definitions. As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Offshore wind power project" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 3405, subsection 1, paragraph C.

B. "Offshore wind terminal" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 3410, subsection 1, paragraph D.

C. "Public authority" has the same meaning as in Title 26, section 1304, subsection 7.

D. "Public work" has the same meaning as in Title 26, section 1304, subsection 8.

2. Public works; offshore wind terminals; agreements. Notwithstanding Title 26, section 3601, if an offshore wind terminal that is a public work is constructed or altered for the purpose of supporting an offshore wind power project, the public authority responsible for the construction or alteration shall require agreements that comply with 29 United States Code, Section 158(f) or Title 35-A, section 3408, subsection 3 for all construction work.

3. Public-private partnership; agreements. If an offshore wind power project involves a public-private partnership that includes the lease of an offshore wind terminal owned or operated by the State, including any port facility owned or operated by the Maine Port Authority, the department, authority or other agency responsible for granting the lease shall require agreements that comply with 29 United States Code, Section 158(f) or Title 35-A, section 3408, subsection 3 as a condition of the lease for all on-site construction and fabrication of materials for the offshore wind power project.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3401-A is enacted to read:

§3401-A. Definitions

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Apprentice. "Apprentice" has the same meaning as in Title 26, section 3201, subsection 1.

2. Certified business. "Certified business" means a business that has been certified by the federal Small Business Administration or another appropriate entity, as determined by the commission by rule, as a minority-owned, veteran-owned or women-owned business.

3. Community and workforce enhancement standards. "Community and workforce enhancement

standards" means the standards described in section 3408, subsection 3 that contractors and subcontractors responsible for construction work and individuals performing construction work must meet.

4. Construction work. "Construction work" means the construction, alteration or remodeling of a structure and any work directly related to the construction, alteration or remodeling of a structure, including, but not limited to, landscaping and trucking, but does not include surveying or engineering or the examination or inspection of a construction site.

5. Currently available and qualified employee. "Currently available and qualified employee" means an individual, including, but not limited to, an apprentice, performing construction work who:

A. Is employed by and receives a W-2 form from a contractor or subcontractor responsible for construction work and has been employed as a permanent employee by that contractor or subcontractor for at least 90 calendar days prior to the commencement of that contractor's or subcontractor's work; and

B. Possesses the skills, credentials, certifications or specialized training necessary to complete the required tasks upon being assigned to the construction site.

6. Disadvantaged business enterprise. "Disadvantaged business enterprise" means a business that is certified by the Department of Transportation in compliance with federal regulations under 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26.

7. Fishing community. "Fishing community" means a municipality where marine organisms, as defined in Title 12, section 6001, subsection 26, are landed or processed.

8. Hiring hall. "Hiring hall" means a service provided by a labor organization or an entity associated with a labor organization that places employees with an employer under a collective bargaining agreement or otherwise places employees with employers.

9. Inclusive bidding standards. "Inclusive bidding standards" means a set of guidelines to ensure comprehensive engagement and involvement of the construction industry, including requirements that:

A. The relevant agency or agencies responsible for awarding contracts related to the construction of an offshore wind power project make a demonstrated and documented effort to ensure broad and maximum engagement and participation of all interested contractors upon the publication by the agency or agencies of requests for proposals surrounding work on or related to the offshore wind power project; and

B. All contractors, including, but not limited to, those headquartered in the State, regardless of whether their employees are covered under a collective bargaining agreement, are eligible and encouraged to bid on and participate in any work related to an offshore wind power project.

10. Labor organization. "Labor organization" has the same meaning as in section 3210-H, subsection 1, paragraph B.

11. Lobster Management Area 1. "Lobster Management Area 1" means the area defined by rule as Lobster Management Area 1 by the Department of Marine Resources.

12. Maine emerging industry compensation threshold. "Maine emerging industry compensation threshold" means an employment total compensation package that includes wages, health and welfare benefits, retirement benefits and any additional employer-paid benefits that have a monetary value equal to or greater than that established and in effect as a result of a mutual agreement between a labor organization whose local jurisdiction includes the county in the State where the work related to an offshore wind power project is being or is to be performed, based on data submitted by that labor organization to the Department of Labor, and the related and applicable contractors that are signatories to that mutual agreement.

13. Nameplate capacity. "Nameplate capacity" has the same meaning as in section 3481, subsection 11.

14. Office. "Office" means the Governor's Energy Office established in Title 2, section 9.

15. Offshore wind power project. "Offshore wind power project" has the same meaning as in section 3405, subsection 1, paragraph C and includes, but is not limited to, floating offshore wind power generation facilities.

16. Registered apprenticeship program. "Registered apprenticeship program" means a plan approved by the Department of Labor or the United States Department of Labor containing all terms and conditions for the qualification, recruitment, selection, employment and training of apprentices, including, but not limited to, the requirement for an apprenticeship agreement, a schedule of work experience outlining the skills to be learned on the job, a schedule of related instruction courses necessary to supplement on-the-job learning and a schedule of progressively increasing wages to be paid to an apprentice consistent with the skill proficiencies achieved and leading toward a journeyman wage rate.

17. Responsible entity. "Responsible entity" means the person undertaking to develop an offshore wind power project.

18. Small business. "Small business" means a business employing 100 or fewer employees.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3404, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 615, Pt. A, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. State wind energy generation goal. The State's goal for wind energy development in proximate federal waters is for at least 3,000 megawatts of installed capacity by December 31, 2040.

Beginning January 1, 2025 and every 2 years thereafter, the office may reevaluate and increase the goal established by this subsection and report that goal to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utilities matters.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3406, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 407, §3, is amended to read:

§3406. Offshore Wind Research Consortium; fund established

1. Offshore Wind Research Consortium. The Offshore Wind Research Consortium is an initiative of the ~~Governor's Energy Office~~ office, in collaboration with the Department of Marine Resources and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, to coordinate, support and arrange for the conduct of research on offshore wind power projects in the Gulf of Maine.

2. Advisory board. The ~~Governor's Energy Office~~ office, in consultation with independent scientific experts, shall establish an advisory board of the consortium to oversee the development and execution of a research strategy to better understand the local and regional impacts of floating offshore wind power projects in the Gulf of Maine. The advisory board must include, but is not limited to, the following members:

A. Two individuals from organizations that represent commercial lobster harvesting interests in the State;

B. At least one individual from an organization that represents the interest of commercial fisheries other than lobster harvesting;

C. The Commissioner of Marine Resources, or the commissioner's designee;

C-1. The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, or the commissioner's designee;

D. Two individuals, not represented by an organization, that represent the interests of the commercial lobster harvesting industry and commercial fisheries in the State; ~~and~~

E. One individual from the recreational charter fishing industry;

F. At least one individual who is a member of one of the federally recognized Indian tribes in this State;

G. Two individuals with expertise in marine wildlife and habitats; and

H. At least one individual with experience in commercial offshore wind power development.

The advisory board is subject to all applicable provisions of the Freedom of Access Act. The operation of the advisory board must be informed by the work of regional and national scientific entities. The advisory board shall solicit input from stakeholders, including representatives of the fishing industry, state and federal agencies and scientific experts.

3. Research strategy. The advisory board established in subsection 2 in developing a research strategy shall at a minimum identify:

- A. Opportunities and challenges caused by the deployment of floating offshore wind power projects to the existing uses of the Gulf of Maine;
- B. Methods to avoid and minimize the impact of floating offshore wind power projects on ecosystems and existing uses of the Gulf of Maine; and
- C. Ways to realize cost efficiencies in the commercialization of floating offshore wind power projects.

The advisory board shall advise the ~~Governor's Energy Office~~ office on the development of the components of the research strategy.

4. Offshore Wind Research Consortium Fund; established. The Offshore Wind Research Consortium Fund, referred to in this subsection as "the fund," is established as a nonlapsing fund administered by the ~~Governor's Energy Office~~ office and the Department of Marine Resources and in coordination with the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. The fund consists of funds that are appropriated by the Legislature, funds received from federal and state sources, payments from offshore wind power projects in accordance with section 3408, subsection 1, paragraph D, subparagraph (3) and other funds from any public or private source received for use for any of the purposes under this subsection. The source of any funds received from public or private sources must be publicly disclosed. The fund may be used to support the consortium and the work of the advisory board established in subsection 2, including for:

- A. Developing the research strategy under subsection 3;
- B. Conducting research pursuant to the strategy developed under subsection 3;
- B-1. Supporting conservation actions and projects that support species and habitats impacted by offshore wind power development;
- C. Producing reports or other materials;
- D. Compensating independent experts, if needed to assist in the development or execution of the research strategy under subsection 3; and

E. Making any other expenditures that are necessary to achieve the purposes of this section.

The ~~Governor's Energy Office~~ office, in consultation with the advisory board, shall provide an annual report on the use of the fund in the last quarter of each calendar year to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utility matters.

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3407 is enacted to read:

§3407. Maine Offshore Wind Renewable Energy and Economic Development Program

1. Program established. The Maine Offshore Wind Renewable Energy and Economic Development Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established to further the development and use of offshore wind power projects in the Gulf of Maine. The office, in collaboration with the commission, shall administer the program in accordance with this section and shall ensure that the program is designed to advance the greenhouse gas emissions reduction obligations and climate policies of this State under Title 38, section 576-A and Title 38, section 577, the renewable energy goals established in section 3210, subsection 1-A and all applicable workforce development efforts of this State. Under the program, the office, in collaboration with the commission, shall:

- A. Encourage the responsible development of offshore wind power projects to stabilize energy supply prices, reduce this State's reliance on imported fossil fuels, realize direct and near-term economic benefits for the people of this State and ensure the achievement of this State's wind energy generation goal established in section 3404, subsection 2;
- B. Support offshore wind power projects that result in long-term, family-supporting careers, including for disadvantaged populations and communities;
- C. Support responsibly sited and operated offshore wind power projects that avoid or minimize and compensate for impacts to wildlife, habitat, fisheries and coastal communities in the Gulf of Maine;
- D. Support efforts to increase understanding of impacts of offshore wind power projects on the marine environment and to advance research to better understand how offshore wind power projects can coexist with minimal impact to existing ocean users, wildlife, fisheries and the marine environment;
- E. Promote diversity, equity and inclusion in the development of offshore wind power projects with particular consideration given to the energy and economic circumstances and opportunities in coastal and socially vulnerable communities and for the federally recognized Indian tribes in this State. For the purposes of this paragraph, "socially vulnerable communities" means those communities containing populations that are disproportionately burdened by existing social inequities or lack

the capacity to withstand new or worsening burdens;

F. Support the advancement of port infrastructure, local offshore wind power-related economic development and the development of a supply chain to support the development of offshore wind power projects;

G. Support the development and deployment of innovative technologies to achieve the energy policy and economic development objectives of this State, including energy storage;

H. Support the use of Maine-based technical and engineering expertise and build on this State's leadership in offshore wind power, maritime industries and research and development;

I. Support the development of transmission infrastructure necessary for this State to expeditiously meet its renewable energy and climate goals, including advancing the development of shared or regional offshore wind power transmission infrastructure;

J. Collaborate with other states or entities when appropriate on regional issues, including, but not limited to, transmission, procurement, supply chain and workforce development and research and monitoring relating to wildlife, fisheries and the Gulf of Maine ecosystem;

K. Support responsibly sited offshore wind power projects with generation facilities located in areas outside of the area of the Gulf of Maine where the majority of lobster fishing or other significant commercial fishing occurs;

L. Coordinate the activities of state agencies that are affected by the development of offshore wind power projects, including, but not limited to, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Labor, the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Protection; and

M. Support the development of deep-water offshore wind power projects and transmission infrastructure in the Gulf of Maine that serve the public interest by advancing the renewable energy and climate policies and economic development goals of this State and helping to reduce energy price volatility.

2. Federal lease stipulations. The office, in consultation with other state agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Marine Resources, shall advocate for the inclusion in any leases issued by a federal agency for offshore wind energy production in federal waters provisions that will:

A. Support economic development, including the development of port infrastructure;

B. Promote public communications plans about the leased activity;

C. Ensure appropriate engagement with federally recognized Indian tribes in this State;

D. Include adequate transmission planning;

E. Result in access to research conducted in connection with the lease; and

F. Maximize mitigation of and compensation for impacts to coastal communities, wildlife, fisheries and the marine environment.

Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §3408 is enacted to read:

§3408. Offshore wind energy procurement

1. Preparation of requests for proposals; offshore wind power projects. The office shall establish a schedule for competitive solicitations for the development and construction of offshore wind power projects to meet the objectives of the program as described in section 3407. The office shall prepare, in consultation with appropriate state agencies, a request for proposals to implement each competitive solicitation. Upon developing a request for proposals for a competitive solicitation under this section, the office shall submit the request for proposals to the commission for approval.

A. A competitive solicitation under this section must specify the date on which a subsequent solicitation must be initiated and the specified date must be within 36 months of a previous solicitation.

B. The office shall make reasonable efforts to consult with entities within this State, including, but not limited to, the commission, the Office of the Public Advocate and entities included in section 3407, subsection 1, paragraph L, and other states or entities regarding coordinated competitive solicitations.

C. A competitive solicitation under this section must seek proposals for offshore wind power projects with not less than approximately 600 megawatts of nameplate capacity or of sufficient size to enable cost-competitive commercial-scale development. A competitive solicitation developed in coordination with other states or entities may seek proposals for offshore wind power projects with a nameplate capacity of less than 600 megawatts if the coordinated solicitation is in an aggregate amount sufficient to enable cost-competitive commercial-scale development.

D. A solicitation under this section must specify bidder criteria, including:

- (1) Submission of plans that meet or exceed state and federal requirements or guidelines and are consistent with the recommendations

in the Maine Offshore Wind Roadmap issued by the office in February 2023:

- (a) To ensure stakeholder engagement, capacity building and equity with particular consideration given to the energy and economic circumstances and opportunities in coastal and socially vulnerable communities, as defined in section 3407, subsection 1, paragraph E;
- (b) To achieve economic and community benefits, including, but not limited to, investments in and development of ports, supply chains and the necessary workforce;
- (c) To achieve diversity, equity and inclusion in employment and contracting for the project;
- (d) To provide for fisheries research, monitoring and mitigation; and
- (e) To provide for environmental and wildlife research, monitoring, mitigation and conservation;

(2) A fishing communities investment plan, as described in subsection 4;

(3) An agreement by the responsible entity, if it is approved for a contract under this section, to pay an amount set in the solicitation of at least \$5,000 per megawatt of the offshore wind power project's nameplate capacity to the Offshore Wind Research Consortium Fund in accordance with section 3406, subsection 4;

(4) An agreement by the responsible entity, if it is approved for a contract under this section, to provide financial and technical assistance necessary to implement the plans listed in subparagraphs (1) and (2); and

(5) Workforce requirements, as described in subsection 3.

The office may waive any of the requirements of this paragraph if the office determines that applicable federal criteria, including, but not limited to, federal lease provisions, adequately achieve the applicable requirement.

E. A competitive solicitation under this section must be announced, prior to issuance, through a notice of intent and made available in draft form, including the criteria for the plans required pursuant to paragraph D, for public comment. The office shall:

- (1) Conduct at least 2 public comment sessions on the solicitation, at least one of which must be in person, in advance of the publication of

a draft solicitation to assist in the development of the contents of the draft solicitation;

(2) Respond in writing to the comments received regarding the draft solicitation;

(3) Coordinate with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Protection on the development of the criteria for the plans required pursuant to paragraph D;

(4) Coordinate with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to ensure submerged lands leasing rates and fees, as described in Title 12, section 1862, are aligned with the goals of the program as described in section 3407 and reflect a fair market rate considering fees set by other states in the region for the use of submerged lands in connection with an offshore wind power project;

(5) Seek public input on appropriate contracting mechanisms for inclusion in the solicitations to address market dynamics and impacts to ratepayers, including, but not limited to, indexing and price adjustments;

(6) Request comments on the draft solicitation from each federally recognized Indian tribe in this State and the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission; and

(7) In developing the plan criteria for the plans required pursuant to paragraph D, consider all comments received under subparagraph (6).

2. Requests for proposals; offshore wind power projects. The commission shall review a solicitation developed by the office 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 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 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 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 of the date of submission.

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 select resources and approve contracts accordingly.

F. In conducting a solicitation and selecting offshore wind power projects under this section, the commission 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 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.

H. If, at the close of a competitive bidding process conducted under this section, the commission determines that the proposals submitted do not satisfy the requirements of paragraph F, the commission 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, after consultation with the office, 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, the commission may transfer fees collected in accordance with this paragraph to the office for the administration of this section, section 3406 and section 3407.

3. Community and workforce enhancement standards. The following community and workforce enhancement standards apply to contractors and subcontractors involved in the construction of an offshore wind power project pursuant to this section.

A. A contractor or subcontractor shall:

- (1) Ensure that all construction workers earn compensation at or above the Maine emerging industry compensation threshold; and
- (2) Meet the requirements outlined in Title 26, section 1317.

B. Prior to the commencement of each contractor's or subcontractor's construction work on the offshore wind power project, if that contractor or subcontractor determines that additional construction workers are necessary in excess of the contractor's or subcontractor's currently available and qualified employees to fulfill the contractor's or subcontractor's contractual obligations, the contractor or subcontractor shall:

- (1) Use the services of contractors or subcontractors that use a hiring hall in order to meet their workforce needs; and
- (2) Provide regular employment opportunities first to members of the affected community and residents of this State and then to individuals who reside in the New England region.

C. If a contractor or subcontractor, after an exhaustion of all efforts required by paragraph B for a period of 90 business days, while remaining in compliance with all other standards and requirements of this subsection, is unable to employ enough construction workers to fulfill the contractor's or subcontractor's contractual obligations, the contractor or subcontractor may use any means necessary to fulfill the contractor's or subcontractor's contractual obligations for a period of no more than 30 business days.

D. If, after complying with the procedures and timing required by paragraphs B and C, a contractor or subcontractor determines that additional construction workers are needed, that contractor or subcontractor may use the following means to fulfill the contractor's or subcontractor's contractual obligations.

- (1) The contractor or subcontractor shall provide the opportunity to fill a minimum of 50% of all remaining construction worker hours to contractors or subcontractors that use a hiring hall in order to meet their workforce needs.
- (2) If contractors and subcontractors that use a hiring hall in order to meet their construction workforce needs cannot maintain the mini-

imum threshold of 50% of the remaining construction worker hours for a period of 10 consecutive business days, the requesting contractor or subcontractor may use any means considered necessary by that requesting contractor or subcontractor to fulfill the contractor's or subcontractor's contractual obligations, including continued engagement with contractors and subcontractors that use a hiring hall in order to meet their construction workforce needs, in order to maintain the 50% threshold.

E. Subject to compliance with all other provisions of this subsection, a contractor or subcontractor responsible for construction work may continue to operate and implement a registered apprenticeship program and other relevant continuing education programs in order to meet an ongoing or new construction workforce demand. The registered apprenticeship program must have graduated apprentices within one year prior to the commencement of the registered apprenticeship program's sponsor's or subsponsor's construction work on the offshore wind power project.

Contractors and subcontractors responsible for construction work that operate a registered apprenticeship program pursuant to this paragraph:

- (1) Shall meet or exceed the apprenticeship percentage requirements specified in Title 26, section 3502, subsection 1;
- (2) Are subject to the penalties specified in Title 26, section 3502, subsection 3; and
- (3) Shall provide proof within 7 calendar days of a request from the Department of Labor that all apprentices employed on the offshore wind power project are enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program.

F. If a contractor or subcontractor responsible for construction work determines the construction workforce needs to be decreased at any point throughout the completion of the offshore wind power project, reductions in the construction workforce or layoffs must be performed in the following priority:

- (1) Based on the skills needed, keeping those workers whose skills are still needed for the completion of the offshore wind power project; and
- (2) Based upon seniority on the offshore wind power project, with the last construction worker commencing work on the offshore wind power project being the first construction worker to receive a layoff.

G. A contractor or subcontractor responsible for performing construction work:

(1) Shall carry workers' compensation coverage and contribute to unemployment insurance for each construction worker on the site of the project;

(2) May not hire or employ the services of a temporary staffing agency or organization;

(3) Is prohibited from employing or using independent contractors as defined in Title 39-A, section 102, subsection 13-A, not including Maine-based individual owner-operators or sole proprietors in the transportation industry;

(4) Shall keep an accurate record showing the name and occupation of all construction workers employed by the contractor or subcontractor performing construction work on the offshore wind power project. The record must also show for each construction worker the hours worked, the title of the job, the hourly rate or other method of remuneration and the actual wages or other compensation, in compliance with the Maine emerging industry compensation threshold. The contractor or subcontractor shall keep a copy of the record at the construction site and allow inspection of the record during all reasonable hours by Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards and, as applicable, the public authority and its officers and agents that let the contract;

(5) Shall post a clearly legible statement of all Maine emerging industry compensation threshold wage and benefit rates to be paid to each class of construction worker employed on the offshore wind power project. This statement must be kept posted throughout the duration of the offshore wind power project and be easily accessible at the offshore wind power project construction site; and

(6) Shall retain documentation of compliance with the requirements of this subsection. The records made pursuant to this subsection must be retained for 3 years after the termination of the contract for the construction work performed.

H. If a construction worker performing construction work at the offshore wind power project site who is paid less than the Maine emerging industry compensation threshold, that construction worker may recover from the contractor or subcontractor responsible for the construction work a penalty equal to the difference between the actual wage and benefits paid and the Maine emerging industry compensation threshold and, in addition to the penalty, reasonable attorney's fees. The surety for the contractor or subcontractor responsible for the construction work is not liable for the penalty or attorney's fees.

I. A contractor or subcontractor shall guarantee against strikes, lockouts or similar disruptions.

J. A contractor or subcontractor shall demonstrate adherence to the inclusive bidding standards and document that adherence.

The Department of Labor shall adopt routine technical rules, as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A, to implement this subsection.

Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, an agreement that meets the requirements of 29 United States Code, Section 158(f) for the covered work is deemed to comply with the requirements of this subsection.

4. Fishing communities investment plan requirements. A fishing communities investment plan must include a plan for ongoing investment in fishing communities with a stated annual target rate of investment.

A. The plan must be designed to:

(1) Support innovation and adaptation in response to environmental change, shifting resource economics and changes in fishing practices associated with offshore wind power development;

(2) Protect seafood-related working waterfront infrastructure;

(3) Assist persons fishing commercially at an entry level; and

(4) Assist persons fishing commercially seeking to provide the responsible entity with offshore services.

B. Investment strategies within the plan may include, but are not limited to, subsidizing commercial lending interest rates, loan guarantees and funding programs or grant programs to support persons fishing commercially and fishing-related businesses and entities established to provide support services to the fishing industry.

C. The plan must identify administration costs separately from the annual target rate of investment.

D. The plan must include a requirement that the responsible entity convene an advisory body made up of representatives, which may include, but are not limited to, representatives from the fishing industry and fishing community, the Department of Marine Resources and relevant commercial lending institutions, a person appointed by the responsible entity to serve as the liaison to the fishing community and other relevant persons or entities. The advisory body must monitor investment plan performance against the annual target, monitor effectiveness of investment strategies and identify opportunities for

improving fisheries and fishing communities through plan investment.

5. Funding. Notwithstanding section 116, subsection 4, upon receiving a written request from the office, the commission may provide reasonable funding to the office for the purposes of implementing the requirements of this section.

6. Rulemaking; protective orders. The commission shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. The rules must include procedures for monitoring, measuring and enforcing ongoing compliance by responsible entities with the requirements of this section.

A. The rules must require the responsible entity to provide biannual reports to the commission regarding its compliance with the plans submitted as part of its bid under subsection 2. The rules must require a report submitted by the responsible entity to exclude personally identifying information to the greatest extent practicable. If the report includes confidential or proprietary information, trade secrets or similar matters as provided by the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 26(c), the commission may issue appropriate protective orders in accordance with section 1311-A with respect to those portions of the report and shall make available to the public an appropriately redacted copy of the report. The commission shall provide to the office the redacted copy, which the office shall post on the office's publicly accessible website.

B. The commission shall establish by rule a process for the review, in coordination with the office, of the biannual reports provided by the responsible entity and a mechanism for public participation regarding the contents of the report.

Sec. 7. 35-A MRSA §3409 is enacted to read:

§3409. Offshore wind power transmission

The commission, in coordination with the office, shall seek to advance regional transmission solutions to interconnect offshore wind power with transmission and distribution utilities, other New England states or entities and the independent system operator of the New England bulk power system or a successor organization.

1. Transmission solicitation and procurement. The commission may conduct one or more competitive solicitations for proposals for the development and construction of offshore wind energy transmission projects or other electric infrastructure projects to facilitate offshore wind energy development and approve contracts for such projects in accordance with this section.

A. In developing a solicitation and approving a contract under this section, the commission shall:

(1) Consider the amount of transmission capacity needed to maintain or improve electric system reliability;

(2) Avoid unnecessary costs to upgrade the existing transmission grid;

(3) Seek to achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reduction obligations and climate policies of this State under Title 38, section 576-A and Title 38, section 577 and renewable energy goals under section 3210, subsection 1-A;

(4) Pursue demonstrable benefits for electric ratepayers; and

(5) Encourage projects that avoid, minimize or mitigate impacts to wildlife, the environment, fisheries, fishing activities or tribal burial and archeological sites, whether submerged or on land.

B. The commission shall coordinate with the office and may coordinate with other entities, including, but not limited to, transmission and distribution utilities, other New England states and the independent system operator of the New England bulk power system or a successor organization, in the solicitation and selection of proposals under this section.

C. The commission may host conferences with prospective bidders in advance of issuing solicitations under this section.

D. A responsible entity may submit a proposal in response to a solicitation conducted under this section as long as the transmission service proposal provides for transmission service for more than one offshore wind power project.

E. The commission may consider proposals that include, but are not limited to, upgrading the existing grid, extending the grid closer to offshore wind power projects, determining or upgrading optimal landfall approaches or interconnecting between offshore substations.

F. The commission may select one proposal, multiple proposals or no proposals.

G. The commission may select proposals that include federal funding in the form of a match, grant or loan or through ownership and operation by the Federal Government, cost sharing among states or recovery of transmission costs through federal transmission rates.

H. The commission may modify a solicitation under this section, prior to selecting any proposal, in order to satisfy federal eligibility criteria.

2. Rules. The commission may adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 8. 35-A MRSA §3410 is enacted to read:

§3410. Determination of effect on scenic character and related existing uses

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Associated facilities" means elements of an offshore wind terminal, other than the quay, fixed and mobile cranes, offshore wind foundations and wind turbine generators, that are necessary to the proper operation and maintenance of the offshore wind terminal, including, but not limited to, buildings, access roads and laydown areas.

B. "Best practical mitigation" means methods or technologies used during construction or operation of an offshore wind terminal that control or reduce to the lowest feasible level visual and scenic impacts. "Best practical mitigation" may include, but is not limited to, turbine and blade coloration to reduce visual impacts and aircraft detection technologies to reduce the need for aircraft hazard warning lighting.

C. "Department" means the Department of Environmental Protection.

D. "Offshore wind terminal" means a port facility used for fabricating offshore wind turbine foundations, launching floating foundations into the water, assembling wind turbine generators atop the foundations or preparing the assembled wind turbine for towing to a wet berth or installation site. "Offshore wind terminal" includes a quay with berths to accommodate the assembly of wind turbine generators and offshore wind component delivery vessels, an upland laydown area for foundation fabrication and storage of wind turbine generator components, fabrication facilities, fixed and mobile cranes, associated facilities and terminal offices and access roads.

2. Application of standard. This subsection governs the department's or the Maine Land Use Planning Commission's making findings regarding the effect of an offshore wind terminal on scenic or natural character and existing uses related to scenic character pursuant to Title 12, section 685-B, subsection 4 or Title 38, section 484, subsection 3 or Title 38, section 480-D. An offshore wind terminal project must minimize the adverse effect on scenic character and existing uses related to scenic character to the maximum extent practicable and use best practical mitigation to control and reduce visual and scenic impacts. Except as otherwise provided in

subsection 3, determination that an offshore wind terminal fits harmoniously into the existing natural environment in terms of potential effects on scenic or natural character and existing uses related to scenic character is not required for approval under either Title 12, section 685-B, subsection 4, paragraph C or Title 38, section 484, subsection 3.

3. Exception to standard; certain associated facilities. The department, or in the case of certification under Title 38, chapter 3, subchapter 1, article 6 the Maine Land Use Planning Commission, shall evaluate the effect of associated facilities of an offshore wind terminal in terms of potential effects on scenic character and existing uses related to scenic character in accordance with Title 12, section 685-B, subsection 4, paragraph C or Title 38, section 484, subsection 3, in the manner provided for development other than offshore wind terminal development.

4. Limitation on number of offshore wind terminals. The department may not approve permits under Title 12, section 685-B, subsection 4 or Title 38, section 484, subsection 3 or Title 38, section 480-D for more than 4 offshore wind terminals. If a permit approved under Title 12, section 685-B, subsection 4 or Title 38, section 484, subsection 3 or Title 38, section 480-D expires, is surrendered or is revoked prior to construction of an offshore wind terminal, the department may approve a permit under those sections for another offshore wind terminal.

Sec. 9. 35-A MRSA §3451, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 661, Pt. A, §7, is amended to read:

4. Expedited wind energy development. "Expedited wind energy development" means a grid-scale wind energy development or a port facility necessary to the proper operation and maintenance of an offshore wind power project as defined in section 3401-A, subsection 15 that is proposed for location within an expedited permitting area.

Sec. 10. 35-A MRSA §3453-A, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 265, §8 and affected by §10, is amended to read:

A. Will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on the State's ability to meet the state goals goal for wind energy development in proximate federal waters in section 3404, subsection 2, ~~paragraph C~~; and

Sec. 11. 38 MRSA §480-D, sub-§1, amended by PL 2009, c. 615, Pt. E, §8, is further amended by enacting at the end a new blocked paragraph to read:

In making a determination under this subsection regarding an offshore wind terminal as defined in Title 35-A, section 3410, subsection 1, paragraph D, the department shall consider the terminal's effects on scenic character and existing uses related to scenic character in accordance with Title 35-A, section 3410.

Sec. 12. 38 MRSA §482, sub-§2, ¶F, as amended by PL 2009, c. 615, Pt. E, §14, is further amended to read:

F. Is an oil terminal facility as defined in this section; ~~or~~

Sec. 13. 38 MRSA §482, sub-§2, ¶J, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 615, Pt. E, §15, is amended to read:

J. Is an offshore wind power project with an aggregate generating capacity of 3 megawatts or more; ~~or~~

Sec. 14. 38 MRSA §482, sub-§2, ¶K is enacted to read:

K. Is an offshore wind terminal as defined in Title 35-A, section 3410, subsection 1, paragraph D.

Sec. 15. 38 MRSA §484, sub-§3, ¶J is enacted to read:

J. In making a determination under this subsection regarding an offshore wind terminal as defined in Title 35-A, section 3410, subsection 1, paragraph D, the department shall consider the terminal's effects on scenic character and existing uses related to scenic character in accordance with Title 35-A, section 3410.

Sec. 16. Office of Tax Policy to develop Fishing Community Protection Tax Incentive Program. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, Office of Tax Policy, in consultation with the Department of Marine Resources and the Governor's Energy Office, shall develop the Fishing Community Protection Tax Incentive Program, referred to in this section as "the program," to provide a tax credit to applicants for qualified investments in offshore wind power projects consistent with the purposes described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, sections 3407 and 3408. For purposes of this section, "qualified investments" means activities that relate to the design, permitting, construction, modification or equipment of an applicant's offshore wind power project.

1. Program requirements. The program must:

A. Provide incentives for siting offshore wind power projects with generation facilities outside of Lobster Management Area 1, as defined by the Department of Marine Resources by rule;

B. Protect ratepayers from any additional costs associated with the siting objectives in paragraph A;

C. Increase the State's competitiveness in securing offshore wind power projects and its associated climate and economic benefits; and

D. Include a tax credit not to exceed \$16,000,000 in the aggregate annually for up to 20 years.

2. Reports. No later than December 1, 2023, the Office of Tax Policy shall publish on its publicly accessible website a draft report on the development of the program and shall accept public comments on the draft report for at least 30 days. No later than February 1, 2024, the Office of Tax Policy shall submit a final report to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation and the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes its findings and recommendations about developing the program, including suggested legislation. The Joint Standing Committee on Taxation may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the report.

Sec. 17. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Maine Offshore Wind Renewable Energy and Economic Development Program N471

Initiative: Provides allocation to establish the program.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$500	\$500

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Public Utilities - Administrative Division 0184

Initiative: Provides allocations for expenditures related to one Staff Attorney position and associated All Other costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$165,705
All Other	\$0	\$15,874
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$181,579

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$181,579

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$181,579
SECTION TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$182,079
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$500	\$182,079

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 482
H.P. 1225 - L.D. 1909**

**An Act to Modernize Maine's
Beverage Container
Redemption Law**

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §112, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2021, c. 1, Pt. M, §§9 and 10, is further amended to read:

8. Additional duties. In addition to the duties specified in this Title, the assessor has the following duties:

A. Collection of the tax on fire insurance companies imposed by Title 25, section 2399; ~~and,~~

~~E. Administration of reports and payments required under Title 38, section 3108.~~

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §3102, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Account-based bulk processing program. "Account-based bulk processing program" means a beverage container recycling program implemented by a redemption center or pick-up agent that meets the requirements of rules adopted by the department, is approved by the department, consolidates beverage containers subject to the requirements of this chapter through bulk sorting, collects data regarding each container sorted, provides electronic data reports specifying the number of containers sorted by universal product code along with information regarding the container brand, redemption location and container material type to support an accounting of deposits, fees and material weight and prepares the sorted containers for sale to recyclers. An account-based bulk processing program may include a bag drop program as a program component.

Sec. 3. 38 MRSA §3102, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Bag-drop program. "Bag-drop program" means a beverage container recycling program implemented by a redemption center that meets the requirements of rules adopted by the department and that allows a person to drop off beverage containers subject to the requirements of this chapter in a bag or other receptacle at one or more identified locations and to have the corresponding refund placed into an account to be held for the benefit of the person in a manner that allows the person to obtain the refund or a refund receipt within 10 calendar days following the drop-off. A bag-drop program may be implemented as part of or in conjunction with an account-based bulk processing program.

Sec. 4. 38 MRSA §3102, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Commingling cooperative or cooperative. "Commingling cooperative" or "cooperative" means the entity established pursuant to section 3107, subsection 3-B to manage the collection of all beverage containers subject to the requirements of this chapter under a single commingling program.

Sec. 5. 38 MRSA §3102, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:

3-B. Commingling group. "Commingling group" means a group of initiators of deposit that have entered into a commingling agreement approved by the department in accordance with section 3107, subsection 1-A or 1-B. "Commingling group" includes the State, through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, which, pursuant to section 3107, is deemed to be managing returned containers for which the State has initiated deposits in a commingling program pursuant to a qualified commingling agreement, but does not include the commingling cooperative.

Sec. 6. 38 MRSA §3102, sub-§16-A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 526, §5, is amended to read:

16-A. Pick-up agent. "Pick-up agent" means an initiator of deposit, a distributor or a contracted agent of an initiator of deposit or a distributor, a commingling group or the commingling cooperative that receives redeemed beverage containers from a redemption center, except for beverage containers redeemed through an account-based bulk processing program, and transports those containers for recycling.

Sec. 7. 38 MRSA §3102, sub-§19, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is amended to read:

19. Reverse vending machine. "Reverse vending machine" means an automated device that meets the requirements of rules adopted by the department and that uses a laser scanner or optical sensor and microprocessor to accurately recognize the universal product code on ~~beverage containers~~ each beverage container and to accumulate information regarding containers re-

deemed, enabling the reverse vending machine to accept containers from redeemers and to issue script for the containers' refund value. "Reverse vending machine" does not include a hand scanner or other similar device.

Sec. 8. 38 MRSA §3105, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 11, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Labels. Except as provided under ~~subsections 2 and subsection 4~~, the refund value, or the words "refund value" or the abbreviation "RV," and the word "Maine" or the abbreviation "ME" must be clearly indicated on every refundable beverage container sold or offered for sale by a dealer in this State, by embossing, stamping, labeling or other method of secure attachment to the beverage container, ~~except in instances when the initiator of deposit has specific permission from the department to use stickers or similar devices~~. The refund value may not be indicated on the bottom of the container.

Sec. 9. 38 MRSA §3105, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 11, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 10. 38 MRSA §3105, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is repealed.

Sec. 11. 38 MRSA §3105, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is amended to read:

4. Brand name Refillable beverage containers. Refillable glass beverage containers of carbonated beverages, for which the deposit is initiated under section 3103, ~~subsection 1~~, that have a refund value of not less than 5¢ and a brand name permanently marked on the container are not required to comply with subsection 1. ~~The exception provided by this subsection does not apply to glass beverage containers that contain spirits, wine or malt liquor as those terms are defined by Title 28-A, section 2.~~

Sec. 12. 38 MRSA §3105, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2019, c. 526, §6, 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 and by the cooperative beginning July 15, 2025 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 ~~the method of collection for that type of container~~, 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. ~~The department may charge a fee for registration and registration renewals under this subsection.~~

A. Prior to July 15, 2025, the department may charge a fee for registration and registration renewals under this subsection.

B. Beginning July 15, 2025, 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. 13. 38 MRSA §3106, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2019, c. 526, §7, is further amended to read:

5. Distributor acceptance Acceptance by commingling group. ~~A distributor commingling group or its agent may not refuse to accept from any dealer or redemption center any empty, unbroken and reasonably clean beverage container, whether refillable or nonrefillable, or any beverage container that has been processed through an approved reverse vending machine or account-based bulk processing program that meets the requirements of rules adopted by the department pursuant to this chapter of the kind, size and brand sold by the distributor members of the commingling group or refuse to pay to the dealer or redemption center the refund value of a beverage container as established by section 3103.~~

Sec. 14. 38 MRSA §3106, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Cost apportionment; waiver process. A dealer or redemption center may apply for and the department may approve a temporary waiver during which the dealer or redemption center may apportion beverage container costs to distributors using an alternative method that does not require processing of all beverage containers through a reverse vending machine or similar technology requiring the scanning of each container.

A. Prior to approving a temporary waiver under this subsection, the department shall establish procedures regarding the administration of the temporary waiver process. In establishing those procedures, the department shall solicit and consider input from interested persons. The procedures must require that, prior to approving any submitted application from a dealer or redemption center for a temporary waiver, the department solicit input from interested persons regarding the application.

B. The department may approve a temporary waiver upon a finding that the dealer or redemption center has demonstrated to the department's satisfaction that it will implement an alternative method of apportioning beverage container costs to distributors that:

- (1) Uses a beverage container count method based on a statistically valid sample of beverage containers that is at least as accurate as the beverage container count method currently used by the dealer or redemption center;
- (2) Apportions beverage container costs to distributors using the beverage container count method described in subparagraph (1) by approximating the costs currently apportioned to distributors by the dealer or redemption center in a manner that is at least as accurate as that used under the auditing process described in section 3109, subsection 5-B; and
- (3) Implements a process by which the dealer or redemption center will return to a distributor an amount of beverage containers by weight that corresponds to the amount of the beverage container costs apportioned to the distributor in accordance with subparagraph (2).

C. A temporary waiver approved by the department may not exceed one year in duration. Prior to the expiration of an approved waiver, the dealer or redemption center may apply to the department for an extension of the waiver. The department may approve the waiver for a period not to exceed one additional year in duration upon a finding that the dealer or redemption center has submitted sufficient information to the department to demonstrate that the alternative apportionment method implemented during the previous waiver period satisfies the requirements of paragraph B.

D. A distributor that had beverage container costs apportioned to it by a dealer or redemption center using an alternative apportionment method under a waiver approved pursuant to this section may apply to the department for reimbursement of beverage container costs or other financial losses incurred as a direct result of the alternative apportionment method if the distributor can demonstrate to the department's satisfaction that the distributor:

- (1) Would have been paid additional beverage container costs if the distributor's beverage containers were processed through a reverse vending machine or similar technology that scanned each container; or
- (2) Otherwise suffered a financial loss as a direct result of the alternative apportionment method implemented under the waiver.

A distributor must submit a request for reimbursement under this paragraph prior to December 31, 2025. If the department determines that a distributor is eligible for reimbursement under this paragraph, the department shall reimburse the distributor using funds from the Cost and Carbon Efficient Technology Fund established under section 3114-A.

As used in this subsection, "beverage container costs" means a beverage container's refund value as established by section 3103 and the amount of the reimbursement of handling costs as established by subsection 7.

On or before February 15, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters describing its findings or recommendations regarding the implementation of the temporary waiver process under this subsection. The report may be included in the report required pursuant to section 3115, subsection 3 that is required by February 15, 2025. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report.

This subsection is repealed January 1, 2026.

Sec. 15. 38 MRSA §3106, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2019, c. 526, §7, is further amended to read:

6. Obligation to preserve recycling container value. Notwithstanding subsection § 8-A, a distributor 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 distributor commingling group and a dealer or redemption center and does not relieve a distributor commingling group of its obligation under subsection § 8-A to accept empty, unbroken and reasonably clean beverage containers. Beginning July 15, 2025, 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. 16. 38 MRSA §3106, sub-§8, as amended by PL 2019, c. 315, §19 and c. 526, §7, is further amended to read:

8. Obligation to pick up and recycle containers. ~~The~~ Prior to October 15, 2024, the obligation to pick up and recycle beverage containers subject to this chapter is determined as follows.

A. A distributor that initiates the deposit under section 3103, subsection 2 or 4 has the obligation to pick up and recycle any empty, unbroken and reasonably clean beverage containers of the particular kind, size and brand sold by the distributor from dealers to whom that distributor has sold those beverages and from licensed redemption centers. A distributor that, within this State, sells beverages under a particular label exclusively to one dealer, which dealer offers those labeled beverages for sale at retail exclusively at the dealer's establishment, shall pick up any empty, unbroken and reasonably clean beverage containers of the kind, size and brand sold by the distributor to the dealer only from those licensed redemption centers that are located within 25 miles from the dealer, as measured along public roadways. A dealer that manufactures its own beverages for exclusive sale by that dealer at retail has the obligation of a distributor under this section. The department may establish by rule, in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, criteria prescribing the manner in which distributors shall fulfill the obligations imposed by this paragraph. The rules may establish a minimum number or value of containers below which a distributor is not required to respond to a request to pick up empty containers. Any rules adopted under this paragraph must allocate the burdens associated with the handling, storage, transportation and recycling of empty containers to prevent unreasonable financial or other hardship.

B. The initiator of the deposit under section 3103, subsection 3 has the obligation to pick up and recycle any empty, unbroken and reasonably clean beverage containers of the particular kind, size and brand sold by the initiator from dealers to whom a distributor has sold those beverages and from licensed redemption centers. The obligation may be fulfilled by the initiator directly or indirectly through a contracted agent.

C. An initiator of the deposit under section 3103, subsection 2, 3 or 4 has the obligation to pick up and recycle any empty, unbroken and reasonably clean beverage containers that are commingled pursuant to a commingling agreement along with any beverage containers that the initiator is otherwise obligated to pick up and recycle pursuant to paragraphs A and B.

D. The initiator of deposit or initiators of deposit who are members of a commingling agreement have the obligation under this subsection to pick up and recycle empty, unbroken and reasonably clean beverage containers of the particular kind, size and brand sold by the initiator from dealers to whom a distributor has sold those beverages and from licensed redemption centers every 15 days. The initiator of deposit or initiators of deposit who are members of a commingling agreement have the obligation to make additional pickups when a redemption center has collected 10,000 beverage containers from that initiator of deposit or from the initiators of deposit who are members of a commingling agreement.

The obligations of the initiator of the deposit under this subsection may be fulfilled by the initiator directly or through a party with which it has entered into a commingling agreement. A contracted agent hired to pick up beverage containers for one or more initiators of deposit is deemed to have made a pickup at a redemption center for those initiators of deposit when it picks up beverage containers belonging to those initiators of deposit.

This subsection is repealed October 15, 2024.

Sec. 17. 38 MRSA §3106, sub-§8-A is enacted to read:

8-A. Obligation to pick up and recycle containers. Beginning October 15, 2024, 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, a commingling group or its pick-up agent and, beginning July 15, 2025, the cooperative or its pick-up agent or agents.

A. Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, prior to July 15, 2025, 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 enti-

ties 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. 18. 38 MRSA §3106, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2019, c. 526, §7, is further amended to read:

9. Plastic bags. ~~A dealer or redemption center has an obligation to pick up plastic bags that are used by that dealer or redemption center to contain beverage containers.~~ 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 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.

Sec. 19. 38 MRSA §3107, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is amended to read:

Notwithstanding any ~~other~~ provision of this chapter to the contrary, 2 or more initiators of deposit may enter into a commingling agreement through which some or all of the beverage containers for which the initiators have initiated deposits may be commingled by dealers and operators of redemption centers as provided in this section. No later than October 15, 2024, each initiator of deposit shall enter into a commingling agreement pursuant to subsection 1-A or 1-B. If, by October 15, 2024, an initiator of deposit has not entered into a commingling agreement pursuant to subsection 1-A or 1-B, the initiator commits a violation of this chapter, is subject to penalties under section 3111 and, as long as the violation exists, is prohibited from selling or distributing in the State any beverage container subject to the requirements of this chapter, and a distributor or dealer may not sell or distribute in the State any such containers of the initiator and the department may remove from sale any such containers of the initiator.

Sec. 20. 38 MRSA §3107, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2019, c. 526, §8, is further amended to read:

An initiator of deposit that enters into a commingling agreement pursuant to this section shall permit any other initiator of deposit to become a party to that agreement on the same terms and conditions as the original agreement. ~~Once the initiator of deposit has established a qualified commingling agreement pursuant to the requirements of subsection 1-A, the department shall allow additional brands of beverage containers from a different product group to be included in the commingling agreement if those additional brands are~~

~~of like material to those containers already managed under the commingling agreement.~~

Sec. 21. 38 MRSA §3107, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 526, §8, is amended to read:

For the purposes of this chapter and notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the State, through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, is deemed to be managing returned containers for which the State has initiated deposits in a commingling program pursuant to a qualified commingling agreement as described in subsection 1-A as long as the State allows a dealer or redemption center to commingle returned containers of like material, including, but not limited to, through use of an account-based bulk processing program.

Sec. 22. 38 MRSA §3107, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is 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 product group, material and size. 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.

Sec. 23. 38 MRSA §3107, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 526, §8, is amended to read:

1-A. Qualified commingling agreements. The department shall determine that a commingling agreement is qualified for the purposes of this chapter if:

A. Fifty percent or more of beverage containers of like product group, material and size for which the deposits are being initiated in the State are included in the commingling agreement; or

B. The initiators of deposit included in the commingling agreement are initiators of deposit for beverage containers containing wine and each initiator of deposit sells no more than 100,000 gallons of wine or 500,000 beverage containers containing wine in a calendar year; ~~or,~~

~~C. The commingling agreement has been approved by the department pursuant to subsection 3-A.~~

Sec. 24. 38 MRSA §3107, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Special commingling agreements. A designated pick-up agent for initiators of deposit that are not members of a commingling group and that cannot in the aggregate satisfy the requirements for a qualified commingling agreement under subsection 1-A, paragraph A

shall execute and submit a special commingling agreement to the department for approval. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the department may approve a special commingling agreement that, in accordance with applicable requirements of this section, provides for the commingling by dealers and redemption centers of the beverage containers for which those initiators have initiated deposits.

A. Once approved, the designated pick-up agent shall permit any initiator of deposit that is not a member of a commingling group to become a party to the special commingling agreement.

B. The department may approve up to 2 special commingling agreements pursuant to this subsection and shall adopt rules governing approval and administration of special commingling agreements, which must include, but are not limited to, rules regarding the administration of the agreement, data and reporting requirements for initiators that are parties to the agreement, beverage container sorting and auditing requirements, statewide assessment requirements for the pick-up agent to ensure geographical coverage and the process for addressing container count discrepancies and return of containers not covered by the agreement. Rules adopted pursuant to this paragraph are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 25. 38 MRS §3107, sub-§3-A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 526, §8, is repealed.

Sec. 26. 38 MRS §3107, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:

3-B. Commingling program operated by commingling cooperative. Subject to the requirements of this subsection and notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, by October 15, 2024, all commingling groups established pursuant to subsection 1-A and 1-B, including the State, through the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, shall collectively establish a commingling cooperative to provide for the management of all beverage containers subject to the requirements of this chapter under a single commingling program, referred to in this subsection as "the program."

A. The cooperative must be established as a non-profit organization exempt from taxation under the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Section 501(c)(3). The cooperative must be governed by a board of not less than 9 and not more than 15 members that represents the range of beverages and beverage container material types subject to the requirements of this chapter and that includes a board member representing each commingling group. The board shall convene an advisory group that includes as members representatives of the range of

beverages and beverage container material types subject to the requirements of this chapter as well as representatives of dealers, pick-up agents, recycling facilities, redemption centers that primarily sort containers manually, redemption centers that primarily sort containers using reverse vending machines, entities operating account-based bulk processing programs and environmental advocacy organizations. The board shall invite representatives of the department to participate in and provide input regarding the activities of the advisory group.

B. By January 15, 2025, the cooperative shall submit a plan for the operation of the program to the department for review and approval. The plan must include, but is not limited to:

(1) The method by which the program will facilitate 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 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;

(2) Standards to provide for fair apportionment of costs among the commingling groups and initiators of deposit included in the program, which may be based on:

(a) The combined beverage container sales by the initiators of deposit that are members of each commingling group;

(b) The unit or brand counts generated by reverse vending machines or account-based bulk processing programs as long as the reverse vending machines or account-based bulk processing programs are subject to periodic 3rd-party audits on a schedule approved by the department and with the costs of those audits paid by the program; and

(c) The rates of redemption, as determined pursuant to the method set forth in subparagraph (3) and in accordance with the requirements of subparagraph (5);

(3) A method for determining the rate of redemption for beverage containers, which must be verified through a 3rd-party audit paid for by the cooperative, expressed as a percentage of the beverage containers redeemed that are available for redemption; the rate of redemption by beverage type and by beverage container material type; and, to the maximum extent practicable, regional redemption rates in

the State. The method for determining the redemption rate may not include in its calculation any unredeemed beverage containers collected or processed by municipal or other recycling programs. The program must ensure that a single redemption rate, determined by the method specified in the plan, is used by all commingling groups and initiators of deposit to determine cost apportionment pursuant to subparagraph (2);

(4) A budget for the program that includes, but is not limited to, identification of any start-up costs for the program that will not be ongoing, including, but not limited to, the costs of the study described in paragraph F, and a description of the method by which the cooperative will determine and collect payments from commingling groups to cover the program's start-up costs;

(5) The method by which the cooperative will collect deposits from initiators of deposit for nonrefillable beverage containers and handling fees for redeemed containers, whether directly from the initiator of deposit or through the commingling group of which the initiator of deposit is a member. The program must ensure that an initiator of deposit is not required to pay any handling fees for its beverage containers that exceeds the applicable redemption rate for those containers as calculated pursuant to subparagraph (3);

(6) A description of how the cooperative intends to segregate, maintain, calculate and expend unclaimed beverage container deposits in accordance with section 3108-A;

(7) A description of how the cooperative will provide a consistent beverage container pick-up schedule for each redemption center in accordance with the pick-up requirements of section 3106, subsection 8-A and the rules adopted pursuant to that subsection. The program must ensure that pick-up schedules are designed to reduce transportation distances and minimize costs but must allow each commingling group to provide for beverage container pickup of the commingling group's equivalent container material;

(8) Information on how the cooperative will be responsible for and ensure payment to a dealer or redemption center within 10 calendar days of any beverage container pickup of all applicable deposits and handling fees for the beverage containers picked up from the dealer or redemption center, except as otherwise provided under a written agreement entered into by the cooperative or a member commingling group and the dealer or redemption center, and

the applicable costs of plastic bags provided to the dealer or redemption center in accordance with section 3106, subsection 9;

(9) Information on how the cooperative will ensure that each commingling group and each initiator of deposit that is a member of the commingling group maintains ownership over the commingling group's and initiator of deposit's share of the beverage containers redeemed, collected and processed for recycling under the program;

(10) Information on how the cooperative will calculate the base rates offered for the processing of beverage containers using an account-based bulk processing program or pick-up agents;

(11) A certification that the cooperative will not share, except with the department as necessary, information provided by a commingling group or initiator of deposit that is proprietary information and that is identified by the commingling group or initiator of deposit as proprietary information. The certification must include a description of the methods by which the cooperative intends to ensure the confidentiality of that information;

(12) Information on how the cooperative will maintain a publicly accessible website regarding the program that includes, at a minimum, the following:

(a) A searchable list of all initiators of deposit and beverage container label registrations, including for beverages sold directly to consumers in the State, in a manner that allows redemption centers, dealers and consumers to obtain up-to-date information regarding whether a particular beverage is authorized for sale and redemption in the State;

(b) A search function through which consumers can identify nearby dealers or redemption centers offering redemption services based on information made available to the cooperative by the department; and

(c) The base rates for the processing of beverage containers by container type as determined in accordance with subparagraph (10);

(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 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);

(14) A description of how the cooperative will support the development of infrastructure throughout the State for the collection and sanitization of refillable beverage containers and for the return of those refillable beverage containers to initiators of deposit of refillable beverage containers for refilling and sale. That infrastructure development may involve redemption centers, centralized washing and sanitization facilities and other methods;

(15) Information regarding the advisory group formed by the board in accordance with paragraph A, including, but not limited to, its membership and the length of the terms of its members, a proposed meeting schedule and a description of the role and responsibilities of the advisory group, which may include, but are not limited to, advising the board regarding the development of the plan submitted under this paragraph;

(16) A description of how the cooperative will operate the program in a manner designed to achieve an overall statewide redemption rate for all beverage containers subject to the requirements of this chapter, as determined in accordance with subparagraph (3), of 75% by January 1, 2027; of 80% by January 1, 2032; and of 85% by January 1, 2037; and

(17) Any other information required by the department.

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 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 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, 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.

D. If the department determines that the program implemented by the cooperative pursuant to a plan approved under paragraph C has failed to make adequate progress toward fulfilling the requirements of the plan, excluding the redemption rate goals described in paragraph B, subparagraph (16), the department shall notify the cooperative in writing of its determination and may direct the cooperative to implement specific changes to the program within 30 days of the date of the notification.

E. On or before April 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the cooperative shall submit to the department and make available on its publicly accessible website a report that includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Contact information for the cooperative and a list of all initiators of deposit and beverage container label registrations, including for beverages sold directly to consumers in the State;

(2) Information on the rates of redemption for beverage containers calculated in accordance with plan requirements under paragraph B, subparagraph (3). The report must include information regarding the total number of beverage containers subject to the requirements of this chapter sold or distributed in the State during the previous calendar year by the members of each commingling group, aggregated within each commingling group to provide only a total, aggregated number for each commingling group. If the calculated overall statewide redemption rate for beverage containers is less than the applicable redemption rate goal described in paragraph B, subparagraph (16), the report must include recommendations for changes to the operation of the program that are designed to achieve the required rate, which may include, but are not limited to, recommended increases in the deposit and refund value for beverage containers;

(3) Detailed information on the calculation and expenditure of unclaimed deposit funds in the previous calendar year in accordance with section 3108-A;

(4) A description of the education and outreach efforts implemented under the program in the previous calendar year to encourage participation in the beverage container redemption program, reduce instances of fraud in redemption and educate businesses and consumers on the value and safety of refillable beverage containers. The report must include the results of an assessment, completed by an independent 3rd party, of the effectiveness of the efforts;

(5) Any recommendations for changes to the program to improve the convenience of the collection system under the program, consumer education or program evaluation and any goals for supporting the use of refillable and reusable containers;

(6) A financial report on the program, as determined through a 3rd-party financial audit, that identifies the total cost of implementing the program and the specific administration, collection, transportation, disposition and communication costs for the program, including all costs associated with payment of handling fees, and an anticipated budget for the subsequent program year; and

(7) Any other information required by the department.

For the report due April 1, 2026 only, the department may modify or waive any of the reporting requirements set forth in this paragraph upon a finding that the information required cannot feasibly be determined or provided by the cooperative due to a partial-year operation of the program.

F. Within 90 days of receiving approval of a program plan from the department under paragraph C, the cooperative, in consultation with the department, shall contract with an independent 3rd party to conduct a study: examining operating costs for redemption centers of a variety of sizes, in a variety of geographical locations and using a variety of redemption technologies; analyzing the effects that eliminating brand sorting of beverage containers may have on transportation costs and redemption center operating costs, including, but not limited to, labor and utilities costs; recommending a handling fee schedule and payment schedule designed to facilitate a stable and sustainable redemption system; and recommending other recycling-related services that may be provided at redemption centers to support statewide recycling efforts and diversify the redemption center business model.

(1) In consultation with the department, the cooperative shall ensure that the study contract specifies the scope of the study and provides for publication of an interim progress report or

reports and a final report. All costs associated with the study must be paid by the cooperative.

(2) The cooperative shall provide any interim progress reports and the final report under subparagraph (1) to the department and, after receipt of the final report, the department shall provide a copy of the final report, along with any additional comments or recommendations of the department, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters. The final report and any additional comments or recommendations of the department may be included in the report required pursuant to section 3115, subsection 3. After reviewing the final report and the department's additional comments or recommendations, if any, the committee may report out legislation relating to the final report or to the department's comments or recommendations.

G. The cooperative shall pay to the department a reasonable annual fee established by the department, not to exceed \$600,000, as provided in this paragraph.

(1) On or before July 15, 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.

(2) On or before April 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the cooperative shall pay to the department the annual fee under this paragraph to cover the department's costs for review of the cooperative's annual report under paragraph E and the department's costs in the previous calendar year for its oversight, administration and enforcement of the commingling program implemented under this subsection. The cooperative shall pay the fee required pursuant to this subparagraph at the time it submits the annual report required pursuant to paragraph E.

H. Reports submitted to the department under this subsection must be made available to the public on the department's publicly accessible website, except that proprietary information submitted to the department in a plan, in an amendment to a plan or

pursuant to reporting requirements of this subsection 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.

I. Beginning July 15, 2025, an initiator of deposit that is not in compliance with all applicable requirements of the single commingling program 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.

The department may adopt rules as necessary for the implementation of this subsection and the oversight of the cooperative and the single commingling program implemented pursuant to this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 27. 38 MRSA §3108, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is repealed.

Sec. 28. 38 MRSA §3108-A is enacted to read:
§3108-A. Unclaimed deposits

This section governs unclaimed beverage container deposits.

1. Commingling group; unclaimed deposits. Prior to July 15, 2025, 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.

2. Commingling cooperative; unclaimed deposits. Except as provided in paragraph D, beginning July 15, 2025, 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; and

(5) Payment of \$1,000,000 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 program plan approved by the department pursuant to section 3107, subsection 3-B, paragraph C by July 15, 2025, until the cooperative implements an approved program plan, 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.

3. Rules. The department shall 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. The rules must include, but are not limited to:

A. Provisions requiring the deposit by the cooperative into and the maintenance by the cooperative of a segregated account or accounts, separate from all other revenues, of the refund value for all non-refillable beverage containers subject to the requirements of this chapter and sold by the members of the cooperative;

B. Provisions regarding the method and process by which the cooperative shall calculate the total amount of deposits determined to be unclaimed during the previous calendar year and the total amount of those deposits expended by the cooperative in accordance with this section during the previous calendar year; and

C. Any other provisions relating to the accounting for, determination of or expenditure of unclaimed deposits by the cooperative pursuant to this section.

Sec. 29. 38 MRSA §3109, sub-§5-A, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 526, §9, is amended to read:

5-A. Beverage container handling. A redemption center shall tender to pick-up agents only beverage containers sold in the State that are placed in shells, shipping cartons, bags or other receptacles in a manner that facilitates accurate eligible beverage container unit counts or, in the case of containers processing through a reverse vending machine or account-based bulk processing program, accurate data regarding the brand, material type and the count or the weight of the eligible beverage containers.

Sec. 30. 38 MRSA §3109, sub-§5-B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 526, §9, is further amended to read:

5-B. Beverage container auditing. A redemption center shall prepare beverage containers for pickup by

pick-up agents, which are subject to audit pursuant to rules adopted by the department in accordance with this subsection.

A. A redemption center shall label each shell, shipping carton, bag or other receptacle with the business name, initials, redemption center license number or other unique identifying mark and with the number of beverage containers contained in each shell, shipping carton, bag or other receptacle or, in the case of containers processed through a reverse vending machine or account-based bulk processing program, information regarding the material type and the count or weight of the beverage containers contained in the shell, shipping carton, bag or other receptacle.

B. The department, a commingling group or, beginning July 15, 2025, the cooperative may audit shells, shipping cartons, bags or other receptacles that have been prepared for pickup by a redemption center.

(1) An audit may be conducted by the department, a commingling group or, beginning July 15, 2025, the cooperative on site at the redemption center or off site at a different location. Off-site audits may involve the use of bulk redemption technology.

(2) An audit must be conducted on a minimum of 1,000 beverage containers or, in the case of containers processing through a reverse vending machine or account-based bulk processing program, on an equivalent amount by weight of the same material type.

(3) If the results of an audit vary from the ~~bverage container count~~ labeled in accordance with information included on the label of the shell, shipping carton, bag or other receptacle required by paragraph A, the department, a commingling group or, beginning July 15, 2025, the cooperative shall, in the case of an on-site audit, require the redemption center to add or remove containers or an equivalent weight of the same material type to address the variation in the results of the audit or, in the case of an off-site audit, require the redemption center to accept payment from the initiator of deposit or pick-up agent adjusted in accordance with the variation in the results of the audit.

(4) The department may deny an application for approval of a redemption center under subsection 2 if the redemption center, pursuant to audits conducted by the department in accordance with this subsection, has repeatedly prepared for pickup shells, shipping cartons, bags or other receptacles containing less than 97% of the beverage containers or equivalent

weight of the same material type that such shells, shipping cartons, bags or other receptacles are labeled as containing.

Sec. 31. 38 MRSA §3111, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Container pickup. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person who knowingly violates a provision of section 3106, subsection 8-A or the rules adopted pursuant to section 3106, subsection 8-A:

A. As a first offense, must receive a written warning from the department but does not commit a civil violation; and

B. As a second offense and any subsequent offenses, commits a civil violation for which a fine of \$1,000 may be adjudged.

Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, the department may exercise enforcement discretion in the event of unforeseen circumstances causing a violation of a provision of section 3106, subsection 8-A or the rules adopted pursuant to section 3106, subsection 8-A, including, but not limited to, extreme weather conditions and inability to provide for pickup due to a significant number of illness-related employee absences.

Sec. 32. 38 MRSA §3113, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is amended to read:

A license issued annually by the department is required before any person may initiate deposits under section 3103, operate a redemption center under section 3109 or act as a contracted agent for the collection of beverage containers under section 3106, subsection 8, ~~paragraph B~~ or 8-A.

Sec. 33. 38 MRSA §3113, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 526, §10, is further amended to read:

2. Redemption center licensing criteria. ~~In licensing redemption centers, the department shall consider at least the following~~ The department shall adopt rules establishing the minimum licensing criteria for approval of redemption center licenses. The rules must include, but are not limited to, provisions regarding:

A. The health and safety of the public and of redemption center employees, including sanitation protection when food is also sold on the premises;

B. The convenience for the public, including the distribution of centers by population or by distance, or both;

C. The proximity of ~~the~~ a proposed redemption center to existing redemption centers and the potential impact that the location of ~~the~~ a proposed redemption center may have on an existing redemption center;

D. The ~~proposed owner's~~ record of compliance with this chapter and rules adopted by the department pursuant to this chapter ~~of a proposed owner of a redemption center; and~~

E. The hours of operation of ~~the~~ a proposed redemption center and existing redemption centers in the proximity of ~~the~~ a proposed redemption center;

F. The size of a proposed redemption center, including the specific areas for customer drop-off and beverage container storage; and

G. Access to a proposed redemption center for customers and pick-up agents, including vehicle and pedestrian access and loading and unloading zones.

Rules adopted by the department pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 34. 38 MRSA §3113, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Convenience standard. On or after July 15, 2025, 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. 35. 38 MRSA §3114, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is amended to read:

2. Sources of money. The fund consists of the following:

A. Fees for issuance of licenses and license renewals under section 3113;

B. Fees for registration of beverage container labels and registration renewals under section 3105, subsection 5; ~~and~~.

This paragraph is repealed July 15, 2025;

B-1. The annual fee paid by the commingling cooperative pursuant to section 3107, subsection 3-B, paragraph G; and

C. All other money appropriated or allocated for inclusion in the fund.

Sec. 36. 38 MRSA §3114, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is amended to read:

3. Application of fund. The department may combine administration and inspection responsibilities of other programs it administers with administration and enforcement responsibilities under this chapter for efficiency purposes; ~~however, except that~~ money in the fund may be used to fund only the portion of staff time devoted to administration and enforcement activities under this chapter as well as for any other activities or purposes related to the administration and enforcement of this chapter or otherwise consistent with the intent of section 3101.

Sec. 37. 38 MRSA §3114-A is enacted to read:

§3114-A. Cost and Carbon Efficient Technology Fund

1. Creation. The Cost and Carbon Efficient Technology Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is created under the jurisdiction and control of the department.

2. Sources of money. The fund consists of the following:

A. The annual payment from the cooperative required by section 3108-A, subsection 2, paragraph B, subparagraph (5); and

B. All other money appropriated or allocated for inclusion in the fund, including money from any other public or private sources.

3. Application of fund. Money in the fund must be used by the department to provide grants to persons to lease or purchase technology designed to improve operational efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from trucking or to support activities designed to increase the use of reusable and refillable beverage containers and other reusable and refillable packaging in the State.

A. The lease or purchase of technology designed to improve operational efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from trucking using a grant from the fund is limited to automated beverage container counting, compacting and sorting systems capable of validating the count of beverage containers processed and compacting and sorting

processed containers in preparation for pickup, including, but not limited to, reverse vending machines as well as activities associated with the installation of that technology, including, but not limited to, electrical system upgrades, building or infrastructure modifications and Internet connection to a central system administrator as necessary.

B. Activities designed to increase the use of reusable and refillable beverage containers and other reusable and refillable packaging in the State using a grant from the fund are limited to:

(1) Activities relating to the development and implementation of, including the purchase of necessary materials and supplies for, pilot projects to determine options for financially viable models for refillable beverage container washing techniques, including, but not limited to, mobile washing stations, shipment of containers to washing facilities outside the State, in-house washing stations and establishment of a fixed washing facility in the State;

(2) Development of or other activities relating to container, adhesive and label options for refillable beverage containers capable of being used by manufacturers of different types of beverages; and

(3) Outreach and education activities for manufacturers, retailers, restaurants and consumers regarding the financial and environmental benefits of refillable beverage containers and regarding the processes and methods available for ensuring such containers may be safely reused.

C. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, using money from the fund, the department shall contract with a 3rd-party entity to complete a study by July 15, 2026 regarding the feasibility of achieving goals of 5% reusable, refillable beverage containers marketed in the State and 10% reusable, refillable beverage containers marketed in the State and to determine the infrastructure and investments that would be necessary to support those goals. The department shall include the results of the feasibility study, along with any additional comments or recommendations from the department, in the report required by section 3115, subsection 3 that is due February 15, 2027.

D. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, using money from the fund, the department shall provide reimbursement of beverage container costs or other financial losses to eligible distributors in accordance with section 3106, subsection 5-A, paragraph D.

This paragraph is repealed January 1, 2026.

E. A grant issued by the department from the fund must cover at least 25% of the anticipated cost of the technology leased or purchased or activities supported as identified in the grant application.

F. The department shall administer the fund and, after consultation with the cooperative and its advisory group established pursuant to section 3107, subsection 3-B, paragraph A, shall establish the application process and procedures for issuance of grants from the fund. The department shall consult with the cooperative and its advisory group in reviewing and approving grant applications submitted under this section.

Sec. 38. 38 MRSA §3115, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 166, §14, is amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

This subsection is repealed July 15, 2025.

Sec. 39. 38 MRSA §3115, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Report. On or before February 15, 2024, and annually thereafter, the department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over environment and natural resources matters on the status of the beverage container redemption program implemented under this chapter.

A. The report must include any recommendations, including draft legislation as necessary, for amendments to this chapter necessary for its administration or to better fulfill the purpose described under section 3101, including, but not limited to, identification of additional department staffing or resource needs to support the administration of this chapter.

B. For the report required by this subsection that is due February 15, 2026, and for each subsequent report, the department shall, at a minimum, include:

(1) Any recommendations for necessary adjustments to the amount of the handling fee under section 3106, subsection 7; and

(2) Information regarding the status of the Cost and Carbon Efficient Technology Fund under section 3114-A, including, but not limited to, information regarding the number and amount of grants issued under that fund, information on the recipients of those grants and the technology or activities that those grants were used to support.

C. In addition to the requirements of paragraph B, for the report required by this subsection that is due February 15, 2027, and for each subsequent report, the department shall, at a minimum, include information annually reported by the cooperative pursuant to section 3107, subsection 3-B, paragraph E, including, but not limited to, information regarding

the rates of redemption for beverage containers and the calculated overall statewide redemption rate.

D. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report. The report under this subsection may be included in the report required pursuant to section 1772, subsection 1.

Sec. 40. 38 MRSA §3119, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 526, §14, is amended to read:

§3119. Reporting requirements

This section establishes annual reporting requirements for initiators of deposit and for pick-up agents that are not initiators of deposit.

1. Initiator of deposit annual report. Each initiator of deposit shall report annually by March 1st to the department concerning its deposit transactions in the preceding calendar year. The report must be in a form prescribed by the department and must include the number of nonrefillable beverage containers sold by the initiator of deposit in the State by container size, by beverage type and by redemption value, delineated at a minimum into wine, spirits and all other beverage types, and must include the number of nonrefillable beverage containers returned to the initiator of deposit by beverage type and by redemption value.

This subsection is repealed July 15, 2025.

2. Pick-up agent annual report. Each pick-up agent that is not an initiator of deposit shall report annually by March 1st to the department concerning the redemptions for each initiator of deposit it served in the preceding calendar year. The report must be in a form prescribed by the department and must include the number of nonrefillable containers returned by the pick-up agent to each initiator of deposit it served by redemption value, except that the pick-up agent may report by average weight and total weight of beverage containers returned by material type for containers managed pursuant to a qualified commingling agreement under section 3107.

This subsection is repealed July 15, 2025.

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. 41. Department of Environmental Protection; beverage container redemption program report. The Department of Environmental Protection, in the report required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 3115, subsection 3 that is due February 15, 2024, shall include additional recommen-

dations, including proposed legislation, for any necessary changes to the laws governing the beverage container redemption program to ensure the timely and successful implementation of any special commingling agreements pursuant to Title 38, section 3107, subsection 1-B and the single commingling program operated by a commingling cooperative pursuant to Title 38, section 3107, subsection 3-B. The report may include additional recommendations for changes to the laws governing the beverage container redemption program determined necessary by the department.

Sec. 42. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Administration - Environmental Protection 0251

Initiative: Provides funding for technology management costs associated with 3 limited-period Environmental Specialist III positions.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$8,475	\$8,475
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$8,475	\$8,475

Maine Environmental Protection Fund 0421

Initiative: Establishes 3 limited-period Environmental Specialist III positions and associated All Other costs beginning January 1, 2024 and ending June 7, 2025.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Personal Services	\$125,582	\$280,938
All Other	\$4,089	\$4,089
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$129,671	\$285,027

**ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION,
DEPARTMENT OF
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$138,146	\$293,502
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$138,146	\$293,502

Sec. 43. Effective date. That section of this Act that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 3108-A and those sections of this Act that amend Title 36, section 112, subsection 8; Title 38, section 3102, subsection 16-A; Title 38, section 3106, subsection 5; and Title 38, section 3106, subsection 6 and that section of this Act that repeals Title 38, section 3108 and that section of this Act that repeals and replaces Title 38, section 3111, subsection 3 take effect October 15, 2024.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

**CHAPTER 483
S.P. 835 - L.D. 2013**

**An Act to Address Abandoned
Capital Credits Held by Rural
Electrification Cooperatives**

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §2061, sub-§12, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 498, §22, is amended to read:

12. Deposit or refund owed by a utility. A deposit or refund, other than an abandoned capital credit as defined in Title 35-A, section 3503, subsection 2, paragraph A, owed to a subscriber by a utility, one year after the deposit or refund becomes payable;

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3503, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1999, c. 398, Pt. A, §87 and affected by §§104 and 105, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

2. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Abandoned capital credit" means a deposit or refund owed to a member of a rural electrification cooperative as defined in section 3703, subsection 2 that is unclaimed by the member one year after the deposit or refund becomes payable.

B. "Governing body" means the governing body of a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility.

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3503, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Abandoned capital credits. Abandoned capital credits must be used to provide assistance to low-income households in accordance with section 3214.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 484
S.P. 263 - L.D. 595**

**An Act to Establish the
Companion Animal
Sterilization Program in the
Maine Revised Statutes**

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §3907, sub-§9-B is enacted to read:

9-B. Cat. "Cat" means a member of the genus and species known as *Felis catus*.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3910-B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 523, §§1 to 4, is further amended to read:

§3910-B. Companion Animal Sterilization Fund

1. Establishment. There is established the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund, an interest-bearing account and nonlapsing fund in the department, referred to in this section as "the fund." The fund receives money deposited by the Treasurer of State pursuant to Title 36, section 5284-A, revenues generated in accordance with this section, all revenue from the surcharges collected under section 3933, subsection 4, revenue received from surcharges in accordance with section 714, subsection 4 and any money contributed voluntarily to the fund. All money deposited in the fund and the earnings on that money remain in the fund to be used for the ~~spaying or neutering of companion animals owned by persons meeting income limit standards and for the spaying or neutering of a feral cat regardless of a person's income program established under section 3910-C~~ and for the necessary direct administrative and personnel costs of the department and the administrator as provided under subsection 1-A associated with the ~~management of the fund implementing and overseeing that program~~, and may not be deposited in the General Fund or any other fund except as specifically provided by law. The fund may not be charged for indirect costs under a departmental indirect cost allocation plan. As used in this section, "administrator," "overpopulation," "program," "sterilization" and "veterinary provider" have the same meanings as in section 3910-C, subsection 1.

~~**1-A. Administration of the fund.** The commissioner shall contract the administration of the fund to a suitable animal welfare organization selected through a competitive process. The contracting organization shall administer the fund. The administrator administers the fund in accordance with subsection 5 and procedures and eligibility standards established under subsection 2 section 3910-C. The contracting organization administrator may not expend more than 15% of the fund annually for administrative costs. In the event that the commissioner cannot find a suitable animal welfare organization, the department shall administer the fund.~~

~~**2. Subsidies; development of standards.** The commissioner shall develop procedures and eligibility standards for the awarding of subsidies to low income persons for the spaying or neutering of those persons' companion animals. Procedures and eligibility standards must be developed in consultation with veterinarians and representatives of humane societies and animal shelters. The commissioner shall develop procedures to pay a person, regardless of income, 100% of the cost of spaying or neutering a feral cat.~~

3. Fund-raising. The commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agent may provide for the creation, reproduction, sale, licensing and distribution and other disposal of any art or other products for the purpose of generating revenues for the fund. All money

generated from the sale of these items must be deposited into the fund.

5. Distribution of funds. Money in the fund must be distributed for the purposes of the program in accordance with this subsection.

A. The administrator shall determine if there is an overpopulation of cats or dogs and apportion available funds between sterilization for cats and dogs according to the need to control overpopulation of cats or dogs.

B. If one species under paragraph A is overpopulated, but not the other, then no more than 10% of the fund annually may be expended for sterilization for the species that is not overpopulated.

C. If there is no overpopulation of either species under paragraph A, funds must be expended according to requests for assistance with sterilization costs from eligible program applicants and participating veterinary providers with priority given to geographic areas with the greatest need for program services.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3910-C is enacted to read:

§3910-C. Companion Animal Sterilization Program

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Administrator" means the entity that administers the program as provided in subsection 7.

B. "Fund" means the Companion Animal Sterilization Fund under section 3910-B.

C. "Neuter" means to castrate a male animal by removing the animal's testicles or to sterilize a male animal by a nonsurgical method approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

D. "Overpopulation" means a surplus of cats or dogs when compared to demand for ownership by humans as determined by the commissioner by rule.

E. "Program" means the Companion Animal Sterilization Program established under subsection 2.

F. "Spay" means to sterilize a female animal by removing the animal's ovaries or to sterilize a female animal by a nonsurgical method approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

G. "Spay or neuter event" means an event scheduled by a veterinary provider, including, but not limited to, a mobile clinic, a pop-up clinic or a clinic in a fixed location, during which 10 or more sterilizations are provided per day for program participants.

H. "Sterilization" means the spaying or neutering of a companion animal, a stray animal or a feral cat.

I. "Veterinary provider" means a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine under Title 32, section 4861 or an animal welfare organization that has at least one licensed veterinarian on staff and regularly provides companion animal sterilization services to the public.

2. Establishment. The Companion Animal Sterilization Program is established within the department to provide sterilization services in order to reduce:

- A. Stray and unwanted cats and dogs;
- B. Cat and dog euthanasia rates;
- C. Dog bites;
- D. Feral cats;
- E. Threats to public health and safety from rabies and other zoonotic diseases;
- F. Costs associated with community and state animal control; and
- G. Areas lacking access to veterinary care.

3. Eligibility. A person is eligible to have a companion animal, a stray animal or a feral cat sterilized under the program if the person is:

- A. At least 18 years of age and not declared as a dependent by another person for tax purposes;
- B. A resident of the State;
- C. The owner of the companion animal or the keeper of the stray animal or feral cat to be sterilized; and
- D. One of the following:
 - (1) The owner of the companion animal or the keeper of the stray animal to be sterilized and has a household income less than 133% of the federal poverty level, except that, if money is available in the fund, the department may by rule increase the household income limit for the purposes of eligibility up to 150% of the federal poverty level;
 - (2) The owner of the companion animal or the keeper of the stray animal to be sterilized participates in an income-based governmental public assistance program as determined by the department by rule; or
 - (3) The keeper of a feral cat, regardless of income.

A person determined eligible under this subsection may be issued a voucher for sterilization services under this subsection.

4. Copayment. A person who meets the eligibility requirements under subsection 3 and who receives services under the program shall submit to the administrator or the veterinary provider, whichever is applicable,

a copayment determined by the department unless the animal that is spayed or neutered is a feral cat. The department shall determine the copayment on an annual basis. The administrator may waive the copayment if the administrator determines that the copayment creates a financial hardship for the person.

5. Veterinary provider participation and payment. On an annual basis, a veterinary provider that wishes to receive payments for sterilization services under the program shall sign an agreement with the department on a form provided by the department. Under the agreement, the veterinary provider agrees to fees that may be charged for sterilization services, as established by the department, and all other program conditions and elects the manner of payment under the program in accordance with this subsection. The agreement must specify that the program only provides payments for the specific services covered under the program pursuant to subsection 6.

A veterinary provider may elect one of the following ways in which to receive payments under the program.

A. A veterinary provider may elect to receive prepayments for sterilizations in accordance with this paragraph by filing an application with the administrator requesting funding for sterilizations that the provider commits to perform in the 6-month period following the application's approval. The administrator shall provide prepayments to the veterinary provider in a single installment or in multiple installments. If the administrator provides multiple installments, any installment after the first installment must be conditioned upon the veterinary provider's provision of at least 75% of the sterilizations prepaid by the first installment and the availability of funding. A veterinary provider shall collect the copayments established under subsection 4 and provide an accounting to the administrator. The administrator may supply to the veterinary provider vouchers that allow the provider to verify in-clinic eligibility of clients.

B. A veterinary provider may elect to receive reimbursements for individual sterilizations by submitting an invoice to the administrator for the sterilization performed for a person issued a voucher by the administrator. The veterinary provider shall submit the invoice with the associated voucher after performing the sterilization.

6. Voucher reimbursement rate. The department shall establish by rule voucher reimbursement rates under the program in consultation with a statewide association of veterinarians. The reimbursement rates must cover the cost of the presterilization examination, the sterilization and a rabies vaccination. The reimbursement rate may cover additional procedures approved by the department, including feline viral rhinotracheitis, feline calicivirus and feline panleukopenia vaccinations; distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza and

parvovirus vaccinations; and flea and tick treatment and may cover pain management and a device that prevents the cat or dog from reaching the surgical site. The owner of a companion animal or keeper of a stray animal or feral cat is responsible for the payment of any additional procedures administered by the veterinary provider that are not covered by the program.

7. Program administration. The department through a competitive selection process shall contract with a suitable animal welfare organization to administer the program. The administrator must have adequate resources and staff, or plans for adding sufficient staff, to administer the program, as determined by rule by the department. Other than the payment of administrative costs under section 3910-B, subsection 1-A, the administrator may not have any direct or indirect pecuniary interest in or receive or be eligible to receive, directly or indirectly, any benefit that may arise from a contract with the State under this section. In the event that the department is unable to contract with a suitable animal welfare organization, the department is the administrator. The administrator shall:

A. Issue a unique identifying code to a person who is determined to be eligible under subsection 3. The code must indicate the type of animal that is eligible for sterilization under the program;

B. Issue a group of vouchers to a veterinary provider to be used at a spay or neuter event for persons determined eligible in accordance with subsection 3. Vouchers under this paragraph are valid for no more than 120 days from the date of issuance unless extended by the administrator;

C. Maintain a phone line and a voice mail system and ensure that calls and messages are returned within 10 business days;

D. Procure veterinary provider participation agreements under subsection 5 and maintain relationships with veterinary providers;

E. Maintain a list of participating veterinary providers;

F. Except as provided under subsection 5, paragraph A, verify individual owner or keeper eligibility for the program;

G. Establish a process for spay or neuter events that ensures that participating veterinary providers are verifying owner or keeper eligibility for the program;

H. Dispense payment to veterinary providers in a timely manner once an application for payment is approved or an invoice for services is received and verified;

I. Collect and review progress reports from veterinary providers, including, but not limited to, specific vouchers redeemed, fund expenditures,

money remaining in the fund, changes needed for additional funding installments pursuant to subsection 5, paragraph A and accounting for copayments under subsection 4 paid directly to veterinary providers; and

J. Report quarterly to the commissioner on program progress including reconciliation of all funding, vouchers issued and redeemed, participating veterinary providers' progress, number of funding applications, number and type of sterilizations performed, geographic distribution of owners and keepers participating in the program, funds dispersed and fund balance.

8. Rules. The department shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 8071, subsection 2, rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Animal Welfare Fund 0946

Initiative: Provides funding for one part-time Senior Planner position and associated costs.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.500	0.500
Personal Services	\$24,109	\$25,435
All Other	\$5,230	\$5,230
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$29,339	\$30,665

DACF Administration 0401

Initiative: Provides funding for the technology management costs associated with a position.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$585	\$586
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$585	\$586

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$29,924	\$31,251

DEPARTMENT TOTAL -	\$29,924	\$31,251
ALL FUNDS		

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 485
S.P. 642 - L.D. 1625

**An Act to Update Criminal
Indictment Procedures and
Expand the Provision of
Counsel to Certain Indigent
Defendants**

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §810, as amended by P&SL 1975, c. 147, Pt. C, §14, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§810. Copy of indictment furnished; assignment of counsel

1. Copy of indictment furnished. The clerk shall, without charge, furnish to any person indicted for a crime a copy of the indictment unless the indictment is sealed.

2. Assignment of counsel before arraignment. Before arraignment, competent defense counsel must be assigned by the court unless waived by the accused after being fully advised of the accused's rights by the court if the court determines that the accused is indigent and the accused is charged with murder or a Class A, B or C crime, except when the accused has not had an initial appearance on the complaint.

3. Assignment of counsel at arraignment. Competent defense counsel must be assigned by the court unless waived by the accused after being fully advised of the accused's rights by the court if the court determines that the accused is indigent and that:

- A. There is a risk upon conviction that the accused may be sentenced to a term of imprisonment;
- B. The accused has a physical, mental or emotional disability preventing the accused from fairly participating in the criminal proceeding without counsel; or
- C. The accused is a noncitizen for whom the criminal proceeding poses a risk of adverse immigration consequences.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 486
S.P. 817 - L.D. 1988

**An Act to Provide Critical
Matching Funds for Child
Care Services on the Northern
Maine Community College
Campus**

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.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE

Maine Community College System - Board of Trustees 0556

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to match funds provided for child care services on the Northern Maine Community College campus.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$1,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,000,000

See title page for effective date.

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED AT
THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
2023

CHAPTER 2
S.P. 41 - L.D. 49

**An Act to Authorize the
Deorganization of Drew
Plantation**

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 authorization of the deorganization of Drew Plantation is necessary to meet the July 1, 2023 deorganization effective date; 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. Deorganization of Drew Plantation. Notwithstanding any contrary requirement of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, chapter 302, if in accordance with Title 30-A, section 7207 a majority of the voters in Drew Plantation approve the deorganization procedure developed in accordance with Title 30-A, section 7205, the question of Drew Plantation's deorganization is approved by the registered voters of Drew Plantation pursuant to section 8 of this Part and education services in Drew Plantation transition from services provided through a municipal school unit education agreement to services provided through the unorganized territory education service, Drew Plantation in Penobscot County is deorganized, except that the corporate existence, powers, duties and liabilities of the plantation survive for the purposes of prosecuting and defending all pending suits to which the plantation is, or may be, a party and all needful process arising out of any suits, including provisions for the payment of all or any judgments or debts that may be rendered against the plantation or exist in favor of any creditor.

Sec. A-2. Financial obligations and other liabilities. Any financial obligations or other liabilities that were incurred by Drew Plantation as a municipality or that were incurred by Drew Plantation as a part of a municipal school unit are hereby excepted and reserved in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title

30-A, section 7303 and remain liabilities for the inhabitants of lawful age residing in the territory included in the deorganized Drew Township for the duration of the liabilities. The State Tax Assessor shall assess taxes against the property owners in the deorganized Drew Township to provide funds to satisfy any municipal or education obligations or other liabilities. These financial obligations or other liabilities are not the responsibility of either the Department of Education or the taxpayers in the Unorganized Territory Tax District created in Title 36, section 1601.

Sec. A-3. Deorganization procedure. The deorganization of Drew Plantation must be conducted in accordance with the approved deorganization procedure for the plantation dated May 24, 2022 that was developed in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 7205 and approved by a majority of the plantation's voters as required in Title 30-A, section 7207, subsection 2.

Sec. A-4. Unexpended school funds. The treasurer of Drew Plantation or any other person who has custody of the funds of the plantation shall pay the Treasurer of State all unexpended school funds that, together with the credits due the plantation for school purposes, are to be used by the State Tax Assessor to settle any school obligations incurred by the plantation before deorganization. The State Tax Assessor shall approve any written requests or invoices for payments and submit the approved documents to the fiscal administrator of the unorganized territory within the Office of the State Auditor to process through the Office of the State Controller. Any unexpended school funds remaining with the Treasurer of State after all the obligations have been met must be deposited to the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1605.

Sec. A-5. Unexpended municipal funds and property. The treasurer of Drew Plantation or any other person who has custody of the funds of the plantation shall pay the Treasurer of State all unexpended funds of the plantation that, together with the credits due the plantation for its purposes, are to be used by the State Tax Assessor to settle any obligations of the plantation incurred by the plantation before deorganization. The State Tax Assessor shall approve any written requests or invoices for payments and shall submit the approved documents to the fiscal administrator of the unorganized territory within the Office of the State Auditor to process through the Office of the State Controller.

Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 7304, at the end of the 5-year period during which the powers, duties and obligations relating to the affairs of the plantation are vested in the State Tax Assessor or when in the judgment of the State Tax Assessor final payment of all known obligations against the plantation has been made, any funds that have not been expended must be deposited with the county commissioners of Penobscot County as undedicated revenue for the unorganized territory fund of Penobscot County.

Any property of the plantation that has not been sold must be held by the State in trust for the unorganized territory or transferred to Penobscot County to be held in trust for the unorganized territory. Income from the use or sale of that property held by the State must be credited to or deposited in the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund under Title 36, section 1605. Income from the use or sale of that property held by Penobscot County must be credited to the unorganized territory fund of the county pursuant to Title 36, section 1604, subsection 4.

Sec. A-6. Provision of education services. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, education in the unorganized territory of Drew Township must be provided under the direction of the Commissioner of Education as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 119 and must meet the general standards for elementary and secondary education and special education established pursuant to Title 20-A. The provisions of subsections 1 to 4 must be implemented at the time of deorganization.

1. Students in prekindergarten and kindergarten to grade 5 whose parents or legal guardians are legal residents of the unorganized territory of Drew Township must be provided education services at school facilities located in Kingman Township. Transportation services to and from the designated schools must be provided under the direction of the Department of Education's division of state schools, education in the unorganized territory.

2. Students in grade 6 to grade 12 whose parents or legal guardians are legal residents of the unorganized territory of Drew Township must be provided education services at Mt. Jefferson Junior High School for students in grades 6 to 8 and at Lee Academy for students in grades 9 to 12. Transportation services to and from the designated schools must be provided under the direction of the Department of Education's division of state schools, education in the unorganized territory.

3. Tuition to approved secondary schools other than those identified in subsection 2 may be provided on behalf of resident students with the prior approval of the director of state schools within the Department of Education. Tuition may not exceed statutory limits set out in Title 20-A, section 3304, and transportation is the

responsibility of the parents or legal guardians. The receiving school must be approved by the Commissioner of Education for the purpose of tuition.

4. Special education services must be provided to eligible resident students as required by federal and state laws, rules and regulations. Special education services are administered by the director of special education for the Department of Education's division of state schools, education in the unorganized territory.

The provision of education services is subject to future modification in response to changes in education conditions.

Sec. A-7. Assessment of taxes. The State Tax Assessor shall assess the real and personal property taxes in Drew Plantation as of April 1, 2023 as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1602.

Sec. A-8. Referendum; certificate to Secretary of State. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 7209, this Part takes effect immediately after its approval only for the purpose of permitting its submission by the plantation officers of Drew Plantation to the legal voters of the plantation by ballot at the special election held immediately after approval. This election must be called, advertised and conducted according to Title 30-A, sections 2528 and 2532. The plantation clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which the clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Part to the following question:

"Shall Drew Plantation be deorganized?"

The voters shall indicate their opinion on this question by a cross or check mark placed against the word "Yes" or "No." Before becoming effective, this Part must be approved by at least 2/3 of the legal voters casting ballots at the special election, and the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Part at the election must equal or exceed 50% of the total number of votes cast in the plantation for Governor at the last gubernatorial election.

The plantation officers of Drew Plantation shall declare the result of the vote. The plantation clerk shall file a certificate of the election result with the Secretary of State within 10 days after the date of the election.

Sec. A-9. Effective date. Sections 1 to 7 of this Part take effect July 1, 2023 if the legal voters of Drew Plantation approve the referendum under section 8 of this Part.

PART B

Sec. B-1. Register and transmit copy of approved deorganization procedure. Before the effective date of the deorganization of Drew Plantation pursuant to Part A, the fiscal administrator of the unorganized territory within the Office of the State Auditor shall transmit a copy of the approved deorganization

procedure for the plantation dated May 24, 2022 that was developed in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 7205 and approved by a majority of the plantation's voters as required under section 7207, subsection 2 to the Penobscot County Administrator and register the approved deorganization procedure with the Penobscot County Registry of Deeds.

Sec. B-2. Effective date. This Part takes effect upon approval of the referendum under Part A, section 8.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved, except as otherwise indicated.

Effective pending referendum.

CHAPTER 3

H.P. 417 - L.D. 640

An Act to Update 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 is 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 purposes of the authority ~~shall be~~ are to ~~plan, acquire facilities for, construct,~~ 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 ~~waste waters~~ wastewaters discharged by the sewage systems of the City of Lewiston and the Auburn Sewerage District. The authority ~~shall have~~ 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, §10 is amended to read:

Sec. 10. Apportionment of capital costs. ~~The board of the authority shall determine the proportionate shares of the initial construction and organizational costs, for which borrowings are authorized under section 8, to be borne by the City of Lewiston and by the Auburn Sewerage District. Such determination shall be based on the estimates of reputable engineers as to the annual volume of sewage and other waterborne wastes which will be piped to the authority's sewage treatment facilities for processing from the respective sewage systems of the City of Lewiston and the Auburn Sewerage~~

~~District. Such determination shall also take into account estimates of the types of sewage which each sewage system will produce, the relative expense of treating the same, and such other factors as the board may deem necessary or appropriate. As soon as the board has reached its determination, notice thereof and of the basis upon which said determination was reached shall be given to each party. Within 14 days after the receipt of such notice, either party may appeal the determination of the board to the Androscoggin County Superior Court in the manner provided by Rule 80B of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure and any amendments thereto. The court, acting without a jury, may affirm, modify or reverse the determination of the board, or make such other order as may be appropriate under the circumstances, but in its deliberations the court shall give substantial weight to the findings and determination of the board. The court's decision may be appealed as in other civil actions.~~

With respect to the costs of the planning and construction of improvements and additions to the sewage treatment plant and related facilities ~~occurring subsequent to the completion of the initial sewage treatment facilities,~~ the board of the authority shall issue a ~~new~~ determination as to the proportionate shares of the cost to be borne by the City of Lewiston and by the Auburn Sewerage District, based upon the estimated benefit ~~which that~~ each will receive from the use of said proposed new facility. Such determination ~~shall~~ must include consideration of such reliable estimates as to the annual volume of sewage and other waterborne wastes produced by the respective sewage systems and of the types of sewage which each system is expected to produce and the relative expense of treating the same as may be available to the board and such other factors as the board ~~may deem~~ considers necessary or appropriate. ~~Notice of such determination shall be given to the respective parties and appeal therefrom may be had in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as is provided herein with respect to determination of the proportionate shares of initial construction costs.~~

When a determination of the respective proportionate shares of the City of Lewiston and the Auburn Sewerage District has been finally made for a particular project, such proportionate shares ~~shall~~ may not be changed until all debts incurred to finance the particular project in respect of which such determination was made have been paid and discharged in full.

Sec. 3. P&SL 1967, c. 92, §11, as amended by P&SL 1969, c. 113, §3, is further amended to read:

Sec. 11. Estimating annual expenses of the authority. The authority shall annually prepare an itemized budget for its coming fiscal year itemizing expenses of operation, maintenance and repair, costs of contemplated capital construction and payments of principal and interest on fixed indebtedness and other borrowings. Such budget ~~shall~~ must include such other

details as to present assets, surplus, expenses, and liabilities as the board shall determine determines to be advisable and as the City of Lewiston and the Auburn Sewerage District may reasonably require. The board shall determine the proportionate share of the estimated expense of operation, maintenance, and repair for its coming fiscal year to be allocated to the City of Lewiston and the Auburn Sewerage District on the basis of the average inflow of sewage and other waterborne wastes metered at the sewage treatment facilities from the respective sewer systems over the previous year, together with such information as may be available to the board regarding the types of sewage being produced by each sewage system and the relative expense of treating the same. The board may also consider, in establishing such proportionate shares, any prospective increases or reductions in the volume or type of sewage produced by the respective sewage systems which are, in its judgment, reasonably certain to occur during the period to be covered by the assessments. In the first year of the sewage treatment plant's operation, however, the proportionate shares of operation, maintenance and other expense may be determined on the same basis as the proportionate share of initial construction costs as provided under section 10.

Sec. 4. P&SL 1967, c. 92, §12 is amended to read:

Sec. 12. Annual assessment Assessment of costs expenses. The board of the authority shall submit annually to the City of Lewiston and to the Auburn Sewerage District an assessment of determine the proportionate share of each, of the costs and expenses of the authority for its next fiscal year expense of operation, maintenance and repair to be allocated to the City of Lewiston and the Auburn Sewerage District on the basis of the average inflow of sewage and other waterborne wastes metered at the sewage treatment facilities of the respective sewer systems and shall submit an assessment to the City of Lewiston and to the Auburn Sewerage District for each entity's proportionate share of the expenses. Such assessments shall be submitted to each party by the authority in time for inclusion in their respective budgets for their ensuing fiscal years. The assessments shall be itemized in at least the following 3 categories:

1. Proportionate share of payments of principal and interest which will become due on indebtedness incurred to finance initial capital construction and related costs.

2. Proportionate share of payments of principal and interest which will become due on indebtedness incurred to finance construction of improvements and additions to the plant and facilities of the authority subsequent to completion of the sewage treatment plant.

3. Proportionate shares of estimated expenses of operation, maintenance and repair for the ensuing fiscal year.

The City of Lewiston and the Auburn Sewerage District shall include the amount of their respective assessments in their budgets for their ensuing fiscal year and shall make provision through assessment of taxes or otherwise to obtain sufficient revenues to pay the same. Such assessments shall be due and payable to the authority on the first day of July next following the receipt of the assessments. In the event of default in the payment of any such assessment, the authority shall be entitled to exercise the remedies provided by the Maine Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 30, section 5053, Title 30-A, section 5701 and any amendments thereto, in collecting the same.

Sec. 5. P&SL 1967, c. 92, §14, 2nd ¶, as amended by P&SL 1993, c. 28, §3, is further amended to read:

Reasonable notice of the date of the meeting and of the necessity of electing a new member of the board of the authority, who may be an incumbent, must be given to the mayor of Lewiston by the secretary or clerk of the authority.

Sec. 6. P&SL 1967, c. 92, §14, 3rd ¶, as amended by P&SL 1993, c. 28, §3, is further amended to read:

At the initial meeting for organization of the authority, or as soon after the initial meeting as practicable, the 6 members of the board shall elect a 7th member who must be a resident of Auburn or Lewiston but may not hold any public municipal office or be a member of any municipal board or committee. If the 6 members are unable to agree upon the naming of a 7th member of the board, any Justice of the Superior Court or Supreme Judicial Court shall, on petition of any 4 of the members, select the 7th member of the board. The 7th member of the board serves for a 3-year term and until the member's successor is appointed, and may be elected to serve an additional 3-year term terms of office. When a vacancy occurs in the position of the 7th member of the board, a replacement must be elected by the remaining members of the board to serve for the remainder of the term in the same manner as initial elections are held. The members of the board serve without compensation, but are reimbursed for their actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, on approval of the board.

Sec. 7. P&SL 1967, c. 92, §15, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 1993, c. 28, §4, is amended to read:

Sec. 15. Election of officers. The board shall appoint and determine the compensation of a superintendent general manager, who is the administrative officer. The board has the power to remove the superintendent general manager at the board's pleasure. The superintendent general manager must be an individual meeting the requirements for the operator in charge of a wastewater treatment plant under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, chapter 62, except that an uncertified

person or unregistered professional engineer who is nevertheless eligible for certification or registration as a professional engineer may be appointed as acting ~~superintendent~~ general manager and serve for a period of up to one year. In the board's discretion, the board may reappoint the acting ~~superintendent~~ general manager for additional one-year terms.

The board may appoint, and may at the board's pleasure remove, a treasurer and clerk who are not members of the board, and both ~~officers~~ offices, if the board determines it advisable, may be held by the same person. The treasurer shall furnish the board with a bond payable to the authority issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in the State and satisfactory to the board as surety, in such sum as the board may prescribe and conditioned on the faithful performance of the treasurer's duties. The duties of the treasurer and clerk are those usually appertaining to those offices, respectively, and in addition such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the board. The compensation of the treasurer and of the clerk is determined by the board. The ~~superintendent~~ general manager, with the approval of the board, shall from time to time appoint or employ such engineers and such experts, agents, officers, clerks and other employees as the ~~superintendent~~ general manager determines necessary, and shall determine their duties. The salaries or compensation of all persons appointed or employed under this section, together with other expenses, are paid by the authority and are considered a part of the expense of operation of the authority.

Sec. 8. P&SL 1967, c. 92, §16, 3rd ¶, as amended by P&SL 1969, c. 113, §8, is further amended to read:

The authority shall make an annual report of its activities for the preceding year and shall submit a copy thereof to the ~~mayor of the City of Lewiston, and the President of the Auburn Sewerage District trustees and the Maine Water and Air Environmental Improvement Commission.~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 4
H.P. 84 - L.D. 138**

**An Act Regarding the Terms of
Trustees of the Phippsburg
Cemetery District**

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1963, c. 126, §3, first ¶ is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Officers; audit. All of the affairs of said district ~~shall~~ must be managed by a board of trustees

composed of 5 members. ~~As soon as may be after the acceptance of this act as hereinafter provided, the selectmen of the Town of Phippsburg shall appoint 5 trustees of said district to hold office as follows: One until the first annual meeting of the Town of Phippsburg after said appointment, one until the 2nd annual meeting of the Town of Phippsburg after said appointment, one until the 3rd annual meeting of the Town of Phippsburg after said appointment, one until the 4th annual meeting of the Town of Phippsburg after said appointment, and one until the 5th annual meeting of the Town of Phippsburg after said appointment. At each annual town meeting of the Town of Phippsburg, beginning with the first annual meeting after the appointment of trustees by the selectmen, one trustee shall must be elected to serve until the annual meeting occurring 5 years thereafter and until another trustee is elected and qualified in his that trustee's stead except that beginning in 2024 a trustee elected to serve shall serve until the annual meeting occurring 3 years thereafter and until another trustee is elected and qualified in that trustee's stead. Whenever a vacancy shall, for any reason, occur in the board of trustees occurs for any reason, the same shall must be filled for the balance of the unexpired term by a trustee to be appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Phippsburg. A majority of said trustees chosen shall have has full power to act notwithstanding any vacancy in said board of trustees however caused. When a trustee ceases to be a resident of the district, his that trustee's office becomes vacant. The trustees, as soon as convenient after they have been chosen as provided in this act Act, shall meet upon call of one of their number after such reasonable notice as he shall deem the member who called the meeting considers proper. They shall then elect from their membership a president, clerk and treasurer; adopt a corporate seal; and do all other acts, matters and things necessary to perfect their organization. Thus organized, the trustees shall have the right and authority to employ such officers and agents as they may deem consider necessary for the proper conduct and management of the affairs of the district, and may establish or adopt a code of bylaws, not inconsistent with law, and all necessary rules and regulations for the proper conduct of the affairs of said district.~~

Sec. 2. Transition. Notwithstanding Private and Special Law 1963, chapter 126, section 3, those trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District serving 5-year terms on the effective date of this Act shall continue to serve the remainder of their terms.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 5
S.P. 88 - L.D. 184**

**An Act to Provide for the 2023
and 2024 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 2021, chapter 14 make a partial allocation of the state ceiling on private activity bonds to some issuers for calendar year 2023 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 the Treasurer of State. The \$5,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2023 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 2023. Five million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2024 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 the Finance Authority of Maine. The \$100,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2023 previously allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine remains allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 363, subsection 6 for calendar year 2023. An additional \$50,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2023, previously unallocated, is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 6. One hundred

million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2024 is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 6.

Sec. 3. Allocation to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank. The \$10,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2023 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 2023. Ten million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2024 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 the Finance Authority of Maine as successor to the Maine Educational Loan Authority. The \$15,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2023 previously allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine 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, subsection 8 for calendar year 2023. An additional \$15,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2023, previously unallocated, is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 8. Twenty million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2024 is allocated to the Finance Authority of Maine to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 8.

Sec. 5. Allocation to the Maine State Housing Authority. The \$50,000,000 of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2023 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 2023. Fifty million dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2024 is allocated to the Maine State Housing Authority to be used or reallocated in accordance with Title 10, section 363, subsection 4.

Sec. 6. Unallocated state ceiling. Ninety million one hundred fifteen thousand dollars of the state ceiling on private activity bonds for calendar year 2023 is unallocated and must be reserved for future allocation in accordance with applicable laws. One hundred fifty million one hundred fifteen thousand dollars of the state ceiling for calendar year 2024 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 May 30, 2023.

CHAPTER 6

S.P. 396 - L.D. 925

An Act to Allow the Baileyville Utilities District to Disconnect Water Service for a Customer's Failure to Pay for Sewer Service Provided by the Town of Baileyville

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1975, c. 79, §13-A is enacted to read:

Sec. 13-A. Authorized to disconnect water service. The district may disconnect water service to a customer that fails to pay for sewer service provided to that customer by the Town of Baileyville, as long as the disconnection of water service:

1. Is limited to the customer and location to which the unpaid sewer service is provided;
2. Is in accordance with procedures established in applicable law or Public Utilities Commission rules governing disconnection of utility services; and
3. Is in accordance with terms and conditions approved by the Public Utilities Commission that are consistent with the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6111-C.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 7

S.P. 680 - L.D. 1693

An Act to Amend the Kennebunk Sewer District Charter

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 2015, c. 9, §1, first ¶ is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 1. Territorial limits; corporate name; purposes. The inhabitants and territorial limits within that part of the Town of Kennebunk situated between the Atlantic Ocean, to a point where the Little River meets the Atlantic Ocean, 43°20'07.3"N 70°32'21.0"W, along the eastern edge of the Little River to a point where the Little River meets Branch Brook,

43°20'59.8"N 70°32'54.7"W, along the eastern edge of Branch Brook to the western side of the Maine Turnpike where the Maine Turnpike crosses Branch Brook, 43°22'36.4"N 70°34'42.8"W, along the western edge of the Maine Turnpike to a point where the Maine Turnpike crosses the eastern edge of the Mousam River, 43°24'01.0"N 70°33'55.7"W, along the northeastern edge of the Mousam River to a point along the northeastern edge, 43°24'21.1"N 70°36'02.2"W, along a straight line on a northeastern bearing to a point, 43°24'45.0"N 70°35'37.5"W, along the centerline of Alfred Road, along a straight line on an eastern bearing to a point, 43°24'43.7"N 70°35'25.5"W, along a straight line on a northeastern bearing along Coyne-McKay Road to a point, 43°25'18.1"N 70°34'53.4"W, then northwestern along a straight line to a point, 43°25'29.0"N 70°35'15.9"W, then northeastern along a straight line to a point, 43°25'34.9"N 70°35'12.1"W, along the CMP powerline corridor, then in a northeastern bearing along a straight line to a point, 43°25'45.9"N 70°34'39.8"W, where the CMP powerline corridor crosses Ward Brook, then along the western edge of Ward Brook to a point where Ward Brook intersects the eastern side of the Maine Turnpike, 43°25'07.8"N 70°33'16.7"W, then along the eastern side of the Maine Turnpike to a point where the eastern side of the Maine Turnpike crosses the western side of the Kennebunk River, 43°25'47.0"N 70°32'50.6"W, then along the western edge of the Kennebunk River to a point where the Kennebunk River meets the Atlantic Ocean, 43°20'46.5"N 70°28'35.7"W, are made and declared to be a public sewerage district and a quasi-municipal corporation under the name "Kennebunk Sewer District," referred to in this Act as "the district," and is a system of public sewerage constructed, maintained and operated for the public health and welfare and for the benefits of the inhabitants and property in the district served by the sewerage facilities, in the manner and with the rights, duties and immunities as described in this Act and all applicable statutes.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 8

S.P. 793 - L.D. 1950

An Act to Raise the Debt Limit of the Stonington Water Company

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 in order to allow for the timely financing of Stonington Water Company 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. P&SL 1907, c. 240, §11, first ¶, as amended by P&SL 1989, c. 101, is further amended to read:

Sec. 11. Borrow money and issue negotiable notes. For accomplishing the purposes of this Act, and for other expenses as may be necessary for the carrying out of the purposes, the company, through its trustees, is authorized to borrow money temporarily and to issue its negotiable notes; and for the purpose of renewing and refunding the indebtedness so created, of paying any necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under this Act, and in acquiring properties, paying damages, laying pipes, mains, aqueducts and conduits, constructing, maintaining and operating a water plant or system and making renewals, additions, extensions and improvements to the same, and to cover interest payments during the period of construction, the company, through its trustees, is also authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the company in one series, or in separate series, in any amount or amounts, bearing interest at a rate or rates, and having terms and provisions as the trustees shall determine; ~~provided, however, that, as long as~~ the total indebtedness of the company does not exceed the sum of ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$10,000,000 at any time outstanding; but bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the company ~~which that~~ have matured or otherwise become payable and for the payment of which adequate funds have been provided by depositing those funds with a paying or disbursing agent named in the bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in trust for that purpose are not considered to be outstanding.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 13, 2023.

**CHAPTER 9
S.P. 736 - L.D. 1821**

**An Act to Validate Certain
Proceedings Authorizing the
Issuance of Bonds and Notes by
the City of Bath**

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 Bath 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 8, 2022, the voters of the city voted to adopt a bond ordinance that authorized the city to issue up to \$13,050,000 of its general obligation bonds and notes to finance the construction and equipping of a new fire station, as described in the notices, warrants and ballots for the referendum; and

Whereas, the voters of the city voted in favor of the bond question, 2,731 in favor and 1,264 against, with 285 blank ballots; and

Whereas, Section 1009 of the city charter requires that the complete text of the bond ordinance be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city not less than 10 days nor more than 15 days prior to the election; and

Whereas, while the complete text of the bond ordinance was not published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city between 10 and 15 days prior to the election, the city held at least 5 workshops or public meetings on the bond prior to the election, the local newspaper printed an article about the proposed bond on October 9, 2022 and sample ballots were posted throughout the city; and

Whereas, the failure to publish the text of the bond ordinance as strictly required by the city creates a legal technicality that could affect the marketability of the bonds or notes to be issued by the city in connection with the project; and

Whereas, the city council will review the posting and notice requirements regarding permanent financing, initiatives and referenda in the city charter and present amendments for a referendum to address inconsistencies and improve the posting and notice process by November 7, 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. Validation and authorization. Notwithstanding any provision of the Maine Revised Statutes or the charter of the City of Bath to the contrary, the City of Bath referendum conducted on November 8, 2022 and the proceedings related to that referendum are validated and made effective. The City of Bath is authorized to enter into contracts and to issue bonds or notes of the city in an amount not to exceed \$13,050,000 to finance the construction and equipping of a new fire station, all as set forth in the bond ordinance the voters

of the City of Bath voted to adopt on November 8, 2022 of the warrant and ballot for the referendum.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 15, 2023.

CHAPTER 10

H.P. 573 - L.D. 917

An Act to Validate Certain Proceedings Authorizing the Issuance of Bonds and Notes by the City of Rockland

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 Rockland 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 8, 2022, the voters of the city ratified and approved 3 bond ordinances that authorized the city to issue its general obligation bonds and notes for the following purposes and in the following amounts: an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 to finance roads and sidewalk improvements, \$2,400,000 to finance the permanent closure of the city landfill and \$15,000,000 to finance storm water projects, plus, in each instance, an amount not to exceed 2% to pay costs of issuance, all as described in the notices, warrants and ballots for the referendum; and

Whereas, the voters of the city voted in favor of the 3 bond ordinance questions as follows: Question 1, roads and sidewalk improvements, 2,360 in favor and 736 against, with 171 blank ballots; Question 2, landfill closure, 1,866 in favor and 1,158 against, with 243 blank ballots; and Question 3, storm water projects, 2,275 in favor and 796 against, with 196 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 including the following:

1. The total amount of bonds of the municipality outstanding and unpaid, the total amount of bonds of the municipality authorized and unissued and the total amount of bonds of the municipality contemplated to be issued if the submitted questions are ratified;

2. The estimated cost of interest on the bond amount to be issued and the total cost of principal and interest to be paid at maturity; and

3. A declaration that the validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the foregoing estimate; and

Whereas, due to an inadvertent oversight, the 3 bond ordinance questions were submitted to the voters without the signed statement required by Title 30-A, section 5772, subsection 2-A; and

Whereas, the failure to include such a signed statement as strictly required by Title 30-A, section 5772, subsection 2-A 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 Rockland to the contrary, the City of Rockland referendum conducted on November 8, 2022 with respect to the 3 bond ordinance questions and the proceedings related to that referendum are validated and made effective. The City of Rockland is authorized to enter into contracts and to issue bonds or notes of the city in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 to finance roads and sidewalk improvements, all as set forth in "Bond Question #1 Roads & Sidewalks" of the warrant and ballot for the referendum; \$2,400,000 to finance the permanent closure of the city landfill, all as set forth in "Bond Question #2 Landfill Closure" of the warrant and ballot for the referendum; and \$15,000,000 to finance storm water projects, all as set forth in "Bond Question #3 Storm Water Projects" of the warrant and ballot for the referendum, plus, in each instance, up to 2% for costs of issuance.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 16, 2023.

CHAPTER 11
H.P. 1241 - L.D. 1933

An Act to Increase the Debt
Limit of the Limerick Water
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, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to allow the Limerick Water District to make timely investments to provide water treatment; 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 1957, c. 219, §10, as amended by P&SL 1997, c. 75, §§1 and 2, is further amended to read:

Sec. 10. Authorized to borrow money, to issue bonds and notes. For accomplishing the purposes of this act, and for such other expenses as may be necessary for the carrying out of said purposes, the district, through its trustees, without district vote, is authorized to borrow money temporarily and to issue therefor its negotiable notes, and for the purpose of renewing and refunding the indebtedness so created, of paying any necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under the provisions of this act, including organizational and other necessary expenses and liabilities whether incurred by the district or the Town of Limerick, the district being authorized to reimburse the Town of Limerick for any such expenses incurred by it, and in acquiring properties, paying damages, laying pipes, mains, aqueducts and conduits, constructing, maintaining and operating a water plant or system and making renewals, additions, extensions and improvements to the same, and to cover interest payments during the period of construction, the district, through its trustees, without district vote, is also authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the district in one series, or in separate series, in such amount or amounts, bearing interest at such rate or rates, and having such terms and provisions as the trustees ~~shall~~ may determine; ~~provided~~ except that the total indebtedness of the district at any one time outstanding may not exceed the sum of ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$2,000,000. Said bonds, notes and evidences of indebtedness may be issued to mature serially or made to run for such periods as the trustees may determine, but none of them ~~shall~~ may run for a longer period than 40 years from the

date of original issue thereof. Bonds, notes or evidences of indebtedness may be issued with or without provision for calling the same prior to maturity, and if callable may be made callable at par or at such premium as the trustees may determine. All bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness ~~shall~~ must have inscribed upon their face the words "Limerick Water District"; ~~shall~~ and must be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the ~~chairman~~ chair of the board of trustees of the district, and if coupon bonds are issued, the interest coupons attached thereto ~~shall~~ must bear the facsimile signature of the treasurer. All such bonds, notes and evidences of indebtedness so issued by the district ~~shall~~ be ~~are~~ legal obligations of the district, which is hereby declared to be a quasi-municipal corporation within the meaning of the Revised Statutes of 1954, chapter 53, section 137, and chapter 90-A, section 23, as enacted by the public laws of 1957, chapter 405, section 1, and all the provisions of said sections ~~shall~~ be ~~are~~ applicable thereto. The said district may refund and reissue, from time to time, in one or in separate series, its bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness, and each authorized issue ~~shall~~ constitute constitutes a separate loan. All bonds, notes and evidences of indebtedness issued by said district ~~shall~~ be ~~are~~ legal investments for savings banks in the State of Maine and ~~shall~~ be ~~are~~ tax exempt.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the district, through its trustees, may issue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in amounts exceeding ~~\$1,000,000~~ \$2,000,000 at any one time if a greater debt limit is established by referendum in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6413. The district may not have outstanding at any one time bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness in amounts exceeding any debt limit established by referendum in accordance with Title 35-A, section 6413.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 16, 2023.

CHAPTER 12
H.P. 1149 - L.D. 1786

An Act to Repeal and Replace
the Charter of the Boothbay-
Boothbay Harbor Community
School District

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1953, c. 156, as amended by P&SL 2019, c. 11, §§1 to 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 1. Organization and continued existence. The Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor Community School District, referred to in this Act as "the community school district," is a community school district organized pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 105 and this Act to provide public education in grades prekindergarten or kindergarten to grade 12 for the Town of Boothbay and the Town of Boothbay Harbor. The community school district is governed by Title 20-A, chapter 105 except as provided by this Act.

Sec. 2. Governance transition. The district school committee members and the trustees of the community school district serving as of the effective date of this Act shall continue in their offices for their respective remaining terms.

Sec. 3. Board of trustees; district school committee. Except as provided by this Act, the board of trustees and district school committee have the duties and authority pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 105. The board of trustees may act as a building and facilities governing committee, including authority in consultation with the district school committee over the budget for maintaining, repairing, replacing and improving the community school district's buildings and other facilities and over the district's capital reserve funds. The community school district may vote in accordance with Title 20-A, section 1651, subsection 4 to have the district school committee perform the duties of the board of trustees.

Sec. 4. Cost sharing; amendment. The community school district shall apportion amounts to each member municipality for the total sum of the annual capital budget, less funds available from other sources to meet the same, and for the total sum of the annual operating budget, less funds available to meet the same, based upon the number of resident pupils in each municipality on the most recent June 1st before the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year of the budget; except that no more than 60% and no less than 40% of such net sum for the annual capital budget may be so apportioned to any town in any year. For the purpose of local cost sharing under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688, subsection 4, the district's cost-sharing formula was established by this Act prior to January 1, 2004, and this formula determines each municipality's local cost of education for purposes of Title 20-A, section 15688. The community school district shall assess and collect school taxes from each member municipality as provided by state law. The community school district shall follow the procedure under state law for amendment of cost-sharing, except that the district school committee shall submit any cost-sharing amendment to voters at a referendum and may determine the amendment to be approved only if each municipality adopts the amendment by a majority of its voters voting and if the total vote cast in each municipality is at least 20% of the number of votes cast in the last gubernatorial election.

Sec. 5. Borrowing authority; voter authorization. Except as provided by this Act, the board of trustees has the authority to borrow pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 1651, subsection 2, paragraph E. Capital project bonds or notes of the community school district that are general obligations must be approved by the district voters. The board of trustees shall issue a warrant to initiate a district referendum on a general obligation bond issue of \$250,000 or more and a warrant to initiate either a district meeting or district referendum on a general obligation bond issue in an amount of less than \$250,000.

Sec. 6. Budget validation referendum. The format and procedure for the school operating budget to be presented to the voters of the community school district must be the cost center summary budget format and the budget validation referendum procedure of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 105, subchapter 3.

Sec. 7. District meeting procedures. The community school district shall conduct budget meetings and special budget meetings in the manner provided under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 105, subchapter 3. The community school district may conduct other meetings of its voters in the manner provided for budget meetings under state law.

Sec. 8. District referendum procedures. The community school district shall conduct referenda for purposes described in this Act or state law in the manner provided for regional school units under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 103-A.

Sec. 9. Controlling law. If any provision of this Act conflicts with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 105, the provisions of this Act control.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 13
H.P. 47 - L.D. 72

An Act to Make Allocations
from Maine Turnpike
Authority Funds for the Maine
Turnpike Authority for the
Calendar Year Ending
December 31, 2024

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, 2024 must be segregated, apportioned and disbursed as designated in the following schedule.

MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

2024

Administration

	Personal Services	\$1,614,045
	All Other	1,749,037
	TOTAL	<u>\$3,363,082</u>
Accounts and Controls		
	Personal Services	\$3,978,842
	All Other	1,659,466
	TOTAL	<u>\$5,638,308</u>
Highway Maintenance		
	Personal Services	\$5,818,923
	All Other	4,116,729
	TOTAL	<u>\$9,935,652</u>
Equipment Maintenance		
	Personal Services	\$1,444,615
	All Other	2,903,379
	TOTAL	<u>\$4,347,994</u>
Fare Collection		
	Personal Services	\$11,489,004
	All Other	3,512,534
	TOTAL	<u>\$15,001,538</u>
Public Safety and Special Services		
	Personal Services	\$673,858
	All Other	7,827,016
	TOTAL	<u>\$8,500,874</u>
Building Maintenance		
	Personal Services	\$826,149
	All Other	740,393
	TOTAL	<u>\$1,566,542</u>
Subtotal of Line Items Budgeted		\$48,353,990
General Contingency - 10% of line items budgeted for 2024 (10% allowed)	\$4,835,399	
MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY		
TOTAL REVENUE FUNDS		<u>\$53,189,389</u>

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 the 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 2024 that are necessary for capital expenditures and reserves and to meet the requirements of any resolution authorizing bonds of the Maine Turnpike Authority during 2024, 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

Debt Service Fund	\$41,338,528
Reserve Maintenance Fund	40,000,000
General Reserve Fund, to be applied as follows:	
Capital Improvements	42,814,087
Debt Service Fund under the General 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	2,444,050

TOTAL \$126,596,665

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 14

S.P. 661 - L.D. 1656

An Act to Allow Student Representation Within the Governance of the University of Maine System

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, first ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 779, §89, is further amended to read:

Sec. 4. Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System ~~shall consist~~ consists of ~~16~~ 17 members.

Sec. 2. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 735, §73, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Student members. By July 1, 2024, 2 of the members appointed by the Governor and subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and confirmation by the Legislature must be full-time matriculated students in good standing of the University of Maine System. One student member must be an undergraduate student and one student member must be a graduate student or a student at the University of Maine School of Law.

The Governor shall appoint the undergraduate student member based on the joint recommendation of the undergraduate student government associations representing each of the student bodies at the University of Maine, the University of Maine at Augusta, the University of Maine at Farmington, the University of Maine at Fort Kent, the University of Maine at Machias, the University of Maine at Presque Isle and the University of Southern Maine. The Governor shall appoint the graduate student member based on the joint recommendation of the graduate student government associations representing each of the graduate student bodies at the University of Maine, the University of Southern Maine and the University of Maine School of Law. The 2 student members may not be from the same institution and for each student seat, except for the initial appointments, the student member must be enrolled at a different institution than the student's immediate predecessor. If the student government associations do not make a unanimous joint recommendation, the Governor shall appoint the student members from the student bodies at

the Governor's discretion and rotate the appointment between the institutions.

A student member is a full voting member of the board of trustees and serves a 2-year term until a successor is appointed, except in the event of a student member no longer being a student at the University of Maine System, at which point the seat is vacated until a successor is appointed.

The board of trustees shall adopt a policy to carry out this subsection. The board of trustees must incorporate input from the student members into the policy and provide the policy to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters by November 6, 2024.

Sec. 3. Application. That section of this Act that repeals and replaces Private and Special Law 1865, chapter 532, section 4, subsection 3 does not apply to any student member serving on the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System at the time of the effective date of this Act.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 15

S.P. 679 - L.D. 1692

An Act to Create the Guilford-Sangerville Utilities 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 residents of the Town of Guilford and the Town of Sangerville are in immediate need of forming a joint utility for the purposes of cost savings and rate stabilization; 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. Territorial limits; corporate name; purposes. The inhabitants and territory within the Town of Guilford and the Town of Sangerville, in the County of Piscataquis, constitute a public municipal corporation under the name of "Guilford-Sangerville Utilities District," referred to in this Act as "the district," for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the district with pure water for domestic, sanitary, manufacturing and municipal purposes and to construct, maintain, operate and provide the sewers with all their appurtenances.

Sec. 2. Source of supply. The district, for the purposes of its incorporation, is authorized to take, collect, store, hold, divert, use, flow, detain and distribute water from any lake, pond, stream or river and from any surface or underground brook, spring or vein of water in the Town of Guilford and the Town of Sangerville and from any other source from which the Guilford-Sangerville Water District is now authorized to take water, including sources outside the Town of Guilford and the Town of Sangerville.

Sec. 3. Powers; authority; duties. The district has all the powers and authority and is subject to all the requirements and restrictions provided to a water district in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 64 and a sewer district in Title 38, chapter 10. The district may also supply existing customers of the Guilford-Sangerville Water District in the Town of Parkman and the Town of Abbot, in the County of Piscataquis, with pure water for domestic, sanitary, manufacturing and municipal purposes.

Sec. 4. Number of trustees. The board of trustees of the district is composed of 5 trustees. Three trustees must be appointed from the Town of Guilford and 2 trustees must be appointed from the Town of Sangerville. A trustee must live within the municipality the trustee is appointed to represent.

Sec. 5. First board. The first board of trustees of the district is appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Guilford and the municipal officers of the Town of Sangerville. The terms of the first board are governed by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 6410 and Title 38, section 1036.

Sec. 6. Terms of trustees. After the appointment of the first board of trustees of the district, trustees are appointed to 3-year terms.

Sec. 7. Acquisition of property; assumption of debts. The district, through its trustees, shall acquire by purchase in accordance with this section all of the plants, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges of the Guilford-Sangerville Water District and the Guilford-Sangerville Sanitary District, including, without limitation, lands, buildings, waters, water rights, springs, wells, reservoirs, tanks, standpipes, mains, pumps, pipes, machinery, fixtures, hydrants, meters, services, tools, equipment, apparatus and appliances used or useful in supplying water for domestic, commercial, industrial and municipal purposes and shall, by appropriate instruments, assume, in accordance with this section, all of the outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities of the Guilford-Sangerville Water District and the Guilford-Sangerville Sanitary District, including, without limitation, the assumption of any outstanding bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the Guilford-Sangerville Water District and the Guilford-Sangerville Sanitary District that are due on or after the date of transfer.

Sec. 8. Sale of property; assumption of debts. The Guilford-Sangerville Water District and the Guilford-Sangerville Sanitary District shall, in accordance with this section, sell, transfer and convey to the district by appropriate instruments of conveyance all of their plants, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges, including, without limitation, lands, buildings, waters, water rights, springs, wells, reservoirs, tanks, standpipes, mains, pumps, pipes, machinery, fixtures, hydrants, meters, services, tools, equipment, apparatus and appliances used or useful in supplying water for domestic, commercial, industrial and municipal purposes, in consideration of the assumption by the district of all of the outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities of the Guilford-Sangerville Water District and the Guilford-Sangerville Sanitary District including, without limitation, the assumption of any outstanding bonds, notes or evidences of indebtedness of the Guilford-Sangerville Water District and the Guilford-Sangerville Sanitary District that are due on or after the date of the transfer.

Sec. 9. Transfer of contracts, permits and licenses. All contracts between the Guilford-Sangerville Water District and the Guilford-Sangerville Sanitary District and any person, firm or corporation that are in effect on the date of acquisition pursuant to section 7 are assumed and must be carried out by the district. All permits and licenses held by the Guilford-Sangerville Water District and the Guilford-Sangerville Sanitary District that are in effect on the date of acquisition pursuant to section 7 are assumed by the district.

Sec. 10. Approval of Public Utilities Commission. The sale and transfer by the Guilford-Sangerville Water District to the district of its plants, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges and the assumption by the district of the Guilford-Sangerville Water District's outstanding debts, obligations and liabilities and the subsequent use of the plants, properties, assets, franchises, rights and privileges by the district within the limits of the district are subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Commission under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, Part 1.

Sec. 11. Emergency clause; referendum; effective date. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters within the Town of Guilford and the Town of Sangerville at a referendum called for that purpose and held after May 1, 2023, but within 2 years after the effective date of this Act. The 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. The registrars shall make a complete list of all the eligible voters of the proposed district as described in this Act. The list prepared by the registrars governs the eligibility of a voter. 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 is reduced to the following question:

"Do you favor creating the Guilford-Sangerville Utilities District and permitting the Guilford-Sangerville Utilities District to acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of the Guilford-Sangerville Water District and the Guilford-Sangerville Sanitary 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 Guilford and the municipal officers of the Town of Sangerville, 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 of each town 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. If, after May 1, 2023, but prior to approval of this Act, a referendum on the question specified in this section is held in accordance with this section and a majority of the legal voters of each town voting at the referendum casts votes in favor of the question and due certificate of the results are filed with the Secretary of State, this Act takes effect when approved.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective pending referendum.

CHAPTER 16

H.P. 1265 - L.D. 1968

**An Act to Amend the
Membership of the Somerset
Woods Trustees**

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1927, c. 109, §1, as amended by P&SL 2007, c. 14, §1, is further amended to read:

Sec. 1. Corporators; corporate name; powers; purposes. Louise H. Coburn, George Otis Smith, William Philbrick, Francis H. Friend, Gertrude S. Weston and Ernest C. Butler all of Skowhegan in the ~~county~~ County of Somerset and State of Maine and Joseph C. Smith of Waterville in the ~~county~~ County of Kennebec

and State of Maine, their associates, successors and assigns, be and they hereby are constituted a body, politic and corporate, by the name of Somerset Woods Trustees, with power to fill vacancies in their numbers and to increase their number by election of a majority thereof by ballot of other members not to exceed ~~12~~ 15 in all for the purpose of acquiring, holding, managing, arranging, maintaining and ~~where~~ when practicable opening to the public under suitable regulations to be established by the corporation such tract or tracts of land, easements, licenses or other rights in land, as the corporation may be able to acquire, whether alone or in common or jointly with others, or to join by corporate action or donations or both with other organizations with purposes consistent with the purposes of this corporation in cooperative ventures for the acquisition of land, easements, licenses or other rights in land, within the ~~county~~ County of Somerset, with the right and power to hold such personal property as may be necessary or convenient in the managing of the tract or tracts of land acquired and held, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 37, and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations, except that the corporation may not have capital stock nor may the corporation pay any compensation to any of its members in lieu of salary or wages.

See title page for effective date.

**RESOLVES OF THE STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED AT
THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
2023**

**CHAPTER 6
H.P. 241 - L.D. 390**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative
Review of Portions of Chapter
25: Standards for Placing
Wood into Stream Channels to
Enhance Cold Water Fisheries
Habitat, a Major Substantive
Rule of the Department of
Agriculture, Conservation and
Forestry, Bureau of Forestry**

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 25: Standards for Placing Wood into Stream Channels to Enhance Cold Water Fisheries Habitat, 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 specified in the rule is removed so that, pursuant to Title 5, section 8072, subsection 8, the rule takes effect 30 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 10, 2023.

**CHAPTER 7
H.P. 226 - L.D. 375**

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative
Review of Portions of Chapter
570: Uniform Reporting
System for Prescription Drug
Price Data Sets, 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 570: Uniform Reporting System for Prescription Drug Price Data Sets, 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 only if the rule is amended in Section 2(C)(1)(a) to correct a cross-reference.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 21, 2023.

**CHAPTER 8
H.P. 243 - L.D. 392**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Environmental Protection

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of portions of Chapter 305: Natural Resources Protection Act - Permit by Rule, 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.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 9
H.P. 328 - L.D. 523**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 5, Section 63: Home Based Supports and Services for Older and Disabled Adults and Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, Major Substantive Rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability 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, major substantive rules have 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 rules; 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 5, Section 63: Home Based Supports and Services for Older and Disabled Adults and Chapter 11: Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services, provisionally adopted major substantive rules of the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services that have 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 April 24, 2023.

**CHAPTER 10
H.P. 46 - L.D. 71**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 171: Control of Petroleum Storage Facilities, 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 Chapter 171: Control of Petroleum Storage Facilities, 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.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 8, 2023.

**CHAPTER 11
H.P. 10 - L.D. 6**

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. 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.

2. A parcel may not be sold for less than the amount authorized in this resolve. If identical high bids are received, the bid postmarked with the earliest date is considered the highest bid.

If bids in the minimum amount recommended in this resolve are not received after the notice, 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 April 1, 2024.

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 2020 Unorganized Territory valuation book. Parcel descriptions are as follows:

2020 MATURED TAX LIENS

Sinclair Township, Aroostook County

Map AR021, Plan 10, Lot 67 038980277-2
Boucher, Reno and Ann L. 0.27 acre with building

TAX LIABILITY	
2019	\$230.07
2020	\$378.26
2021	\$558.74
2022	\$562.73
2023 (estimated)	\$562.73
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Estimated Total Taxes	\$2,292.53
Interest	\$91.07
Costs	\$57.00
Deed	\$19.00
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Total	\$2,459.60

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$2,459.60. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$2,475.00.

TA R5 WELS, Aroostook County

Map AR022, Plan 01, Lot 15.1 038060057-3
Paasch, Robert and Jacquelin 4.12 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY	
2020	\$1,479.36
2021	\$1,500.80
2022	\$1,511.52
2023 (estimated)	\$1,511.52
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Estimated Total Taxes	\$6,003.20
Interest	\$207.54
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
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Total	\$6,267.74

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$6,267.74. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$6,275.00.

T20 R11 & 12 WELS, Aroostook County

Map AR078, Plan 02, Lots 20.2 and 20.3 038010030-6

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Payuer, Andre and Gaetan 1.23 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY	
2020	\$594.71
2021	\$0.69
2022	\$513.52
2023 (estimated)	\$513.52
Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$1,622.44</u>
Interest	\$77.41
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	<u>\$1,756.85</u>

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$1,756.85. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$1,775.00.

Perkins Township, Franklin County

Map FR026, Plan 02, Lot 8 078180040-4

Woodsum, Deborah M. 0.26 acre with building

TAX LIABILITY	
2020	\$422.86
2021	\$415.95
2022	\$408.04
2023 (estimated)	\$408.04
Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$1,654.89</u>
Interest	\$29.17
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00
Total	<u>\$1,741.06</u>

Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$1,741.06. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$1,750.00.

T1 North Division, Penobscot County

Map PE034, Plan 01, Lot 6.3 198120019-2

Buck, Herbert E., Jr. 52.80 acres with building

TAX LIABILITY	
2020	\$450.81
2021	\$457.40
2022	\$418.86
2023 (estimated)	\$418.86
Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$1,745.93</u>
Interest	\$63.25

Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00

Total	<u>\$1,866.18</u>
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Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$1,866.18. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$1,875.00.

Argyle Township, Penobscot County

Map PE035, Plan 01, Lot 31 198010215-2

Lee, Russell V., Trustee 29.00 acres

TAX LIABILITY	
2020	\$216.38
2021	\$219.55
2022	\$201.05
2023 (estimated)	\$201.05

Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$838.03</u>
Interest	\$30.36
Costs	\$38.00
Deed	\$19.00

Total	<u>\$925.39</u>
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Recommendation: Sell to the immediate former owner or the immediate former owner's heirs or devisees for \$925.39. If payment is not received within 60 days after the effective date of this resolve, sell to the highest bidder for not less than \$950.00.

Kingman Township, Penobscot County

Map PE036, Plan 03, Lot 109.2 198080211-1

Starbird, Charles A. 0.03 acre

TAX LIABILITY	
2019	\$6.77
2020	\$8.53
2021	\$8.66
2022	\$7.93
2023 (estimated)	\$7.93

Estimated Total Taxes	<u>\$39.82</u>
Interest	\$2.21
Costs	\$57.00
Deed	\$19.00

Total	<u>\$118.03</u>
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2. If it is feasible, how useful is the information under subsection 1 to residential and small nonresidential consumers in understanding their electric supply costs and what are the estimated costs to competitive electricity providers and standard-offer service providers for supplying the information;

3. If it is not feasible, what are the barriers to providing the information under subsection 1 to transmission and distribution utilities and what information is available to competitive electricity providers and standard-offer service providers that may be provided to assist consumers in understanding their electric supply costs; and

4. Whether it is feasible for competitive electricity providers and standard-offer service providers to calculate the levelized cost of electricity for each power source used by each provider to serve the provider's load and, if not, what data elements would be needed in order to calculate the levelized costs. For the purposes of this subsection, "levelized cost of electricity" means a measurement of the cost of building and operating a source of electrical generation over an assumed lifetime.

Sec. 2. Electric consumer education. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall consider methods the commission could undertake to better educate electric consumers on their electric energy supply and the reasons for fluctuations in the price for that supply.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, by February 10, 2024, the Public Utilities Commission shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes the information gathered under section 1 and what methods the commission considered under section 2, along with any recommendations. The committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 131st Legislature in 2024.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 13

S.P. 181 - L.D. 400

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Examine Regulatory Requirements for Outdoor Wood Boilers

Sec. 1. Review of laws and rules regarding outdoor wood boilers. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall review the laws governing outdoor wood boilers, including the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 610-B, and rules adopted by the department relating to emission standards, stack height requirements and setback requirements for new installations of outdoor wood boilers. In

the review, the department shall determine if stack height and setback requirements for new installations of outdoor wood boilers should be amended, taking into consideration the emission standards of the most recent models of outdoor wood boilers. By January 5, 2024, the department shall submit a report relating to the review, including findings and recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. The joint standing committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 14

S.P. 419 - L.D. 1050

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Request a Federal Waiver to Allow Presumptive Work Eligibility for Asylum Seekers

Sec. 1. Commissioner of Labor to request federal waiver to allow asylum seekers to work in the State. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Labor shall request a waiver from the United States Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to allow asylum seekers to work in the State. The waiver must request that any asylum seeker in the State who has applied for asylum and who has not been denied asylum is eligible to work in the State:

1. For the 6-month period immediately after the asylum seeker has applied for asylum and is awaiting a decision on a pending asylum application; and

2. For any period of time following the expiration of the asylum seeker's existing asylum work permit while the asylum seeker's application is pending renewal by the Federal Government.

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CHAPTER 15

S.P. 110 - L.D. 244

Resolve, Directing Maine Emergency Medical Services to Convene a Stakeholder Group to Explore Emergency Medical Services Career Pathways and Educational Opportunities in the State

Sec. 1. Emergency medical services stakeholder group established. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety, Maine Emergency Medical

Services shall convene a stakeholder group to explore career pathways and educational opportunities for emergency medical services providers in the State. Maine Emergency Medical Services shall invite the participation of the Maine Community College System, the University of Maine System, other public and private entities that provide emergency medical services education or training programs in the State and individuals with relevant backgrounds and experiences in emergency medical services education and training and in the delivery of emergency medical services. No later than January 15, 2024, Maine Emergency Medical Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety that outlines the activities of the stakeholder group and any recommendations of the group, including any proposed legislation. The joint standing committee may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 16

H.P. 429 - L.D. 660

Resolve, Naming a Pond in the Town of New Gloucester as MacDonald Pond

Sec. 1. MacDonald Pond. Resolved: That the pond located in the Town of New Gloucester and having Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Maine Information Display and Analysis System identification number 5886 is named MacDonald Pond.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 17

H.P. 519 - L.D. 830

Resolve, Directing the Maine Community College System to Study Providing On-campus Housing on All Campuses

Sec. 1. Campus housing study. Resolved: That the Maine Community College System shall study providing on-campus housing for students, focusing in particular on campuses that do not offer housing currently. The system shall consider the cost of constructing housing, available space on campuses, the cost to students, other infrastructure and staff that would be necessary to support housing, alternate housing options and any other issues the system feels are appropriate. The system shall report its findings and any suggested legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on

Education and Cultural Affairs no later than December 6, 2023.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 18

H.P. 860 - L.D. 1346

Resolve, Authorizing the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands Within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Lease Certain Land Within Somerset 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, 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 is authorized, but not directed, to lease certain land within Upper Enchanted Township, Somerset County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may lease to Central Maine Power Company, on such terms and conditions as the director may require, certain property of approximately 0.4 acres on the Coburn Mountain public reserved lands within Upper Enchanted Township, Somerset County originally subject to a lease signed by the bureau in 1999 and on which are located radio telecommunication facilities.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 19

S.P. 103 - L.D. 203

Resolve, to Create a Working Group to Study Motor Vehicle Dealer Display Area and Licensing Requirements

Sec. 1. Dealer display area and licensing working group. Resolved: That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall convene a working group, referred to in this section as "the working group," to study issues related to laws and

rules regulating motor vehicle dealer display areas and licensing requirements.

1. Membership. The working group consists of 6 members, as follows:

- A. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee;
- B. The Deputy Secretary of State for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles;
- C. One member appointed by the Secretary of State from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles who is an expert in motor vehicle dealer license requirements;
- D. One member who is a representative of an association of new motor vehicle dealers;
- E. One member who is a representative of a business in the used motor vehicle industry; and
- F. One member who is a representative of a business that engages in the sale of motor vehicles over the Internet.

2. Compensation. Members of the working group may not be compensated for their work on the working group.

3. Duties. Duties of the working group include:

- A. Reviewing the effectiveness of the current display area and dealer licensing requirements established in law and rule for motor vehicle dealers in providing customers with an opportunity to examine a motor vehicle prior to purchasing it;
- B. Reviewing recommendations from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators regarding the regulation of motor vehicle sales made over the Internet;
- C. Examining relevant standards or systems developed by industry experts to regulate the sale of motor vehicles over the Internet, including, but not limited to, which standards or systems would be most effective for the State to regulate the sale of motor vehicles over the Internet and the impact that adopting such standards or systems could have on motor vehicle dealers licensed in the State; and
- D. Developing recommendations to improve the State's laws regarding the requirements for motor vehicle dealer display areas in order to create a system that is more equitable for all of the different types of motor vehicle dealer businesses across the State.

4. Staff assistance. The Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group, within existing resources.

5. Report. The Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall provide a report

by January 15, 2024 containing the findings and recommendations of the working group to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. The joint standing committee may introduce legislation for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the recommendations in the report.

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CHAPTER 20
H.P. 225 - L.D. 374

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 12: Transportation of Human Remains, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service

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: Transportation of Human Remains, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Maine State Board of Funeral Service 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 June 1, 2023.

**CHAPTER 21
H.P. 242 - L.D. 391**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 2: Hearing Procedures and Portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, Major Substantive Rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices

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, major substantive rules have 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 rules; 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 2: Hearing Procedures and portions of Chapter 3: Maine Clean Election Act and Related Provisions, provisionally adopted major substantive rules of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices that have 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 change in Chapter 3, Section 9, subsection 2 regarding death, withdrawal or disqualification of a candidate during a campaign, which allows for the qualifying period for replacement candidates to begin when the Secretary of State receives a notice of withdrawal or declares a vacancy and for the commission to establish the end of the qualifying period, is removed.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 1, 2023.

**CHAPTER 22
S.P. 459 - L.D. 1125**

Resolve, Directing the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to Study Paying Bonuses to Agents for Selling Certain Winning Lottery Tickets

Sec. 1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations to study paying bonuses for selling certain winning Powerball tickets, Mega Millions tickets and Lotto America tickets. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations shall study paying bonuses to persons licensed to sell lottery tickets for selling winning Powerball tickets, Mega Millions tickets and Lotto America tickets over \$10,000 that are not grand prize winners and develop a system to pay bonuses to persons selling winning Powerball tickets, Mega Millions tickets and Lotto America tickets with prizes over \$10,000 that are not grand prize winners.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 6, 2023, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations shall submit a report based upon the study in section 1, 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 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 23
H.P. 778 - L.D. 1230**

Resolve, Directing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System to Study the Creation of an Interstate Compact Concerning the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset

Sec. 1. Maine Public Employees Retirement System to study interstate compact. Resolved: That the Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall study the creation and adoption of an interstate compact with other states affected by the government pension offset, pursuant to the federal Social Security Amendments of 1977, Public Law 95-216, and the windfall elimination provision, pursuant to the federal Social Security Amendments of 1983, Public Law

98-21. The Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall consult and collaborate with any applicable retirement associations, such as the National Association of State Retirement Administrators, as necessary. The Maine Public Employees Retirement System shall submit a report with its recommendations, including any suggested legislation, no later than December 6, 2023 to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. The committee may report out a bill based upon the report and recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 24

S.P. 537 - L.D. 1318

Resolve, Directing the Maine Technology Institute to Review Targeted Technology Sectors and Industry Clusters

Sec. 1. Maine Technology Institute review.

Resolved: That the Maine Technology Institute, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 33-D, shall review the effectiveness and relevancy of the targeted technology sectors and the industry clusters that have developed within those sectors to determine whether the laws governing the sectors and clusters should be amended. The institute shall solicit public input during the review. By January 15, 2024, the institute shall submit a report on the results of the review, including findings, recommendations and suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 25

H.P. 1064 - L.D. 1652

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Requirements, 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 portions of Chapter 119: Motor Vehicle Fuel Volatility Requirements, 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 5, 2023.

CHAPTER 26

H.P. 308 - L.D. 491

Resolve, to Require the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Plan for Communication Regarding Certain Municipal Regulation

Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a plan for communication regarding municipal regulation. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall develop a plan to inform municipalities about the limits on local regulation of hunting, fishing and trapping and the operation of watercraft, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles. The department shall coordinate with a statewide organization representing municipalities to create a distribution scheme for the information. The department shall submit a report with the plan and distribution scheme, together with any necessary legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 1, 2024. The committee is authorized to report out a bill based on the

report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 27

H.P. 547 - L.D. 881

Resolve, Directing the University of Maine System to Study the Barriers to Use of Cross-laminated Timber

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 viability and stability of local, regional and state economies depend upon our heritage industries, and the regional catastrophic losses in the timber industry, a heritage industry in our State, constitutes an emergency; and

Whereas, a transition to cross-laminated timber and other climate-friendly building materials in our region, country and world is under way, and this transition would be a tremendous economic driver in this State, especially for timber producers, with the resultant boost benefiting the economic, education, health, housing and other goals of the entire State for decades; and

Whereas, in other parts of the country and world, buildings up to 25 stories in height and up to the size of a city block in area have proven that cross-laminated timber is structurally sound and can outperform the fire-resistant qualities of concrete and steel construction; and

Whereas, an increase in demand for cross-laminated timber in this part of the country would help attract manufacturers to this State, revitalizing mill communities and all components of the timber sector in this State; and

Whereas, this State could have the first cross-laminated timber manufacturing plant in New England, and a manufacturing plant based in this State could supply countless building projects in these densely populated regions that otherwise would forgo cross-laminated timber due to transportation costs; and

Whereas, the University of Maine System is a world leader in forestry and advanced building materials, and this resolve directs the University of Maine System to study and make recommendations for more widespread use of cross-laminated timber; 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. University of Maine System study.

Resolved: That the University of Maine System, within existing resources, shall study the barriers to more widespread use of cross-laminated timber and make recommendations for any professional training or other measures that would promote its use in construction. The University of Maine System may apply for and receive funds, grants or contributions from public or private sources to carry out the study as provided in this resolve as long as the person providing the funds, grants or contributions does not have a vested pecuniary interest in the outcome of the study.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:

That, by December 6, 2023, the University of Maine System shall submit a report based on its study in section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business and the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The joint standing committees may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 8, 2023.

CHAPTER 28

H.P. 71 - L.D. 103

Resolve, Directing the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council to Study Incentives for the Provision of Child Care in Maine

Sec. 1. Directive to study incentives for employers. Resolved:

That the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 24051, shall complete the following tasks:

1. Identify and review obstacles to the availability of child care in this State, including, but not limited to, the relevant costs for parents and providers and the difference between the amount of child care that is available in this State and the amount of child care that is needed;

2. Identify and consider mechanisms that could be used to overcome the obstacles identified in subsection 1 and to support the child care providers that currently operate in this State, including, but not limited to, state funding, grant programs, workforce incentives and tax credits; and

3. Conduct a review of other states that have faced child care obstacles similar to those in this State, identify the measures taken by those states to address the obstacles and determine whether similar measures may be effectively implemented in this State.

To the extent any task identified in this section is already being conducted by one or more state entities, the council may, instead of completing the task on its own, identify the entities conducting the task, review the work being conducted by those entities and evaluate whether there is a need for increased resources or coordination related to that task.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 15, 2024, the Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business summarizing its findings and recommendations related to the tasks identified in section 1. The Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 29

H.P. 128 - L.D. 207

**Resolve, Directing the
Commissioner of Public Safety
to Establish a Stakeholder
Group to Examine the
Responsibilities, Fees and
Duties of the Technical
Building Codes and Standards
Board**

Sec. 1. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Public Safety shall convene a stakeholder group to examine the responsibilities, fees and duties of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 5-A.

1. The commissioner shall invite, at a minimum, the participation in the stakeholder group of the following:

A. The Commissioner of Professional and Financial Regulation or the commissioner's designee;

B. The Director of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future or the director's designee;

C. The State Fire Marshal or the marshal's designee;

D. The Executive Director of the Efficiency Maine Trust or the executive director's designee;

E. The director of the Maine State Housing Authority or the director's designee;

F. A representative of a statewide association of real estate developers;

G. A representative of a trade association of engineers;

H. A representative of a trade association of architects;

I. A representative of a trade association of residential building contractors;

J. A representative of a trade association of commercial construction contractors;

K. A representative of a trade association of lumber dealers;

L. A representative of a statewide association of fire chiefs;

M. A representative of a statewide chamber of commerce;

N. A representative of a trade association of building officials and inspectors; and

O. A representative of a statewide association of municipalities.

2. At a minimum, the stakeholder group shall examine the following subjects relating to the responsibilities, fees and duties of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board:

A. The administration of the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board and the budget and fees required to support the board's duties;

B. The timeline for the adoption of building codes and standards;

C. The appropriate legislative committee of jurisdiction for legislation concerning building codes and standards;

D. Cost-benefit analyses associated with the adoption of building codes and standards including consideration of the effect of such adoption on housing costs;

E. The adoption of so-called stretch codes;

F. The responsibilities and feasibility of technical advisory groups; and

G. The training and education of interested parties, including, but not limited to, code enforcement officers, contractors and designers.

The stakeholder group shall identify strategies, make findings and develop recommendations, including any necessary legislation, to address the matters described in this section for inclusion in the report required under section 2.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, on or before February 15, 2024, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety a report describing the strategies, findings and recommendations, including any necessary legislation, of the stakeholder group under section 1. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 30

H.P. 233 - L.D. 382

Resolve, Naming Portions of a Highway in St. George

Sec. 1. Designate portion of Route 131 the Deputy Sheriff Frank J. Buzynski Road. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any previous legislatively designated name for this portion of Route 131, the Department of Transportation shall designate Route 131 from 1012 River Road in the Town of St. George to a point one mile north the Deputy Sheriff Frank J. Buzynski Road.

Sec. 2. Designate portion of Route 131 the Deputy Sheriff Frank E. Ross, Jr. Road. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any previous legislatively designated name for this portion of Route 131, the Department of Transportation shall designate Route 131 from 1012 River Road in the Town of St. George to a point one mile south the Deputy Sheriff Frank E. Ross, Jr. Road.

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CHAPTER 31

H.P. 245 - L.D. 394

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education

Sec. 1. Adoption. Resolved: That final adoption of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, 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 authorized.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 32

H.P. 324 - L.D. 519

Resolve, to Evaluate a Vehicle-to-grid Pilot Project Using Electric School Buses

Sec. 1. Vehicle-to-grid pilot project. Resolved: That the Efficiency Maine Trust shall assess the feasibility of implementing a vehicle-to-grid pilot project, located at the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District, in which electric school buses are charged at times when there are lower demands on the electric grid and stored electricity is discharged to the electric grid when there are greater demands on the grid. The trust shall consider the likelihood of an electric school bus vehicle-to-grid pilot project becoming cost-effective in the future, options that will minimize the costs and maximize ratepayer benefits, forecasted costs inclusive of grid interconnection and whether a pilot project could be implemented within the available budget in the trust's Innovation Program. The trust shall work with interested parties and stakeholders to complete the assessment of the pilot project.

Sec. 2. Report on vehicle-to-grid pilot project. Resolved: That the Efficiency Maine Trust shall, by January 15, 2024, submit the assessment of the pilot project under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. The assessment must include a recommendation by the trust regarding the feasibility of the pilot project. If the trust recommends implementing an electric school bus vehicle-to-grid pilot project, the trust shall provide a complete proposed project design and budget.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 33
H.P. 230 - L.D. 379**

**Resolve, Directing the
Department of Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife to Study the
Effects of Wake Boats on
Shoreline Property and the
Environment**

Sec. 1. Department to study effects of wake boats. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall establish a stakeholder group to review completed studies relating to wake boats and their effects on shoreline property and the environment. The stakeholder group shall pay special attention to issues relating to the types of boats used, the appropriate distance from the shoreline and depth of the body of water, enforcement mechanisms, including fines, and the definition used for "wake boat."

Sec. 2. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the department shall invite participation in the stakeholder group from at least the following:

1. A member of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from the Senate;
2. A member of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from the House of Representatives;
3. A member of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council;
4. A member representing the Department of Environmental Protection;
5. A member representing Maine Audubon;
6. A member representing the Lakes Environmental Association;
7. A member representing an association for Maine youth camps;
8. A member representing Maine Marine Trades Association;
9. A member representing Maine lake associations; and
10. A member representing the water sports industry.

The department may hold public meetings to gauge public support for any recommendations that are developed by the stakeholder group.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the department shall report the findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group established under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than February 1, 2024. The committee

may report out a bill related to wake boats and their effects on shoreline property and the environment to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 34
S.P. 201 - L.D. 446**

**Resolve, to Update Allowable
Limits on Mortuary Trusts for
the Purposes of MaineCare
Eligibility**

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase limit of prepaid burial contracts considered unavailable for use as an asset for purposes of MaineCare eligibility. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rule Chapter 332: MaineCare Eligibility Manual, Part 16 to increase the amount of a prepaid burial contract from \$12,000 to \$18,000 that is considered unavailable for use as an asset in determining eligibility for MaineCare and further provide that the amount of a prepaid burial contract considered unavailable for use as an asset in determining eligibility for MaineCare must be increased on January 1, 2025, and every year thereafter, by the same percentage as the percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index for the preceding year. For purposes of this section, "Consumer Price Index" has the same meaning as in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17001, subsection 9.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 35
H.P. 430 - L.D. 661**

**Resolve, Naming a Pond in Elm
Stream Township as Plummer
Pond**

Sec. 1. Plummer Pond. Resolved: That the pond located in Elm Stream Township and having Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Maine Information Display and Analysis System identification number 9772 is named Plummer Pond.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 36
H.P. 520 - L.D. 831**

**Resolve, Directing the
Department of Inland Fisheries
and Wildlife to Examine Issues
Related to Moose Hunting
Seasons**

Sec. 1. Examination. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall establish a stakeholder group to examine issues and make recommendations related to the timing and length of moose hunting seasons and strategies to reduce conflicts during moose hunting seasons.

Sec. 2. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall invite participation from at least the following:

1. A Senate member of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
2. A House member of the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
3. A member of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 10151;
4. A member of a statewide organization representing professional guides;
5. A member of a statewide organization representing sporting camp owners;
6. A representative of a large private landowner;
7. A representative of an entity managing recreational access in the North Maine Woods;
8. A member of a statewide organization representing trappers;
9. A representative of the moose viewing industry;
10. A representative of the tourism industry;
11. A representative of municipal interests;
12. A representative of a statewide association representing hunters;
13. A Maine game warden; and
14. A department wildlife biologist.

The department may hold public meetings to gauge public support for any recommendations that are developed by the stakeholder group.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall report on any findings and recommendations resulting from the examination under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by January 15, 2024. The committee may report out a bill related to the

subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 37
H.P. 536 - L.D. 847**

**Resolve, to Study
Implementation of a Program
to Provide Trauma-informed
Training for Law Enforcement
Officers at the Maine Criminal
Justice Academy**

Sec. 1. Maine Criminal Justice Academy, study. Resolved: That the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy shall conduct a study and develop recommendations regarding the implementation at the academy of a program to provide trauma-informed training for law enforcement officers. In conducting the study and developing recommendations based on findings from the study, the board shall consult with behavioral health providers and with other persons and organizations with experience and expertise in trauma-informed training as necessary. No later than February 15, 2024, the board shall submit a report containing the findings and recommendations of its study, including any proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

As used in this section, "trauma-informed training" means training to recognize the presence of trauma symptoms and to acknowledge the role that trauma can play in people's lives, including by engaging with individuals with histories of trauma.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 38
H.P. 593 - L.D. 946**

**Resolve, Directing the
Department of Labor to
Amend Its Rules Regarding
Adjunct Faculty at Public
Colleges and Universities**

Sec. 1. Department of Labor to amend rules. Resolved: That the Department of Labor shall amend its rules in Chapter 14: Education Institution Employees. The rules must provide clarity and guidance on when adjunct faculty members at the State's institutions of higher education may qualify for unemployment benefits. The Department of Labor shall hold

a public hearing as part of its rule-making process. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 39

S.P. 406 - L.D. 987

Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Initiate a Proceeding to Explore Strategies to Procure Standard-offer Service in a Manner that Promotes the Stability of Residential Standard-offer Rates

Sec. 1. Public Utilities Commission to initiate a proceeding. Resolved: That within 30 days of the effective date of this section, the Public Utilities Commission shall initiate a proceeding to develop a procurement strategy and consider other measures that could be used to increase rate stability for residential customers that receive standard-offer service pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3212. The commission shall consider in the proceeding the use of varied contract lengths and terms to reduce price volatility from year to year.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 40

H.P. 666 - L.D. 1030

Resolve, Directing the Secretary of State to Report on the School Bus Driver Shortage

Sec. 1. Report on school bus driver shortage. Resolved: That, by January 3, 2024, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation with any findings related to the school bus driver shortage, the efforts the Secretary of State has made to alleviate the shortage and any recommendations, including suggested legislation, to alleviate the shortage. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 41

H.P. 669 - L.D. 1033

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Develop and Distribute Guidance for Diploma Options at the Arthur R. Gould School

Sec. 1. Department of Education to develop guidance about diploma options for residents of the Long Creek Youth Development Center who are attending the Arthur R. Gould School. Resolved:

That the Department of Education shall develop and distribute guidance related to diploma options for residents of the Long Creek Youth Development Center who are attending the Arthur R. Gould School pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 3815 and who are preparing to graduate pursuant to the department's rule Chapter 127: Instructional Program, Assessment and Diploma Requirements. The distribution model must include distributing the guidance to all superintendents, principals and school counselors and to the principal of the Arthur R. Gould School and yearly notice of the guidance and must include, but not be limited to, the following diploma options for the student: an Arthur R. Gould School diploma, a diploma from the student's sending school or a Department of Education diploma under Title 20-A, section 257-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 42

H.P. 808 - L.D. 1260

Resolve, to Study Expansion of Civics Education and Engagement Through the Secretary of State

Sec. 1. Secretary of State to study appointment of deputy secretary of state to coordinate civics engagement and education; moving staffing and administrative services for the Maine Commission for Community Service to the office of the Secretary of State. Resolved:

That the Secretary of State shall, within existing resources, study the efficacy, feasibility and benefits of appointing a deputy secretary of state to coordinate civics engagement and education matters and of moving staffing and administrative services for the Maine Commission for Community Service, established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 7501, from the Department of Education to the office of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall consult with the Commissioner of Education concerning moving staffing and administrative services for the Maine Commission for

Community Service. By December 6, 2023, the Secretary of State shall submit a report, including recommendations and any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government. The committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 43

H.P. 1077 - L.D. 1678

Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study and Report on Soil Carbon Sequestration Incentive Programs

Sec. 1. Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to study and report on soil carbon sequestration incentive programs. Resolved: That the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall study and report on soil carbon sequestration incentive programs that can be applied to land in this State, including but not limited to forest land, agricultural land, conservation land, wetlands and urban and suburban areas and determine possible funding sources that may be used to fund the programs. The department shall submit its report, including any recommended legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry no later than February 1, 2024. The committee may report out legislation regarding the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 44

S.P. 591 - L.D. 1472

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank to Amend Their Rules Regarding the Maine School Facilities Finance Program and the School Revolving Renovation Fund

Sec. 1. Department of Education and Maine Municipal Bond Bank to amend rules. Resolved: That the Department of Education and the Maine Municipal Bond Bank shall amend their rules governing the Maine School Facilities Finance Program, established pursuant to the Maine Revised Stat-

utes, Title 30-A, section 5953-E, and the School Revolving Renovation Fund, established pursuant to Title 30-A, section 6006-F, to increase the maximum total loans from the fund for repair, renovation and improvement projects for Priority One, Priority Two, Priority Three, Priority Four and Priority Five projects for a school building from \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000 and to increase the maximum loan amount from the fund to address each priority level in a school building from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 within any 5-year period.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 45

H.P. 151 - L.D. 230

Resolve, to Require the Maine National Guard to Sell Certain Property in Hallowell

Sec. 1. Resolve 2021, c. 136, §1, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 2021, c. 136, §1 is amended to read:

Sec. 1. ~~Granite Hill Beacon Road property in City of Hallowell; transfer authorized required.~~ Resolved: That, in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 37-B, section 264, but notwithstanding the provisions prohibiting the sale of property for less than the appraised value, the Adjutant General ~~may shall,~~ no later than June 30, 2024, sell the parcel of land located off ~~Granite Hill Beacon~~ Road in the City of Hallowell identified on Hallowell tax map 019 as lot 023 and recorded in the Kennebec County Registry of Deeds as follows:

1. Book 738, Page 111, approximately 4.15 acres from Cyr to the State of Maine dated October 30, 1937;
2. Book 738, Page 112, approximately 0.5 acre from Gillie to the State of Maine dated November 5, 1937; and
3. Book 738, Page 113, approximately 2.3 acres from Lord to the State of Maine dated October of 1937.

The property must be sold to the City of Hallowell for \$40,000, to be paid in 10 equal annual installments, without interest, the first installment due at the time of sale and the subsequent installments due on each anniversary of the sale until the full amount is paid. The sale price is less than the appraised value.

The sale may be accomplished by means of a quit-claim deed, as long as the City of Hallowell agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State from all claims, including any environmental clean-up costs that may arise in connection with the land.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 46
S.P. 664 - L.D. 1659**

**Resolve, Authorizing the
Department of Agriculture,
Conservation and Forestry,
Bureau of Parks and Lands to
Enter into Certain Leases**

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 leasing 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 convey or lease state parks and public reserved lands for utilities in accordance with Title 12, section 1814 or section 1852, subsection 4, respectively; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Parks and Lands previously issued leases for electric power and telecommunications pursuant to these laws, and those leases have expired or will soon expire; and

Whereas, Title 12, section 1852, subsection 4 provides that poles and electric power transmission and telecommunications lines and facilities are deemed to substantially alter public reserved lands and any 25-year lease of public reserved lands for such uses requires 2/3 approval of all members elected to each House; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Parks and Lands has begun drafting, but not yet provisionally adopted, the major substantive rules required by Title 12, section 598-C, pursuant to which the Bureau of Parks and Lands will establish a public administrative process for determining whether a proposed activity on designated lands under the jurisdiction of the bureau would cause the land to be reduced or its uses substantially altered; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands is authorized, but not directed, to lease certain land within Dyer Township, Washington County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may lease to Greg Tantimonico and Ronald Wright, on such terms and conditions as the director may direct, certain land within the St. Croix Waterway in Dyer Township, T.1, R.2, T.S., Washington County. This land is designated as state park land, and the lease is for an existing above-ground electric line for camp lots. The lease area occupies approximately 0.5 acres, and the original lease was

signed by the bureau in 2018 and expires on June 30, 2023.

Sec. 2. Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands is authorized, but not directed, to lease certain land within the Town of Sullivan, Hancock County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may lease to Versant Power, formerly Bangor Hydro Electric, on such terms and conditions as the director may direct, certain land within Donnell Pond Public Reserved Lands in the Town of Sullivan, Hancock County. The lease is for an existing 30-foot-wide utility corridor and occupies approximately 0.6 acres. The original lease was signed by the bureau in 1997 and expired on April 1, 2022.

Sec. 3. Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands is authorized, but not directed, to lease certain land within Township 21, Washington County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may lease to M&N Operating Co., L.L.C., on such terms and conditions as the director may direct, certain land on the Township 21 public reserved lands within Washington County. The lease is for an existing natural gas pipeline and occupies approximately 5.5 acres. The original lease was signed by the bureau in 1999 and expires on January 31, 2024.

Sec. 4. Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands is authorized, but not directed, to lease certain land within Upper Enchanted Township, Somerset County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may lease to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology, on such terms and conditions as the director may direct, certain land, formerly leased to the Department of Transportation, on the Coburn Mountain public reserved lands within Upper Enchanted Township, Somerset County. The lease is for existing radio telecommunications facilities and occupies approximately 0.4 acres. The original lease was signed by the bureau in 1999 and expires on June 10, 2024.

Sec. 5. Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands is authorized, but not directed, to enter into a boundary line adjustment on certain land within the Town of Lamoine, Hancock County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may enter into a boundary line adjustment agreement with Ms. Elizabeth Franco and Ms. Lynne Cleary to correct an inaccurate boundary line at Lamoine State Park, on such terms and conditions as the director may direct. This land area occupies approximately 0.1 acre.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 47
S.P. 599 - L.D. 1479**

Resolve, Directing the Public Utilities Commission to Convene a Stakeholder Group Regarding Liquefied Propane Gas Systems and the So-called Dig Safe Law

Sec. 1. Public Utilities Commission to convene stakeholder group relating to liquefied propane gas. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," shall convene a group of stakeholders under section 2 to discuss matters relating to liquefied propane gas, including:

1. The amendment to then-existing law in Public Law 2019, chapter 592, section 1;
2. The options available to the commission to ensure that the safety measures established by the underground facility damage prevention system are maintained while reducing the administrative requirements for membership and participation in the system that are applicable to liquefied propane gas distribution systems that have an underground tank or pipe; and
3. Any additional considerations that the stakeholder group determines are relevant related to the participation in the underground facility damage prevention system of liquefied propane gas distribution systems that have an underground tank or pipe.

Sec. 2. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That members of the stakeholder group in section 1 must include:

1. One or more representatives from the Maine Energy Marketers Association;
2. One or more representatives from the Propane Gas Association of New England;
3. One or more individuals who own or operate a liquefied propane gas distribution system of various sizes that has an underground tank or pipe;
4. One individual representing the Department of Environmental Protection;
5. One individual representing the Maine Fuel Board;
6. One individual representing the Office of the State Fire Marshal;
7. One individual representing the interests of property and casualty insurers;

8. One individual representing the Maine chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America; and

9. Any other person that the commission determines necessary to ensure that all interests regarding the discussion in section 1 are represented fairly.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, by December 6, 2023, the commission shall submit a report summarizing the discussion under section 1 and any recommended legislation to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology, which may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 48
H.P. 1198 - L.D. 1868**

Resolve, to Name 2 Brooks in the Town of Orient

Sec. 1. Brooks named. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology, Office of Geographic Information Systems shall name the following brooks and provide a recommendation about the naming of the brooks to the United States Department of the Interior, United States Geologic Survey, United States Board on Geographic Names:

1. The brook in the Town of Orient, Aroostook County, that flows under Boundary Road and into MacAllister Cove of Grand Lake is the Calais Bound Brook; and
2. The brook in the Town of Orient, Aroostook County, that flows under Boundary Road and Route 1, towards Skagrock Brook is the Bangor Bound Brook.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 49
H.P. 244 - L.D. 393**

Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 33: Rules Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, 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 33: Rules Governing Physical Restraint and Seclusion, 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 authorized only if the following change is made: the rule must be amended in Section 9, subsection 2, paragraphs A and B, which concern a response to multiple incidents of physical restraint and seclusion, to require meetings after every 3 incidents of physical restraint or seclusion rather than after the 3rd incident and there must be an exception that provides that, notwithstanding the meeting requirements in Section 9, subsection 2, paragraphs A and B, schools are not required to hold more than one meeting within any 30-school-day period.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 16, 2023.

CHAPTER 50

H.P. 1238 - L.D. 1930

Resolve, to Authorize the Exchange of Interest in Certain Lands Owned by the State in Piscataquis 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 Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may exchange interest in 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 Bureau of Parks and Lands authorized to convey certain interests in land in Piscataquis County. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may by quitclaim deed without covenant, on other terms and conditions as the director may direct, exchange interest in land described on Map PI054 Plan 01, Lot 1, in the Township of Chesuncook for land of comparable market value described on Map PI054 Plan 02, Lot 32, in the Township of Chesuncook, all in Piscataquis County. The cost of a survey of the property boundaries and recording costs may not be paid by the bureau.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 51

H.P. 1242 - L.D. 1934

Resolve, to Improve the Coordination and Delivery of Planning Grants and Technical Assistance to Communities in Maine

Sec. 1. Review of planning grants and technical assistance to communities in this State. Resolved: That the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall review opportunities and structural changes in the organization of State Government and make recommendations that will result in the improved coordination and implementation of planning grants and technical assistance programs for communities in this State and regional planning and development organizations. The review must:

1. Consider the municipal planning grants and technical assistance needs of communities, especially the smallest and most underfunded communities, particularly related to navigating complex challenges, including, but not limited to, land use planning, climate resilience, natural resource protection, transportation, housing development, economic development and infrastructure;

2. Consider state programs that currently exist to provide municipal planning grants and technical assistance to communities in this State to help them address those needs, and identify gaps in services and geographic coverage;

3. Consider mechanisms to support municipalities and regional planning and development organizations

in competing for ongoing competitive state and federal funding opportunities;

4. Recommend the most effective organizational structure for state-funded programs that support local government to ensure that municipalities and regional planning and development organizations that support communities have the support they need in a coordinated, easily accessible manner with fewer points of entry; and

5. Recommend the optimal organizational structure and staffing configurations and include a summary of budget implications to improve coordination and implementation of planning grants and technical assistance.

Sec. 2. Consultation. Resolved: That the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall consult with diverse stakeholders, including representatives of municipalities and regional planning and development organizations, to provide input on their needs and recommendations, and the office shall coordinate recommendations with leadership and staff from the state agencies that manage programs and grant funds across State Government that support community planning and technical assistance, including the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Protection, and coordinate with the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to consider and develop recommendations regarding any budget and staffing issues.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall submit a report including proposed legislation and financial and staffing implications with regard to its review and consultation under this resolve to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs by December 6, 2023.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 52

H.P. 283 - L.D. 466

Resolve, to Evaluate Options for the Recycling of Solar Panels and Wind Turbine Blades

Sec. 1. Department of Environmental Protection; evaluation of recycling for solar panels and wind turbine blades. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall evaluate whether solar panels and wind turbine blades meet the criteria in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section

1772, subsection 2 to be a candidate for a product stewardship program. The evaluation must include collection of information regarding facilities operating or planned for operation in the eastern United States that can recycle solar panels or wind turbine blades and identification of the recycling costs for those materials for customers of those facilities. The department shall include its findings and recommendations from the evaluation, including any proposed legislation, in the annual report required by Title 38, section 1772, subsection 1 and due February 15, 2024.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 53

H.P. 284 - L.D. 467

Resolve, to Study Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Sec. 1. Working group established. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Transportation shall convene a working group on accessible electric vehicle charging stations, referred to in this resolve as "the working group."

Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Transportation shall appoint the members of the working group. The working group must include at least 9 members and include:

1. One person employed by the Department of Transportation;
2. One member representing the Efficiency Maine Trust;
3. One member representing Alpha One;
4. One member representing the Moving Maine Network;
5. One member who identifies as a person living with a disability with significant interest in or experience with the accessibility of electric vehicle charging stations;
6. One member representing the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal;
7. One member who is a contractor or representative of a contractor who manages or builds electric vehicle charging stations;
8. One member representing the Maine Municipal Association; and
9. One member representing a transmission and distribution utility.

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Transportation shall appoint 2 chairs from the members appointed under section 2.

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of working group. Resolved: That, appointments made under section 2 must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the working group.

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the working group shall:

1. Develop a document that simplifies and standardizes the United States Access Board's Design Recommendations for Accessible Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for use by contractors and other parties interested in the design and installation of electric vehicle charging stations. The document may address accessibility of a charging station by a user, station aisle width and design, equipment placement, signs and other elements; and
2. Develop recommended standards for the accessibility of electric vehicle charging stations to persons with disabilities and how those standards may be best incorporated into local code standards.

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group.

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 3, 2024, the Commissioner of Transportation shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation a report that includes the working group's recommendations, including suggested legislation. After reviewing the report, the joint standing committee may submit legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 54

H.P. 302 - L.D. 485

Resolve, Directing the State Board of Education to Study Educator Credential Requirements

Sec. 1. State Board of Education to study potential revisions to educator credential requirements. Resolved: That the State Board of Education shall study potential revisions to the State Board of Education rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel. The State Board of Education's study must include, but is not limited to, review of:

1. Athletic director qualifications, including potential revisions to the requirements regarding a Maine administrator certificate other than a Teaching Principal's certificate, diversity-centered content and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association's accredited certification program;

2. The industrial arts endorsement, also referred to as "700 certification," including potential revisions from an industrial arts endorsement to an industrial arts, technology and engineering endorsement, and establishing alternative pathways for experiential laboratories and apprenticeships;

3. Potential additional waivers for educators holding certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or for conditional certification extensions due to extenuating circumstances;

4. Reciprocity for educators holding out-of-state educator credentials or certification; and

5. Any other potential revisions the State Board of Education identifies.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the State Board of Education, no later than January 2, 2024, shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The report must include, with specificity for each of the required components of the study listed in section 1, findings and recommendations on whether revisions are needed to the State Board of Education rule Chapter 115: The Credentialing of Education Personnel and, if revisions are needed, suggested legislation to implement the potential revisions. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 55

H.P. 550 - L.D. 884

Resolve, to Study the Creation of a State Employee and Legislative Child Care Center

Sec. 1. Creation of state employee and legislative child care center. Resolved: That, no later than October 1, 2024, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall conduct a study, within existing resources, on the creation of a state employee and legislative child care center. The department shall study practical matters inherent to creating the child care center, including proximity to the State House, whether to build a new facility or repurpose an existing facility, the time period for opening the child care center and credits or stipends to pay for child care and staffing requirements. As part of the study, the department shall conduct a survey of state employees and

Legislators to determine potential use of the child care center. The department shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government no later than October 1, 2024.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 56

H.P. 662 - L.D. 1026

Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Dental Therapy Degree Program at the University of Maine at Augusta

Sec. 1. Dental therapy degree feasibility study. Resolved: That the University of Maine System shall study and analyze the feasibility of establishing a dental therapy degree program at the University of Maine at Augusta. The system shall consider the costs associated with establishing a dental therapy program, the demand for a dental therapy program in the State and in the region and any other issues the system considers appropriate.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by November 6, 2024, the University of Maine System shall submit a report that includes, but is not limited to, the findings of and recommended legislation and appropriations requests based on the study and analysis in section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 57

H.P. 913 - L.D. 1417

Resolve, to Ensure Efficiency and Effectiveness in Maine's Licensing and Certification of Behavioral Health Services

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to eliminate duplicate licensing visits and surveys. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall ensure that its rule under 14-193 C.M.R. Chapter 6: Licensing of Mental Health Facilities avoids, as far as possible, standards that require duplicate licensing visits and surveys of behavioral health agencies and allows instead any equivalent standards by either national or state accrediting or licensing bodies. The rules must ensure that services

are safe and meet quality requirements, license behavioral services by agency and not by service or facility site unless prohibited by federal Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration or other applicable federal requirements and reduce duplication of effort resulting in the least administrative burden on providers as possible. The department shall submit a report, no later than February 15, 2024, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with progress meeting the requirements of this resolve. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature if it determines that more legislative action is necessary.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 58

H.P. 159 - L.D. 238

Resolve, Regarding Mortgage Assistance for Persons with Illnesses Related to COVID-19

Sec. 1. Maine State Housing Authority to continue work regarding mortgage assistance. Resolved: That the Maine State Housing Authority shall continue programs administered by the authority on the effective date of this resolve that provide mortgage assistance to residents of the State, including the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund created in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 4853, subsection 1 and the State's implementation of the federal Homeowner Assistance Fund program. No later than February 1, 2024, the authority shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business summarizing its continued work implementing the programs identified in this section and analyzing the effectiveness of those programs in alleviating the financial burdens faced by those suffering the impact of illnesses or other factors related to COVID-19. The committee may report out legislation related to the information provided in the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 59

S.P. 225 - L.D. 508

Resolve, Directing the Department of Environmental Protection to Review Regulation of Waste Discharge from Finfish Aquaculture Facilities

Sec. 1. Review of finfish aquaculture waste discharge regulation. Resolved: That the Department of Environmental Protection shall conduct a review of applicable state laws and rules regulating the licensing of waste discharge from proposed finfish aquaculture facilities, including any waste discharge modeling requirements or standards, and of prior and current waste discharge monitoring requirements imposed on licensed finfish aquaculture facilities in the State since 2004, including identification of any monitoring requirements imposed on those facilities that were subsequently removed and the basis for the removal. The department shall also develop recommendations for the establishment of minimum criteria or standards for waste discharge modeling required as part of a license application for a finfish aquaculture facility, which must be based on the department's knowledge of current best management practices for those facilities.

On or before January 15, 2024, the department shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources a report summarizing its review under this section and providing any recommendations, including any proposed legislation, resulting from the review. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 60

H.P. 639 - L.D. 1003

Resolve, to Develop a So-called No Eject, No Reject Policy to Support Children Receiving Behavioral Health Services and Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, lengthy hospital stays and lack of access to services for children in need of behavioral health

services and individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism pose a dire risk to such individuals; and

Whereas, it is essential to address these issues to protect the safety and well-being of children in need of behavioral health services and individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism; and

Whereas, the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services' 2018 assessment of children's behavioral health services in this State, conducted by the Public Consulting Group, recommended a so-called No Eject, No Reject policy that applies to residential providers of children's behavioral health services, but no policy has yet been developed; and

Whereas, development of a so-called No Eject, No Reject policy, in consultation with a stakeholder group, will take time and needs to begin prior to 90 days after adjournment; 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 Health and Human Services to develop a so-called No Eject, No Reject proposal; report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a plan for a so-called No Eject, No Reject proposal that requires residential providers of behavioral health services for children or services to individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism to receive written approval from the department for the following:

1. Termination of services to an individual;
2. Executing a discharge plan; or
3. Declining a referral of an individual when a bed is available.

The department shall establish a stakeholder group to develop the No Eject, No Reject proposal. The stakeholder group must include residential providers of behavioral health services to children, residential providers of services to individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism, hospitals, Disability Rights Maine, advocates for services for children and adults and any other relevant interested parties. The department shall also examine any existing data to determine the reasons that providers terminate services, decline referrals or transfer individuals to hospital emergency departments when there is no medical reason for the transfer and determine the barriers to individuals being accepted for residential treatment services. The department shall report its findings, the proposal developed pursuant to this resolve and the steps to implementing the proposal, including any rulemaking and recommended legislation, to the

Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 2, 2024.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 20, 2023.

CHAPTER 61
S.P. 137 - L.D. 316

Resolve, Directing the Department of Labor to Submit a Report on the Employment of Minors

Sec. 1. Department of Labor to submit report on employment of minors. Resolved: That the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards shall submit a report on the employment of minors in the State. The report must include, but is not limited to:

1. Data on the allowed occupations and activities that can be performed by minors, including those occupations and activities considered hazardous occupations under 29 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 570;
2. The call volume, if known, of inquiries to the bureau from employers of minors with questions concerning a minor's ability to work specific occupations and hours;
3. The number of work permits issued, trends in the issuance of work permits and consideration of whether statutory provisions and regulations surrounding the issuance of work permits may be updated; and
4. The incidents of injuries incurred by minors at places of employment, including the number and scope of incidents involving minors.

The bureau shall submit the report no later than January 15, 2024 to the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature on any matter relating to the report.

Sec. 2. Department of Labor to update website; work with Department of Education regarding work permits for minors. Resolved: That the Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards shall:

1. Post on its publicly accessible website information concerning the current ability of minors to use and operate equipment to make coffee or other beverages that is typically used in country stores or coffee shops under the current law;
2. Post on its publicly accessible website examples of best practices that employers should use when employing minors; and

3. Work with the Department of Education to ensure school superintendents are aware of the ability to designate others in school administrative units to sign work permits for minors.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 62
S.P. 262 - L.D. 594

Resolve, to Review the Resource Parent Bill of Rights

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to review Resource Parent Bill of Rights. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group to examine the department's Resource Parent Bill of Rights to ensure that foster, adoptive and kinship families are adequately supported as active participants in the State's efforts to care for children in need of out-of-home placement. The stakeholder group must include, but is not limited to, department personnel involved in the child welfare system, representatives from statewide organizations that provide support services for adoptive and foster parents and kinship families and representatives from a statewide organization that advocates to improve the short-term and long-term outcomes for youth who are or have been in foster care and resource families. The stakeholder group must also include individuals from a range of different types of resource families, including a family that provides care to a child in the child welfare system, and individuals that are kinship families, foster parents, permanency guardians, adoptive parents and members of a child's extended birth family. The stakeholder group shall examine the Resource Parent Bill of Rights to determine if it adequately ensures sufficient resources, supports, services, involvement and communication for resource families. The department shall submit a report with findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2024.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 63
H.P. 384 - L.D. 607

Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Examine Improving Highway Connections from Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley

Sec. 1. Convene stakeholder group. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall

convene and staff an advisory stakeholder group, referred to in this resolve as "the stakeholder group," to assist the department in identifying and developing strategies to address highway mobility and transportation needs in northern Maine. Meetings of the stakeholder group must take place in Aroostook County or a location that best suits the majority of the stakeholder group members.

Sec. 2. Stakeholder group membership. Resolved: That the stakeholder group consists of the following 11 members appointed by the Commissioner of Transportation:

1. A representative of the Northern Maine Development Commission;
2. A representative of a statewide transportation association;
3. Three municipal managers working in Aroostook County;
4. A representative of a trade association representing businesses located in northern Maine;
5. A representative of a trucking association representing companies or interests in northern Maine;
6. A representative from the Aroostook Partnership; and
7. Three representatives of trucking companies based in Aroostook County.

Sec. 3. Duties. Resolved: That the stakeholder group shall perform the following duties:

1. Determine to what extent the recommendations of the Aroostook County Transportation Study conducted by the Department of Transportation have been or will be implemented;
2. Review previous studies analyzing the feasibility of connecting Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley and Aroostook County with a new 90-mile divided highway or with improvements to existing highways;
3. Review the conceptual benefits, costs, permitting process and feasible funding sources of a highway connecting Interstate 95 to the St. John Valley and unorganized territory of Central Aroostook;
4. Review current and future highway improvement plans that include Aroostook County;
5. Recommend highway improvements that will substantially improve safety, mobility and economic opportunity in northern Maine; and
6. Identify the economic benefits, social benefits and cost of improved integration between highway systems in Canada and Maine.

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That, by December 31, 2023, the Department of Transportation shall submit a report that includes the findings and recommendations

of the stakeholder group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation may report out legislation based on the recommendations of the stakeholder group to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 64
H.P. 1175 - L.D. 1843

Resolve, to Name a Bridge in the Town of Bremen the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge

Sec. 1. Bridge in Bremen renamed. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 6472 on Waldoboro Road in the Town of Bremen, currently known as the Muscongus Bridge, the Kitty Breskin Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 65
H.P. 444 - L.D. 675

Resolve, to Improve the Convenience of Public Restrooms

Sec. 1. Update board rules. Resolved: That the Plumbers' Examining Board shall adopt rules to update the plumbing code it has established pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 3403-B to ensure that the plumbing code is consistent with Chapter 4, Section 422 of the 2024 Uniform Plumbing Code, published by the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, except that the board may make modifications to the plumbing code that are required by Title 22, sections 1686 and 1686-A. The board shall begin the rule-making process under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2 no later than December 1, 2023. Rules adopted under this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 66
S.P. 395 - L.D. 924**

Resolve, to Provide Legislative Approval of the Transmission Project Selected by the Public Utilities Commission Pursuant to the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program

Sec. 1. Legislative approval of high-impact transmission line. Resolved: That the Legislature:

1. Finds the 1,200-megawatt capacity, 345-kilovolt transmission line and associated interconnection facilities approved by the Public Utilities Commission in orders issued November 1, 2022 and February 3, 2023, in Docket No. 2021-00369, referred to in this resolve as "the transmission project," is consistent with the intent and achieves the objectives of the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210-I, referred to in this resolve as "the program," and that the transmission project will allow the State to achieve the objectives of the program and thereby assist the State in meeting its energy, greenhouse gas reduction and economic development policies and goals; and
2. Finds that the transmission project is a high-impact electric transmission line, as defined in Title 35-A, section 3131, subsection 4-A; and
3. Approves the construction of the transmission project as a high-impact electric transmission line pursuant to Title 35-A, section 3132, subsection 6-C.

Sec. 2. Public lands. Resolved: That, while the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3132, subsection 6-C provides that any high-impact electric transmission line crossing or utilizing public lands designated by the Legislature pursuant to Title 12, section 598-A is deemed to substantially alter the land and must be approved by the vote of 2/3 of all the members elected to each House of the Legislature, the Legislature finds that the route of the transmission project has not been finalized so it is unknown whether the transmission project will cross or utilize such designated lands and as a result, the Legislature does not by the passage

of this resolve provide such approval for any crossing or utilization of such designated lands.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 67
H.P. 599 - L.D. 952**

Resolve, to Create a 21st-Century Electric Grid

Sec. 1. Distribution system operator for the State. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2024, the Governor's Energy Office, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall issue a request for proposals and select a 3rd-party consultant, referred to in this resolve as "the consultant," that meets the requirements of section 5, to conduct a 2-part study regarding the establishment of a distribution system operator. For the purposes of this resolve, "distribution system operator," or "DSO," means an entity designed to serve the following roles for the State:

1. Oversee integrated system planning for all electric grids in the State, including coordinating energy planning efforts across state agencies;
2. Operate all electric grids in the State to ensure optimum operations, efficiency, equity, affordability, reliability and customer service;
3. Administer an open and transparent market for distributed energy resources; and
4. Facilitate the achievement of the greenhouse gas reduction obligations and climate policies pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 576-A and section 577, subsection 1.

The office shall ensure meaningful opportunities for stakeholder engagement to inform the consultant's work at appropriate times during each part of the study.

Sec. 2. DSO initial study. Resolved: That the consultant selected by the office shall conduct an initial study to evaluate whether a DSO could be designed to achieve the following objectives:

1. A demonstrable reduction in electricity costs for customers;
2. Improved electric system reliability and performance in the State; and
3. Accelerated achievement of the State's climate goals and growth of distributed energy resources.

The consultant's initial study under this section must include a conclusion regarding whether a DSO can be designed to achieve the objectives identified in this section. The consultant shall provide its initial study to the office for review.

Sec. 3. DSO study part 2. Resolved: That, if the consultant's initial study concludes that a DSO can be designed to achieve the objectives set out in section 2 and the office agrees with that conclusion after review and evaluation of the initial study, the office shall authorize the consultant to proceed with the 2nd part of the study in accordance with this section.

1. The consultant, in conducting part 2 of the study, shall develop a DSO design proposal and identify the scope and characteristics of the DSO, which may include:

A. Acting as the primary interface between the New England independent system operator, referred to in this resolve as "ISO-NE," and electricity transmission grids in the State;

B. Operating an open market for distributed energy resources, modeled on ISO-NE's wholesale power market, to provide market incentives, including, pricing that includes a valuation of system and societal benefits as well as the commodity value of the electricity for new renewable distributed energy resources, including, but not limited to, solar, wind, biomass, electricity storage and microgrids;

C. Conducting statewide integrated distribution system planning that:

(1) Includes review and approval of integrated distribution system designs for all transmission and distribution utilities to optimize operation, meet electric grid modernization goals, optimize interconnections and provide the basis for revenue requirements related to recovery of investments in system upgrades; and

(2) Incorporates nonwires alternatives, load management and energy efficiency programs, along with traditional investments in infrastructure to ensure reliability and efficient integration of distributed energy resources;

D. Informing distributed energy resource market participants regarding locational capacity mapping;

E. Scheduling and controlling energy storage system discharge within the distribution grids, including vehicle-to-grid systems;

F. Acquiring and sharing real-time data used to operate earnings adjustment mechanisms for investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities;

G. Optimizing operations, infrastructure growth, demand management and energy efficiency programs for all transmission and distribution utilities using real-time data; and

H. Providing a detailed delineation of functions and responsibilities of the DSO, transmission and distribution utilities and government and quasi-

governmental agencies, including regulatory, planning, ownership and market administration functions.

The DSO design may not include the acquisition or ownership of any transmission and distribution utility assets.

Sec. 4. Final report and analysis. Resolved: That, if a design proposal is developed in accordance with section 3, the office shall evaluate the proposal and prepare a final report and recommendation including the following elements:

1. Identification of the costs and benefits of creating the DSO, including the staffing and budget needed for operation of the DSO;

2. A description of the DSO's role in accelerating the achievement of the State's climate goals and growth of distributed energy resources;

3. Identification of potential improvements in electric system reliability and performance that the DSO would bring to the State;

4. An evaluation of whether and how the DSO would affect equity in energy access and affordability throughout the State;

5. The office's recommendations regarding whether the State should establish the DSO; and

6. If the office recommends that the State establish the DSO:

A. Identification of the state agency within which the DSO might best be established;

B. Suggested changes to electric rate-making policy and regulations that may be necessary to implement the DSO;

C. A description of the regulatory authority, if any, that should be provided to the DSO; and

D. A description of the steps necessary to establish the DSO, including legislation for its implementation.

Sec. 5. Consultant qualifications. Resolved: That the consultant with which the office contracts under section 1 must be an expert in the development of new energy markets with experience in the management of energy programs designed to increase distributed energy resources and to accelerate the transition to beneficial electrification. The consultant or members of the consultant team must demonstrate:

1. Experience in energy system transformation through projects involving the integration of grid design and regulation, using systems thinking and stakeholder engagement;

2. Experience in alternative regulatory frameworks, such as performance-based regulation, retail and

wholesale market design that provide equitable programs for a low-carbon electric grid;

3. A comprehensive understanding of integration issues related to distributed energy resources, energy storage and electric vehicles, demand-side management and advanced price signals;

4. Through references from at least 3 jurisdictions, experience in policy and structure redesign work performed for jurisdictions of a similar size to the State; and

5. Through case studies of prior work, experience in the development of clean technology in ways that integrate stakeholder perspectives in regulatory and policy proceedings.

Sec. 6. Funding. Resolved: That the office shall seek to fund the initial study under section 2 and part 2 of the study under section 3 with federal funds. The office shall pursue all federal funding opportunities that the office determines could be used to fund the study. For any portions of the study that cannot be funded through federal funds, the office shall submit a request to the Public Utilities Commission for the amounts necessary to fully fund the study. The office may request from the commission up to \$200,000 to fund the initial study and up to \$100,000 to fund part 2 of the study under section 3. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 117, subsection 3 and to the extent that funds are available, the commission shall distribute the requested funds to the office from the Public Utilities Commission Reimbursement Fund established by Title 35-A, section 117.

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, if the consultant does not conclude that a DSO can be designed to achieve the objectives in section 2, the office shall present the initial study to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters within 60 days of the completion of the consultant's initial study.

If the office authorizes part 2 of the study in accordance with section 3, by January 1, 2025, the office shall present the initial study developed by the consultant in accordance with section 2, part 2 of the study and the office's final report and recommendation in accordance with section 4 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters. The committee may report out a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 related to the subject matter of the report.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 68
H.P. 758 - L.D. 1198**

**Resolve, Directing the
Commissioner of Economic
and Community Development
to Convene an Advisory
Council to Improve the State's
10-year Economic
Development Strategy**

Sec. 1. Statewide economic development strategy. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, referred to in this resolve as "the commissioner," shall update the State's economic development strategy to ensure that it provides a 10-year plan for economic development statewide. In updating the economic development strategy, the commissioner shall consult with the advisory council described in section 2. The plan may also be updated periodically, based on the input provided to the commissioner by the advisory council.

Sec. 2. Economic development strategy advisory council. Resolved: That the commissioner shall establish an advisory council to assist the commissioner in updating the State's economic development strategy. The advisory council must consist of members who have knowledge and experience in economic and community development in the State and must include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;
2. The Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the commissioner's designee;
3. The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee;
4. One member who is a representative of the University of Maine System;
5. One member who is a representative of the Maine Community College System;
6. The president of the Maine Development Foundation;
7. The Director of the Maine Arts Commission;
8. One member who is a representative of a statewide business association representing employers in the State;
9. One member who is a representative of an organization that serves as a regional planning agency serving the communities of Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties;
10. One member who is a representative of an organization working to serve the social and economic interests of federally recognized Indian tribes in the State;

11. One member who is a representative of an organization working to promote investment in agriculture, aquaculture and biopharmaceuticals;

12. One member who is a representative of an organization working to support people with resources through strategic giving, community leadership, personalized service, local expertise and strong investments; and

13. One member who is a representative of an organization that provides health care services in the State.

The commissioner shall also reach out to each member of the Maine Congressional Delegation and invite the member to join the advisory council.

Sec. 3. Duties of the advisory council. Resolved: That the advisory council established under section 2 shall meet periodically, as determined by the commissioner, to consider and develop improvements to the State’s economic development strategy, including, but not limited to:

1. The development of workforce skills;
2. The attraction and retention of a diverse workforce;
3. The creation and retention of quality jobs that add economic value or bring in money from outside the State;
4. The attraction of out-of-state investment and venture capital and how the State can successfully compete with other states for investment and venture capital;
5. The attraction of research and development opportunities;
6. The connection to and development of sectors essential for sustainable future growth including sectors involved in cutting-edge technologies;
7. Providing education that produces career-ready or college-ready graduates for the workforce continuum in the State and supports appropriate lifelong learning;
8. The best ways to promote stability and certainty in the economic environment;
9. Incentives and penalties that should be put in place to attract and support jobs;
10. Potential solutions to the economic disparity between the urban and rural areas of the State; and
11. Identifying the strategy's potential impacts on taxes, regulation, health care, energy costs and labor laws, as well as anything that affects the State's ability to compete for innovative companies and jobs that add economic value or bring in money from outside the State.

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 6, 2023, the commissioner shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business that includes a summary of the current economic development strategy and the commissioner’s progress in implementing the requirements of this resolve. The Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the information provided in the report.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 69

H.P. 103 - L.D. 162

Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a Substance Use Disorder Hotline

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to study substance use disorder hotline. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall develop a plan to implement a hotline through the Maine Substance Use Disorders Learning Community organization to assist and provide guidance to primary care physicians and other providers in providing care to patients with substance use disorder. The department shall consult with stakeholders, including members of the Co-Occurring Collaborative Serving Maine currently partnering with the department to operate the Maine Substance Use Disorders Learning Community. The department shall study existing models of substance use disorder hotlines in other states, including Wisconsin and Massachusetts, to inform plan development. The plan must determine the level of funding that would be required to sustainably operate a hotline, the services that would be available to physicians and providers by the hotline, requirements for consistent staffing, hours of operation, response times and any other relevant information needed for successfully implementing a hotline through the Maine Substance Use Disorders Learning Community. The department shall submit a report with the plan, including any necessary legislation and appropriations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than January 15, 2024. The committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 70
S.P. 605 - L.D. 1484**

**Resolve, Regarding the Status
of Federal Grant Applications
or Money Secured for the
Funding of a Sexual Assault
Kit Tracking Pilot Program**

Sec. 1. Report regarding the status of federal grant applications or money secured for the funding of sexual assault kit tracking pilot program. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by February 1, 2024 regarding the status of any federal grant applications or money secured by the department for the purpose of funding a sexual assault kit tracking pilot program and any related recommendations regarding the establishment of such a pilot program. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out a bill relating to a sexual assault kit tracking pilot program to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 71

H.P. 1134 - L.D. 1770

**Resolve, Directing the Board of
Pesticides Control to
Transition to Electronic
Submission of Pesticides Sales
and Use Data**

Sec. 1. Board of Pesticides Control; pesticides sales and use data. Resolved: That, pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1471-M, subsection 2, paragraph D, the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Board of Pesticides Control shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the transition from paper to electronic format of reports required to be submitted to the board as required by Title 22, section 1471-G. The board shall implement a system of electronic data collection that is efficient for those required to submit reports to the board under Title 22, section 1471-G and useful to the board and members of the public. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than March 1, 2024, the director of the Board of Pesticides Control within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall submit a report regarding rule-making and implementation of electronic reporting under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, which may report

out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature based on the report.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 72

S.P. 749 - L.D. 1848

**Resolve, to Designate the Route
15 Bridge Located in the Town
of Kenduskeag the William S.
Pullen Bridge**

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 directs the Department of Transportation to designate Bridge 2967 on Route 15 in the Town of Kenduskeag the William S. Pullen Bridge to honor the World War II soldier who was killed in action; and

Whereas, it is imperative that this designation take place before the expiration of the 90-day period to be in time for the planned formal celebration in the Town of Kenduskeag; 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. Route 15 bridge in Kenduskeag re-named. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2967 on Route 15, which crosses Kenduskeag Stream in the Town of Kenduskeag, currently known as the Wooster Bridge, the William S. Pullen Bridge.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 23, 2023.

CHAPTER 73

H.P. 252 - L.D. 419

**Resolve, to Establish a
Working Group to Study
Polling Places at Schools in
Order to Protect Security and
Accessibility**

Preamble. Whereas, the Legislature finds that school buildings are ideal locations to serve as polling places due to their central locations, accessible parking

and compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

Whereas, most school buildings are also equipped with a gymnasium, which offers ample space and allows for the flow of foot traffic in a polling place; and

Whereas, school buildings are often the only locations within a community that can serve as a polling place for that community, but schools also require strong security at all times in order to protect students and staff and on election day to protect election staff and voters; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Working group to study polling places at schools. Resolved: That the Department of the Secretary of State shall convene a working group, referred to in this resolve as "the working group," to study the use of school buildings as polling places, to consider options to protect the security of school students and staff and election staff and voters and to consider polling place accessibility.

Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved: That the working group consists of 9 members as follows:

1. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee;
2. The deputy secretary of state of the Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions within the Department of the Secretary of State or the deputy secretary's designee;
3. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
4. A representative of the Maine School Boards Association, appointed by the Secretary of State;
5. A representative of the Maine School Superintendents Association, appointed by the Secretary of State;
6. A representative of the Maine Town and City Clerks' Association, appointed by the Secretary of State;
7. A representative of the Maine Municipal Association, appointed by the Secretary of State;
8. A representative of an organization dedicated to advancing the legal rights of individuals with disabilities, appointed by the Secretary of State; and
9. A representative of an organization dedicated to the protection of voters who are from historically underrepresented or marginalized communities, appointed by the Secretary of State.

Sec. 3. Compensation. Resolved: That members of the working group are not compensated for their participation in the working group.

Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the working group shall:

1. Identify the number of school buildings in the State that are designated as polling places;
2. Examine and identify practices in other states around the use of school buildings as polling places;
3. Evaluate the criteria necessary to protect the security of school students and staff and election staff and voters when school buildings are used as polling places;
4. Identify possible changes to practices around the use of school buildings as polling places to protect voter accessibility and to safeguard the security of school students and staff and election staff and voters when a school building is used as a polling place; and
5. Make recommendations based on the findings of the working group.

Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Department of the Secretary of State shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group.

Sec. 6. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2024, the working group shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 74

H.P. 388 - L.D. 611

Resolve, Establishing a Working Group to Maximize Eligibility for Energy Efficiency Programs for Low-income Homeowners

Sec. 1. Maine State Housing Authority to convene a working group to maximize eligibility for energy efficiency programs for low-income homeowners. Resolved: That the Maine State Housing Authority shall convene a working group to design a program that will provide financial assistance to low-income homeowners for weatherization and other repairs needed to meet the eligibility requirements for home energy assistance programs. The working group must include input from community action agencies as designated under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5324, the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, one or more professional contractors who make weatherization repairs and other entities as considered appropriate by the Maine State Housing Authority.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That by December 1, 2023, the working group under section 1 shall submit a report to the Joint Select Committee on Housing proposing a program to provide financial assistance to low-income homeowners for weatherization and other repairs needed to meet eligibility requirements for home energy assistance programs. When developing the proposal for a program, the working group must ensure that it includes a provision to evaluate if the amount of financial assistance necessary for weatherization or repair is reasonable relative to the anticipated benefit from the home energy assistance program and if the overall suitability of the home makes the weatherization or repair a worthwhile investment. The proposal must be designed to serve residential housing units with household incomes up to 100% of the area median income and serve as a complement to, not a substitute for, weatherization assistance paid for using federal funds, including the Housing Opportunities for Maine Fund within the Maine State Housing Authority.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 75
S.P. 356 - L.D. 859**

**Resolve, to Assess, Develop,
Implement and Fund the Reuse
of Existing Facilities at
Dorothea Dix Psychiatric
Center**

Sec. 1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services to establish stakeholder group. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall establish a stakeholder group to examine potential future beneficial public uses of currently unused structures at the Dorothea Dix campus. The department shall invite the following individuals to participate in the stakeholder group:

1. The Superintendent of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center;
2. A representative or representatives of the City of Bangor;
3. A representative or representatives of Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center;
4. A representative or representatives of St. Joseph Hospital;
5. A representative or representatives of Penobscot Community Health Center;
6. A representative of Saxl Park in the City of Bangor; and
7. Other individuals whom the department determines necessary to complete the stakeholder group's examination.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall submit its recommendations related to section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 10, 2024. The committee may report out legislation related to the department's report in the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 76
H.P. 589 - L.D. 942**

**Resolve, to Establish a Plan for
Adding a 3rd Option for
Gender on State Forms**

Sec. 1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, State Court Administrator and Executive Director of the Legislative Council to gather information. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall coordinate with all executive branch departments, agencies, offices, boards and commissions and all quasi-independent agencies, boards, commissions, authorities and institutions in the State to compile a list of all printed and electronic forms, applications and other documents used by these entities that require a person to designate that person's gender and estimate the time and cost required to include within those forms, applications and other documents an option to designate "X" for gender. The State Court Administrator and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall compile a list of all printed and electronic forms, applications and other documents used by the judicial branch and the legislative branch, respectively, that require a person to designate that person's gender and estimate the time and cost required to include within those forms, applications and other documents an option to designate "X" for gender. The State Court Administrator and the Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall provide this information to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in a timely manner that allows the department to include this information within the report required by section 2.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by January 1, 2024, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall report the information compiled under section 1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary and may include in the report any recommendations for expediting the process by which all printed and electronic forms, applications and other documents that require a gender designation are revised to include an option to designate "X" for gender. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 77
H.P. 700 - L.D. 1104**

**Resolve, to Review the
MaineCare Hospital
Readmission Protocol**

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to review MaineCare rules regarding hospital readmission. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review its MaineCare rules regarding hospital readmissions and reimbursement for readmissions, with a focus on readmissions of patients who had previously left the hospital against medical advice and readmissions of patients with substance use disorder and those with co-occurring substance use disorder and behavioral health disorders. The department shall, by January 15, 2024, submit recommendations for statutory and rule changes regarding readmissions to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee may report out legislation based on the department's report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. In making recommendations regarding management of readmissions of patients with substance use disorder and patients with co-occurring substance use disorder and behavioral health disorders, the department shall employ a trauma-informed approach.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 78
S.P. 85 - L.D. 181**

**Resolve, Requiring Progress
Reports from the Department
of Health and Human Services
Regarding the Implementation
of Secure Children's
Psychiatric Residential
Treatment Facility Services**

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services rule-making and rate-setting report. Resolved: That, no later than January 2, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on its progress in establishing increased rates for secure children's psychiatric residential treatment facilities and amending department rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapters II and III, Section 107.

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services implementation report. Resolved: That, no later than July 1, 2024, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services on its progress in implementing secure children's

psychiatric residential treatment facility services. The report must include specific information about the provider, location of the facility, number of beds and estimated or actual date of opening. If no provider has been secured, the report must include the department's next steps for attracting a willing provider.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 79
H.P. 347 - L.D. 542**

**Resolve, Directing the Public
Utilities Commission to
Investigate Time-of-use Rates**

Sec. 1. Time-of-use rates; report. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission shall investigate the feasibility of requiring:

1. Standard-offer service to include a time-of-use rate option, including whether the commission recommends the use of a pilot program to assess this option; and
2. All investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities to offer a time-of-use rate for the delivery of electricity for all customer classes that would complement a time-of-use supply rate.

No later than January 15, 2024, the commission shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology that includes a summary of the commission's investigation along with any findings and recommendations related to the report. The committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 80
H.P. 702 - L.D. 1106**

**Resolve, to Improve the
Transition to Adult Services
for Children with Intellectual
Disabilities and Autism
Spectrum Disorder**

Sec. 1. Statewide transition from children's to adult services pilot project report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services with an update on its plans to improve the transition for individuals receiving children's services from the department's Office of Child and Family Services to adult services from the department's office of aging and disability services as evaluated in the Improving the Transition from Children's to Adult Services pilot project, ME201.10,

funded under Section 9817 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The report must be submitted no later than January 15, 2024 and detail improvements and planned improvements to the process by which children 14 years of age and older with intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorder are identified for adult and transitional services and receive case management support, training and educational services. The report must also include any improvements and planned improvements to training for case managers and liaisons as well as any changes to services expected from any planned amendments to MaineCare waiver programs serving individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorder.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 81

S.P. 574 - L.D. 1456

Resolve, to Study the Effect of Current Laws and Rules on the Expansion of Broadband

Sec. 1. Public Utilities Commission study. Resolved: That the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the Maine Connectivity Authority, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 9404, shall study current pole attachment laws and rules and the effects of those laws and rules on broadband expansion through public networks, private networks or public-private partnerships. The study must incorporate input and analysis from the Interagency Broadband Working Group, which is a working group led by the Maine Connectivity Authority, and include:

1. An examination of the average time involved for each stage of pole make-ready work, as defined in Title 35-A, section 2524, subsection 1, paragraph A, including the time for joint use pole owners to approve new attachments for tax-exempt municipalities and private companies, and ways to decrease or standardize wait times for attachments;
2. Using readily available information to the extent possible, including pole data that may be available in the electronic pole attachment management system, an estimate of the number of utility poles statewide that could accommodate municipal facility attachments without the need to replace the pole and an assessment of compliance with Title 35-A, section 2524, subsection 2;
3. An assessment of the effectiveness of the commission’s enforcement practices for timely relocation or removal of utility poles that are functionally obsolete, that are in violation of requirements of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 or that obstruct current or future municipal infrastructure; and

4. A review of the commission’s current educational resources regarding the rights of municipalities and other entities to attach to shared-use poles and the availability of the commission’s dispute resolution process, including the effectiveness of such resources.

By February 15, 2024, the commission shall submit an initial report to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology describing the findings of the commission and the commission’s progress toward addressing each of the elements of the study and any recommendations, including proposed legislation, resulting from the study. After reviewing the initial report, the joint standing committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. By December 1, 2024, the commission shall submit a final report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utility matters including findings and any recommendations, including proposed legislation, resulting from the study. After reviewing the final report, the committee may report out a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 82

H.P. 983 - L.D. 1528

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Submit a Report on Services Provided By the Child Development Services System and by School Administrative Units

Sec. 1. Report. Resolved: That, no later than February 15, 2024, the Department of Education shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs regarding services provided by the Child Development Services System pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 7209, subsection 3 including a free, appropriate public education for eligible children from 3 years of age to under 6 years of age in school administrative units. The report must include a description of successful delivery models and address the following points:

1. Development and implementation of partnerships with private providers;
2. Funding models and budgets;
3. Responsibility for free, appropriate public education;
4. Transportation;
5. Employment and staffing;
6. Programs, enrollment and children served; and

7. Infrastructure and material needs.

The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 83

H.P. 1185 - L.D. 1855

Resolve, Directing the Office of Tax Policy to Study Maine's Mining Excise Tax

Sec. 1. Office of Tax Policy to study State's mining excise tax; report. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, Office of Tax Policy shall examine and evaluate the State's taxation of metallic mineral mining business activity, including the mining excise tax, and shall review mining taxes and fees from other states, including severance taxes, excise taxes, extraction fees and royalties and corresponding potential uses of collected revenue, and consult with national mining tax experts as appropriate. No later than January 15, 2024, the Office of Tax Policy shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, that are consistent with the policy and purposes in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 2853. The Joint Standing Committee on Taxation may submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 84

S.P. 315 - L.D. 757

Resolve, to Review Telemonitoring and Certain Telehealth Services Reimbursed under MaineCare

Sec. 1. Department to review telemonitoring services reimbursable under MaineCare. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review its coverage of telemonitoring services reimbursable under the MaineCare program, including its policy of restricting access to telemonitoring to patients eligible for home health services, and shall develop recommendations for changes to its coverage of telemonitoring services, including potential expansion of telemonitoring services to members not receiving home health services.

Sec. 2. Department to review certain telehealth services reimbursable under MaineCare. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall review its reimbursement under the MaineCare program for ultrasound procedures and fetal nonstress tests performed remotely in a residence or other off-site location through telehealth. The department shall clarify whether these services are reimbursable under current policy and, if not, shall develop recommendations regarding future reimbursement of these services.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit its recommendations developed under sections 1 and 2 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services by January 10, 2024. The committee may report out legislation related to the department's report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 85

S.P. 829 - L.D. 2008

Resolve, to Remove the Prohibition Against Live Plants in State-owned Buildings

Sec. 1. Live plants in state-owned buildings. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall amend its rules to allow live plants in state-owned buildings, except that the department may prohibit live plants that develop mold or bacteria or are contributing to an insect infestation.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 86

S.P. 837 - L.D. 2015

Resolve, Approving the 2023 Draft and Arrangement of the Constitution of Maine Made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and Providing for Its Publication and Distribution

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 2023 recodification of the Constitution of Maine has been completed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and submitted to the Legislature; and

Whereas, the recodification must be made available to the public as soon as possible and 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

Sec. 1. Constitution; approval of 2023 draft and arrangement; enrollment; distribution.

Resolved: That the draft and arrangement of the Constitution of Maine, as amended, made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article X, Section 6 is approved and that the same be enrolled on parchment or other suitable material and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

Sec. 2. Enrollment on durable material.

Resolved: That the Secretary of State is authorized and directed to cause the Constitution of Maine, as amended and arranged, to be enrolled on parchment or other suitable material and upon final approval of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to attest to the correctness of that enrollment under the seal of the State.

Sec. 3. Publication. Resolved: That the Secretary of State is authorized and directed to cause to be published in pamphlet form, subject to the approval of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, copies of the Constitution of Maine in such numbers as the Secretary of State determines necessary and that one copy of the pamphlet be forwarded to the municipal officers of each city and town and to the assessors of each plantation within the State.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 27, 2023.

CHAPTER 87

H.P. 1186 - L.D. 1856

Resolve, to Study the Establishment of a Public Option Health Benefit Plan

Sec. 1. Office of Affordable Health Care study of health care and coverage. Resolved: That, when conducting the study required by Public Law 2021, chapter 518, the Office of Affordable Health Care shall prioritize consideration of the creation of a public option health benefit plan that takes the form of either a buy-in to the MaineCare program or a fully pub-

licly administered plan that may be eligible for advanced premium tax credits through the Maine Health Insurance Marketplace established under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5403. The office shall also consider other models to address the availability and affordability of health coverage in the State and ways that the State may leverage available federal-state innovation waivers to improve affordability for consumers. Notwithstanding Public Law 2021, chapter 518, the office shall submit a report that prioritizes the consideration of a public option health benefit plan and other models as described in this resolve to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services no later than January 31, 2024. The committee may submit legislation in response to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. The office shall submit a report fulfilling the remaining requirements in Public Law 2021, chapter 518 no later than January 31, 2025.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 88

H.P. 43 - L.D. 68

Resolve, Directing the Office of Tax Policy to Study the Impact of Exempting Certain Nonprofit Organizations from the Sales and Use Tax and the Service Provider Tax

Sec. 1. Study. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services, Office of Tax Policy shall study the legislative history of entity-based exemptions provided to qualifying nonprofit organizations from sales and use tax pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1760 and from service provider tax pursuant to Title 36, section 2557, including but not limited to review of the entities currently covered and excluded, the impact of changes to statutes if criteria were broadened and exemptions in other states. The department shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation no later than January 15, 2024. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature regarding that report. Notwithstanding Title 36, section 191, the Office of Tax Policy may disclose the number of nonprofit organizations not exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that have active exemption certificates under each sales or service provider tax exemption.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 89
S.P. 185 - L.D. 404**

**Resolve, to Direct the
Department of Transportation
to Implement the
Recommendations of the
Mountain Division 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, Resolve 2021, chapter 52 directed the department to establish a rail corridor use advisory council to review the Mountain Division Line for potential nonrail use; and

Whereas, the Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council convened and met for 7 months during 2021 and 2022; and

Whereas, the 12-member Mountain Division Rail Use Advisory Council voted 11-1 to recommend the interim conversion of 31 miles of existing railroad track to a 10-foot-wide 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 nonrail use and the commissioner concurs with the recommendation, the commissioner shall seek legislative approval of the recommendation by submitting legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters prior to track removal or other change for 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 Mountain Division Line. Resolved: That, based on the recommendation of the Mountain Division 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 31 miles of state-owned inactive existing railroad track between the Town of Standish and the Town of Fryeburg and replace the track with an interim 10-foot-wide bicycle and

pedestrian trail, surfaced with either pavement or stone dust on the existing rail bed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 90
S.P. 454 - L.D. 1120**

**Resolve, to Install a Suicide
Barrier on the Penobscot
Narrows Bridge**

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 common method of suicide is jumping from high structures, including bridges, buildings and parking structures; and

Whereas, the Penobscot Narrows Bridge, with its substantial height of well over 100 feet combined with its lack of safety barriers, presents a dangerous risk for people with suicidal ideations; and

Whereas, there have been numerous suicide attempts from the Penobscot Narrows Bridge since its construction in 2006, many of them resulting in death; 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. Pedestrian barrier fences. Resolved: That the Department of Transportation shall construct and maintain pedestrian barrier fences on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge crossing the Penobscot River on Route 3 between the Town of Prospect and the Town of Verona Island for the purpose of suicide prevention.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, beginning 6 months after the effective date of this resolve and every subsequent 6 months until the fences are installed as required in section 1, the Department of Transportation shall report on the progress of the installation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Highway and Bridge Capital 0406**

Initiative: Provides one-time allocations to construct and maintain pedestrian barrier fences on the Penobscot Narrows Bridge.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$1,200,000	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$1,200,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
Capital Expenditures	\$800,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$800,000	\$0

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 30, 2023.

**CHAPTER 91
H.P. 791 - L.D. 1243**

**Resolve, Directing the
Secretary of State to Propose a
State Calendar**

Sec. 1. State calendar proposal. Resolved: That the Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, shall propose a calendar, to be known as "the state calendar," that includes important religious days and holidays of the State's residents and the citizens of the United States. The Secretary of State, or the secretary's designee, shall create the proposed state calendar within existing resources and in consultation with persons representing:

1. The Christian faith;
2. The Muslim faith;
3. The Jewish faith;
4. Other religious traditions practiced in the State;
5. Immigrants in the State;
6. The Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Tribal Populations; and
7. The federally recognized Indian nations, tribes or bands in the State based on the joint recommendation of the tribal governments of the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik and the Penobscot Nation. If these tribal governments do not make a unanimous joint recommendation, the Secretary of State may invite members of any of the federally recognized Indian nations, tribes or bands in the State to consult on the creation of the state calendar.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 31, 2024, the Secretary of State shall submit a proposed state calendar created pursuant to section 1 to

the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government and the committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature adopting a state calendar.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 92
S.P. 520 - L.D. 1283**

**Resolve, to Reestablish the
Task Force to Study the
Creation of a Comprehensive
Career and Technical
Education System**

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 Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System is reestablished pursuant to this legislation to study the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical education program to provide a technical high school setting for students; 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. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force to Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established.

Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the task force consists of 20 members as follows:

1. Six members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:
 - A. Two members of the Senate, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs;
 - B. One member who is a current career and technical education high school administrator;

- C. One member who represents a statewide association of career and technical education administrators;
 - D. One member who is a member of a skilled trades union or representative of a skilled trades business or industry; and
 - E. One member who is a principal of a secondary school;
2. Six members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:
- A. 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, one of whom is a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs;
 - B. One member who is a current career and technical education high school administrator;
 - C. One member who is on the State Board of Education;
 - D. One member who is a member of a skilled trades union or representative of a skilled trades business or industry; and
 - E. One member who is a superintendent of a school administrative unit;
3. Seven members appointed by the Governor as follows:
- A. One member who is a Maine Community College System administrator;
 - B. One member who is on a local board of education in a Maine community;
 - C. One member who is an officer of the Maine Education Association;
 - D. Three members who are members of a skilled trades union or representatives of a skilled trades business or industry; and
 - E. One member who is an administrator at the University of Maine System; and
4. The Commissioner of Education 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 task force.

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, 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.

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the task force shall:

1. Examine the feasibility of establishing a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical education program to provide a technical high school setting for middle school students to attend at the completion of the 8th grade, including but not limited to the advantages and disadvantages of a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical education model, obstacles to implementation of a comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical education model and other models for comprehensive 4-year high school career and technical education that exist around the State and on a national level; and

2. Examine increasing crosswalks and intersections between technical and occupational knowledge and curricula and academic standards in order to promote multiple pathways for awarding content area credit to students enrolled in career and technical education programs, including but not limited to building on prior and current work among the Department of Education, superintendents of school administrative units and career and technical education administrators.

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, no later than January 15, 2024, the task force shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 7, 2023.

CHAPTER 93

H.P. 584 - L.D. 937

Resolve, to Establish the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in 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, this legislation establishes the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine to study integrating foreign-trained physicians into the health care workforce; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period so that the commission may timely meet and make its report to the Legislature; 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 Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine, 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 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 or staff member of the Board of Licensure in Medicine, appointed by the President of the Senate;

4. One member who is a representative of the Maine Hospital Association, appointed by the President of the Senate;

5. One member who is a representative of the New Mainers Resource Center, appointed by the President of the Senate;

6. Three members who are physicians who are refugees or immigrants, 2 of whom are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom must be licensed to practice in the State, and one of whom is appointed by the President of the Senate;

7. One member who is a representative of the Maine Medical Association, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

8. One member who is a representative of the Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

9. One member from the staff of the Office of the Governor, 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 physicians, including surgeons, living in the State into the health care workforce to best reflect their level of skills and training, with a focus on those who are here as refugees and asylum seekers, and reducing barriers to licensing for foreign-trained physicians and physicians from other states. The commission shall explore a wide range of options for how to help enable foreign-trained physicians who wish to live and practice in the State to best use their skills and talents, increase health care workforce cultural competency and address potential workforce shortages. The commission shall make recommendations on:

1. Strategies to integrate foreign-trained physicians into the health care workforce;

2. Other ways, outside of being licensed as a physician, that foreign-trained physicians can be supported to best use their skills and training;

3. Changes for regulations that may pose unnecessary barriers to practice for foreign-trained physicians and physicians from other states;

4. Necessary supports for foreign-trained physicians moving through the different steps in the licensing process prior to involvement with the Board of Licensure in Medicine;

5. Opportunities to advocate for corresponding changes to national licensing requirements; and

6. Any other matters pertaining to foreign-trained physicians and physicians from other states considered necessary by the commission.

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. The commission may develop guidelines for full licensure and conditional licensure of foreign-trained physicians and physicians from other states and recommendations for the types of strategies, programs and support that would benefit foreign-trained physicians and physicians 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 health insurance carriers, the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, medical graduate residency programs in the State, the Maine Public Health Association, the Maine Osteopathic Association and the Maine Association of Physician Assistants.

Sec. 8. Report. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, no later than January 15, 2024, 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 131st Legislature based on the report.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 7, 2023.

CHAPTER 94

H.P. 760 - L.D. 1200

Resolve, to Convene a Driver Education Working Group to Evaluate Hardships to Underserved Populations and Low-income Families

Preamble. Whereas, for persons who have not attained 20 years of age, taking a driver education course and achieving the required number of driving hours is necessary in order to obtain a driver's license; and

Whereas, the cost of taking a driver education course is a financial hardship for many families; and

Whereas, families living in rural areas have a more difficult time gaining access to driver education courses; and

Whereas, youth and families also face many other obstacles when trying to comply with the legal requirements to obtain a driver's license; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved: That the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall convene a working group to study potential solutions regarding the cost of and access to driver education for underserved populations and low-income families.

Sec. 2. Working group membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the working group membership is as follows:

1. One member of the Senate who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, appointed by the President of the Senate;
2. One member of the House of Representatives who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
3. One member representing the driver education school industry, appointed by the Secretary of State;
4. One member representing a State Police traffic division, appointed by the Chief of the State Police;
5. One or more members representing affected groups, including, but not limited to, low-income families, immigrant or refugee communities, tribal communities and foster children, appointed by the Secretary of State;
6. An employee of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles who is responsible for the oversight of driver education, appointed by the Secretary of State;
7. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
8. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
9. The Deputy Secretary of State having oversight over the Bureau of Motor Vehicles or the deputy secretary's designee;
10. The Secretary of State or the secretary's designee; and
11. One member representing the Bureau of Highway Safety, appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Sec. 3. Compensation. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, members of the working group may not be compensated for their work on the working group, but legislative members may receive the legislative per diem.

Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the working group shall:

1. Identify and document the current status of the availability of the State's driver education program;
2. Examine and identify potential methods of providing driver education at a lower cost for underserved populations and low-income families;

3. Identify possible funding mechanisms to pay for part or all of driver education for low-income families; and

4. Make recommendations based on the findings of the working group.

Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall provide necessary staffing services to the working group, and Legislative Council staff support is not authorized.

Sec. 6. Report. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, no later than February 1, 2024, the working group shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation is authorized to submit legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 95

S.P. 628 - L.D. 1597

**Resolve, to Establish the
Gagetown Harmful Chemical
Study Commission**

Sec. 1. Study commission established. Resolved: That the Gagetown Harmful Chemical Study Commission, referred to in this resolve as "the study commission," is established.

Sec. 2. Study commission membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the study commission consists of 10 members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;

3. Two members who represent veterans' advocacy organizations, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House;

4. One member who is a family member of a veteran who served at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada, appointed by the President of the Senate;

5. One member with expertise processing veterans' claims for benefits related to harmful chemicals, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

6. Two members who served at Gagetown and were exposed to harmful chemicals during their service, one appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by the Speaker of the House.

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 study commission.

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of study 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 study 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 study commission to meet and conduct its business.

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the study commission shall study the impacts of exposure to harmful chemicals on veterans who served at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada.

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the study 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 6, 2023, the study commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 96

H.P. 1300 - L.D. 2018

**Resolve, Regarding Legislative
Review of Portions of Chapter
301: Fee Schedule and
Administrative Procedures for
Payment of Court or
Commission Assigned Counsel,
a Late-filed Major Substantive
Rule of the Maine Commission
on Indigent Legal 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 portions of Chapter 301: Fee Schedule and Administrative Procedures for Payment of Court or Commission Assigned Counsel, a provisionally adopted major substantive rule of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal 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.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 10, 2023.

CHAPTER 97

H.P. 623 - L.D. 976

Resolve, to Establish the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients

Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved: That the Task Force on Accessibility to Appropriate Communication Methods for Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Patients, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established.

Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the task force consists of 7 members appointed as follows:

1. One member of the Senate who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, appointed by the President of the Senate;

2. One member of the House of Representatives who serves on the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

3. One member representing the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Aging and Disability Services, appointed by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services;

4. One member representing Disability Rights Maine, appointed by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services;

5. One member representing the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf, appointed by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services;

6. One member representing the Department of Labor who works with compliance issues regarding deaf and hard-of-hearing persons, appointed by the Commissioner of Labor; and

7. One member of the public who is a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the Senate member is the Senate chair and the House of Representatives member is the House chair 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. Duties. Resolved: That the task force shall study accessibility to appropriate communication methods for deaf and hard-of-hearing patients in health care settings and how that accessibility may be improved. The task force shall consider, but is not limited to, the following:

1. The availability of American Sign Language interpreters in health care settings;

2. The availability of other communication technologies in health care settings, such as video interpreters, automatically generated voice transcriptions and automatically generated captions;

3. Staff education and training programs on overcoming barriers to health care experienced by deaf and hard-of-hearing patients; and

4. Successful models for overcoming barriers to health care experienced by deaf and hard-of-hearing patients.

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force, 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 6, 2023, the task force shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 98

H.P. 571 - L.D. 915

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by 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, this legislation establishes the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period so that the commission may timely meet and make its report to the Legislature; 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 Blue Ribbon Commission to Study the Organization of and Service Delivery by the Department of Health and Human Services, 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. Three members of the Senate appointed by the President 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;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker 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;

3. Two members appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom must have lived experience in caring for one of the following types of individuals and one who represents the interests of at least 2 of the following types of individuals or providers of care to at least 2 of the following types of individuals:

- A. Individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism;
- B. Individuals with mental health disorders or substance use disorder;
- C. Individuals experiencing poverty;
- D. Elderly individuals;
- E. Children receiving child welfare services; or
- F. Children receiving early childhood services;

4. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom must have lived experience in caring for one of the following types of individuals and one who represents the interests of at least 2 of the following types of individuals or providers of care to at least 2 of the following types of individuals:

- A. Individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism;
- B. Individuals with mental health disorders or substance use disorder;
- C. Individuals experiencing poverty;
- D. Elderly individuals;
- E. Children receiving child welfare services; or
- F. Children receiving early childhood services;

5. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee; and

6. Two directors of offices within the Department of Health and Human Services chosen by the commissioner.

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, 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 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 examine the organizational structure of the Department of Health and Human Services and the services provided by the department. The commission shall examine:

1. The organizational structure of and service delivery by similar agencies in other states and in nongovernmental organizations;
2. The strengths and weaknesses in the services provided with state and federal funding;
3. Current proposals for improving the safety and well-being of children and strengthening families across all populations and geographical areas of the State;
4. Barriers to accessing services, as well as system failures and additional needed resources; and
5. Areas in which processes can be streamlined and efficiencies made within the department.

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 November 6, 2024, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters. The committee may submit legislation to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 19, 2023.

CHAPTER 99
H.P. 1090 - L.D. 1701

Resolve, to Reestablish and Continue the Work of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical 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 reestablishes the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State; and

Whereas, the study must be initiated before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to provide sufficient time for the study to 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. Establishment of Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State. Resolved: That the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical 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 17 members:

1. Seven 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. Two members who are employed or volunteer in the field of emergency medical services, including one member who represents a community of 10,000 residents or more and one member who represents a community of fewer than 10,000 residents;
 - C. One member who represents a statewide association of emergency medical services providers;
 - D. One member who represents a private, for-profit ambulance service; and

- E. One member who represents a statewide association of municipalities;
2. Eight members appointed by the Speaker of the House as follows:
- A. Four members of the House of Representatives, including 2 members of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and 2 members of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- B. One member who represents a tribal emergency medical service;
- C. One member who represents a volunteer emergency medical service;
- D. One member who represents a county government; and
- E. One member who represents a statewide association of hospitals;
3. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee; and
4. The director of Maine Emergency Medical Services within the Department of Public Safety or the director'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, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, all appointments must be made no later than 15 days following the effective date of this Act. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission, which must be no later than 30 days following the appointment of all members.

Sec. 5. Duties; meetings. Resolved: That the commission shall examine and make recommendations on the structure, support and delivery of emergency medical services in the State. The commission shall maintain communication and coordinate with Maine Emergency Medical Services as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 83, subsection 16-A so that Maine Emergency Medical Services is informed of the work of the commission and the commission is informed of the strategic planning work of Maine Emergency Medical Services. The commission may look at all aspects of emergency medical services, including but not limited to workforce development, training, compensation, retention, costs, reimbursement rates, organization and local and state support. The commission is authorized to hold a maximum of 6 meetings.

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, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, no later than December 6, 2023, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 19, 2023.

CHAPTER 100

S.P. 685 - L.D. 1722

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities

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 the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities; and

Whereas, tobacco users are switching to electronic cigarettes, which are not included in the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement pursuant to the lawsuit *State of Maine v. Philip Morris, et al.*, Kennebec County Superior Court, Docket No. CV-97-134; and

Whereas, the switch to electronic cigarettes has diminished the payments to the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement and therefore reduced the funds received by the Fund for a Healthy Maine without reducing the harm to public health from tobacco; and

Whereas, more funds are allocated through the Fund for a Healthy Maine baseline budget than the State receives from the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, resulting in an unsustainable structural deficit in the Fund for a Healthy Maine; and

Whereas, Fund for a Healthy Maine funds are essential for funding tobacco prevention and treatment, other chronic disease prevention initiatives and health promotion efforts in the State, particularly for the benefit of children and families in the State; and

Whereas, public health problems are seldom solved and health and economic benefits are rarely measurable within a 2-year state budget cycle; and

Whereas, the structural limitations of the State's 2-year budget cycle result in an ongoing loss of opportunities to plan and invest in long-term, evidence-informed primary and secondary chronic disease prevention initiatives; and

Whereas, the State receives funds from multiple legal settlements with manufacturers and excise taxes on products that affect public health and well-being but lacks the system and structure necessary to maximize benefit through coordinated planning and sustained investment in preventing disease and improving the health of communities in the State; and

Whereas, the work of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities must be initiated before the 90-day period expires in order that the commission's work 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 Blue Ribbon Commission to Design a Plan for Sustained Investment in Preventing Disease and Improving the Health of Maine Communities, 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 as follows:

1. Six members appointed by the President of the Senate as follows:

A. One member of the Senate from the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature who is currently serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs;

B. One member of the Senate from the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature who is currently serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs or the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;

C. One member with policy expertise or experience in state budgeting and funding improved access to health care for low-income individuals and other populations experiencing inequitable access to health care;

D. One member who has a minimum of 8 years of experience leading a community health coalition and experience working with rural populations;

E. One member who manages a public health endowment for a health system in the State and has experience developing statewide plans for improving health and prosperity; and

F. One member who is currently or was formerly employed as senior staff or faculty for a university in the State with expertise in public health, rural health and health equity financing models;

2. Seven members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:

A. One member of the House of Representatives from the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature who is currently serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs or the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;

B. One member of the House of Representatives from the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature who is currently serving on the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs;

C. One member who represents a statewide association of public health professionals that works to improve and sustain the health and well-being of all people in the State through health promotion, disease prevention and the advancement of health equity;

D. One member who has a minimum of 8 years of experience serving in the Legislature, including service on both the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services;

E. One member who is employed by a philanthropic organization in the State with experience or expertise funding initiatives in public health and primary prevention that advance racial health equity or reduce health disparities;

F. One member who represents a community development financial institution that advances health and economic equity for people and communities in the State through the integration of finance, business expertise and policy solutions; and

G. One member who serves as senior staff for a municipal or county health department;

3. The Director of the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future or the director's designee; and

4. The Attorney General or the attorney general's designee.

Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair of the commission 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 evaluate funding models and structures that allow for the sustained investment in the health and prosperity of youth and families in the State and make recommendations for further legislative action. The commission shall prioritize research and recommendations that:

1. Resolve the structural deficit in the Fund for a Healthy Maine;

2. Identify sources of sustained funding for reducing tobacco use, improving public health, preventing chronic illness, reducing health disparities across demographic and geographic populations and improving the community conditions that support good health and wellness;

3. Identify strategies and structural changes that resolve structural inequities and allow funding and investment plans to extend beyond the Legislature's 2-year budget cycle when doing so is necessary for accomplishing their intents and purposes;

4. Advance the long-term goals established by the Legislature for funds received from legal settlements with manufacturers and excise taxes on products that affect public health and well-being;

5. Identify policy and funding models that maximize alignment between the purpose and intent of public health funding sources and the investments in public health and prevention initiatives those funds support;

6. Identify how funding from various public health-related sources could be blended or pooled to achieve common aims in preventing chronic disease, reducing health disparities among historically disenfranchised and vulnerable populations and improving the community conditions that support the health and resilience of youth in the State; and

7. Identify strategies and system changes that would allow for the calculation of return on investment of all proposed public health and prevention measures

over a period of time using the projected health and productivity benefits of those investments.

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, 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 6, 2023, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. After receipt and review of the report, one or both of the joint standing committees may submit legislation relating to the subject matter of the report to any regular or special session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 8. Outside funding. Resolved: That the commission may seek funding contributions to fully or partially fund 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 19, 2023.

CHAPTER 101

S.P. 312 - L.D. 754

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 6, 2023.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 102
H.P. 812 - L.D. 1264

**Resolve, Establishing the
Commission to Update Maine's
Public Policy on Higher
Education**

Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission to Update Maine's Public Policy on Higher Education, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the commission consists of 17 members, including:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, 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;

2. Three members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House, who serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, including 2 members 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;

3. One member with expertise in higher education policy issues representing a statewide education policy research institute, appointed by the President of the Senate;

4. One member who is a representative of a union representing the faculty of the Maine Community College System, appointed by the President of the Senate;

5. One member representing the certification and higher education committee of the State Board of Education, appointed by the President of the Senate;

6. One member who is employed as a faculty member at a private college or university in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;

7. One member who is a representative of a union representing the faculty of the University of Maine System, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

8. One member who is a representative of a union representing the faculty of the Maine Maritime Academy, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

9. One member representing private colleges and universities in the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

10. One member who is currently enrolled as a student at a college or university in the State, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

11. The Chancellor of the University of Maine System or the chancellor's designee;

12. The President of the Maine Community College System or the president's designee;

13. The President of the Maine Maritime Academy or the president's designee; and

14. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee.

In appointing members of the commission, the appointing authorities shall give consideration to race, gender, socioeconomic diversity and geographic diversity.

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 study group. 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 study group to meet and conduct its business.

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall review all related laws and rules addressing the State's public policy on higher education, including but not limited to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 10902, and make recommendations for potential legislative changes.

In conducting its review, the commission shall analyze present and future goals, including but not limited to expanding access to affordable high-quality higher education to help students achieve postsecondary success in the 21st century.

To assist the commission in carrying out its review, the Department of Education, the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System and the Maine Maritime Academy each shall provide to the commission any data and information the commission considers relevant to its work.

At the discretion of the chairs, the commission may seek input from any students, faculty and staff in the State's public institutions of higher education, groups that have an interest in the State's public institutions of higher education and other stakeholders.

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 6, 2023, the commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 103

H.P. 1047 - L.D. 1622

Resolve, to Reestablish the Criminal Records Review Committee

Sec. 1. Review committee established. Resolved: That the Criminal Records Review Committee, referred to in this resolve as "the review committee," is established.

Sec. 2. Review committee membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the review committee consists of the following members:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
3. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;
4. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;
5. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;
6. The Commissioner of Corrections or the commissioner's designee;
7. The President of the Maine Prosecutors Association or the president's designee;
8. The President of the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers or the president's designee;
9. The President of the Maine Sheriffs' Association or the president's designee;
10. The President of the Maine Chiefs of Police Association or the president's designee;

11. The chair of the Right To Know Advisory Committee or the chair's designee;

12. A representative of a civil rights organization whose primary mission includes the advancement of racial justice, appointed by the President of the Senate;

13. A representative of an organization that provides legal assistance on immigration, appointed by the President of the Senate;

14. A representative of an organization whose primary mission is to address issues related to poverty, appointed by the President of the Senate;

15. A representative of a statewide nonprofit organization whose mission includes advocating for victims and survivors of domestic violence, appointed by the President of the Senate;

16. A representative of a substance use disorder treatment or recovery community, appointed by the President of the Senate;

17. A representative of an adult and juvenile prisoners' rights organization, appointed by the President of the Senate;

18. A representative of newspaper and other press interests, appointed by the President of the Senate;

19. A representative of broadcasting interests, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

20. A representative of a statewide nonprofit organization whose mission includes advocating for victims and survivors of sexual assault, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

21. A representative of an organization that provides free civil legal assistance to citizens of the State with low incomes, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

22. A representative of a mental health advocacy organization, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

23. A representative of a civil liberties organization whose primary mission is the protection of civil liberties, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

24. A representative of a nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to advocate for victims and survivors of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

25. A representative of an organization involved in advocating for juvenile justice reform, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

26. A representative of a public records access advocacy organization, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

The review committee shall invite the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to designate a member of the judicial branch to serve as a member of the committee.

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 review committee.

Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of review committee. 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 review committee. 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 review committee to meet and conduct its business.

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the review committee shall:

1. Review activities in other states that address the expungement, sealing, vacating of and otherwise limiting public access to criminal records;
2. Consider so-called clean slate legislation options;
3. Consider whether the following convictions should be subject to different treatment:
 - A. Convictions for conduct that has been decriminalized in this State over the last 10 years and conduct that is currently under consideration for decriminalization;
 - B. Convictions for conduct that is nonviolent or involves the use of marijuana; and
 - C. Convictions for conduct that was committed by victims and survivors of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking;
4. Consider whether there is a time limit after which some or all criminal records should not be publicly available;
5. Invite comments and suggestions from interested parties, including but not limited to victim advocates and prison and correctional reform organizations;
6. Review existing information about the harms and benefits of making criminal records confidential, including the use and dissemination of those records;
7. Invite comments and suggestions concerning the procedures to limit public accessibility of criminal records;

8. Consider who, if anyone, should continue to have access to criminal records that are not publicly available;

9. Develop options to manage criminal records; and

10. Review and consider criminal records expungement legislation referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary during the 131st Legislature, including, but not limited to, legislative documents 848, 1550, 1646 and 1789.

Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the review committee, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

Sec. 7. Interim report. Resolved: That, no later than December 6, 2023, the review committee shall submit to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary an interim report that includes, but is not limited to, its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, regarding the expungement, sealing, vacating of and otherwise limiting public access to criminal records related to convictions for conduct that is nonviolent or involves the use of marijuana. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

Sec. 8. Final report. Resolved: That, no later than November 6, 2024, the review committee shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters a final report that includes its findings and recommendations not included in the interim report, including suggested legislation. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 104

S.P. 805 - L.D. 1971

Resolve, to Ensure that Eligible Customers Receive Payments from the Energy Rate Relief Fund

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 deadlines need to be extended before the expiration of the 90-day period in order to ensure that eligible customers receive payments from the Energy Rate Relief Fund; 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. Resolve 2021, c. 168, §4, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 2021, c. 168, §4 is amended to read:

Sec. 4. Energy rate relief payments by covered utilities. Resolved: That, by October 30, ~~2022~~ 2023, each covered utility shall credit to the account of each eligible customer the amount of relief payment to which the eligible customer is entitled under section 5 unless the eligible customer is no longer a customer of the utility. By November 15, ~~2022~~ 2023, the covered utility shall report to the department the total amount of relief payments applied to eligible customer accounts and the total number of eligible customers who received an account credit in each relief payment tier specified in section 5, subsections 1 to 3. When a covered utility credits the relief payment to the customer's bill, the utility may deduct that amount from the separate account set aside for purposes of this section under section 3 and treat that amount as if it were a payment by the customer. Any funds that a covered utility does not credit to an eligible customer under this section by ~~June~~ December 1, 2023 must be returned to the Treasurer of State, who, by December 31, 2023, shall transfer the funds to the department.

Sec. 2. Resolve 2021, c. 168, §5, first ¶, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 2021, c. 168, §5, first ¶ is amended to read:

Sec. 5. Energy rate relief payment distribution. Resolved: That the department shall determine the amount of relief payments for covered utilities to credit to an eligible customer based on the number of kilowatt-hours billed by the covered utility to the customer on the February 2022 invoice or based on an alternative method as determined by the department in accordance with the following relief payment tiers:

Sec. 3. Resolve 2021, c. 168, §6, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 2021, c. 168, §6 is amended to read:

Sec. 6. Energy Rate Relief Fund. Resolved: That the Energy Rate Relief Fund is established for purposes of facilitating relief payments under this section. The fund consists of all resources transferred to the fund by the State Controller under section 3 and funds identified by the department to implement this section. The fund must be used to provide relief payments to covered utilities or consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities under this section. The department may use the fund to provide energy rate relief to eligible customers of a consumer-owned transmission and distribution utility. Any amounts remaining in the fund on ~~June 30~~

~~December 15~~, 2023 must be transferred by the State Controller to the department.

Sec. 4. Resolve 2021, c. 168, §7, amended. Resolved: That Resolve 2021, c. 168, §7 is amended to read:

Sec. 7. Review. Resolved: That, by ~~June 30~~ December 15, 2023, the department shall undertake a review of each covered utility to ensure that the relief payment under section 3 has been credited to eligible customers or returned to the State in accordance with section 4. If the department determines that any of the requirements of this section have not been complied with, the department may issue appropriate orders to correct the noncompliance or provide a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy, utilities and technology matters recommending legislation to address the matter.

Sec. 5. Retroactivity. Resolved: That this resolve applies retroactively to October 30, 2022.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective July 26, 2023.

CHAPTER 105

H.P. 149 - L.D. 228

Resolve, to Require That Alcohol Misuse Be Disclosed as a Contributing Factor to Death on Death Certificates

Sec. 1. Death certificate to list alcohol misuse as a contributing factor. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the medical certification of the cause of death completed pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2842 to include a check box to document if alcohol misuse contributed to the death of a person.

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to create an information campaign regarding the completion of death certificates. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall develop an information campaign and training regarding the completion of medical certifications of the cause of death by eligible providers and seek approval for continuing medical education credits for such training.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Data, Research and Vital Statistics Z037

Initiative: Provides one-time funding required to create an accredited online training module.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$41,900
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$41,900

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 106
H.P. 263 - L.D. 430**

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Promote Translation and Interpretation Services in Health Care Settings

Sec. 1. Department to promote translation and interpretation services in health care settings. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention's office of population health equity shall partner with hospitals and health care provider associations to gather information regarding translation and interpretation services and translation of discharge instructions and medication instructions available in hospitals; primary care provider settings; federally qualified health centers; rural health centers; United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service centers; migrant health programs; and other provider settings across the State. The department shall create and deliver a public information campaign designed to promote the availability of these services, with particular focus on individuals who use a primary language other than English, including deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals.

Sec. 2. Report by department. Resolved: That, by February 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report on its progress toward implementing the requirements of section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That 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 a public information campaign to promote translation and interpretation services in health care settings.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$15,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$15,000
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See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 107
S.P. 271 - L.D. 654**

Resolve, Directing the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to Study Methods to Encourage the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units

Sec. 1. Stakeholder group regarding accessory dwelling units; encourage development and construction. Resolved: That the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall convene a group of stakeholders including, but not limited to, representatives from the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Maine State Housing Authority, community lending institutions, the construction industry and the manufactured and modular housing industry to study methods and develop model policy to encourage the development and construction of accessory dwelling units. Methods may include, but are not limited to, financing and incentive programs for the development and construction of accessory dwelling units. The stakeholder group shall review existing models for financing and incentivizing accessory dwelling units; explore standardized building designs; solicit input from interested parties; and review municipal efforts to adopt ordinances governing accessory dwelling units. The office shall submit a report, with findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Select Committee on Housing no later than March 1, 2024. The joint select committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 108
H.P. 478 - L.D. 709**

Resolve, to Develop a Home Share Pilot Program for Older Persons

Sec. 1. Maine State Housing Authority to develop home share pilot program for older persons. Resolved: That the Maine State Housing Authority shall develop and administer, through a contract with an appropriate vendor, a home share pilot program, referred to in this resolve as "the program," primarily aimed at assisting older persons to reduce living expenses, including housing costs, by matching older

persons who own homes with spare rooms to adults in need of affordable housing. The Maine State Housing Authority may partner with organizations such as, but not limited to, area agencies on aging, AARP Maine, the Maine Council on Aging and the EqualityMaine Network for Older Adults to promote the program. For the purposes of this resolve, "older person" has the same meaning as "aging, elderly or older person" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5104, subsection 1-B.

Sec. 2. Maine State Housing Authority to issue request for proposals. Resolved: That the Maine State Housing Authority shall issue a request for proposals for a vendor to provide a digital-based service for matching older persons who own homes with spare rooms to adults in need of affordable housing. The vendor must:

1. Assist hosts and renters over the phone, through a text chat function or by video;
2. Collect and process rental payments from renters and distribute payments to hosts in a timely manner;
3. Protect the private information and data of hosts and renters;
4. Conduct background checks on hosts and renters, including contacting at least 2 references for a host and for a renter;
5. Acquire from renters employment verification or proof of school enrollment; and
6. Review and process all applications.

The request for proposals must favor proposals that provide value in services delivered, equity and impartiality in its processes, compliance with federal and state laws and privacy protections for hosts and renters.

Sec. 3. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 1, 2025, the Maine State Housing Authority shall submit a report on the program detailing the effectiveness of matching older persons who own homes with spare rooms to adults in need of affordable housing, testimonials from hosts and renters and other relevant findings to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and labor and housing matters.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 109
H.P. 486 - L.D. 797**

**Resolve, to Authorize the
Conveyance of Real Property
to the Capitol Area Recreation
Association**

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 Capitol Area Recreation Association holds a lease from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands on approximately 60 acres of nonreserved public lands in Augusta, Kennebec County, Maine for the purpose of nonprofit recreational uses; and

Whereas, the Capitol Area Recreation Association has significant investments in development of the leased premises for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, horseshoes and other recreational uses and has requested that the Bureau of Parks and Lands convey to the Capitol Area Recreation Association fee title of the leased premises; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Parks and Lands receives no revenue from the lease and conveying the fee title will reduce the cost and burden of administrative oversight of the lease; and

Whereas, the Viles Arboretum leases from the Bureau of Parks and Lands an adjacent parcel of nonreserved public lands for the purpose of conservation, environmental education and nature-based recreation; and

Whereas, the Viles Arboretum wishes to limit impacts, such as noise and lighting, on the values and use of the Viles Arboretum leased premises; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Parks and Lands owns, but does not maintain, Piggery Road, which is a critical access route for the Capitol Area Recreation Association; and

Whereas, Piggery Road presently divides the Capitol Area Recreation Association leased premises from the Viles Arboretum leased premises and Piggery Road also provides access to the Viles Arboretum leased premises; and

Whereas, the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles has management responsibility for the nonreserved public lands westerly of the Capitol Area Recreation Association lease and northerly of Piggery Road and maintains a parking lot directly adjacent to the leased area; 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, sections 1814, 1837 and 1851; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Director of Bureau of Parks and Lands directed to convey certain land used for community recreation areas along Piggery Road in Augusta, Maine. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall convey by quitclaim deed with restrictive servitudes to the Capitol Area Recreation Association for \$1 on or before July 1, 2024 all of the State's interest in a parcel of land in Augusta, Maine comprising playing fields and other community recreation areas along Piggery Road, which is currently the subject of a lease between the Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Capitol Area Recreation Association. The conveyance must include the portion of Piggery Road owned by the Bureau of Parks and Lands subject to the delineation of a boundary mutually agreed upon by the Bureau of Parks and Lands, the Capitol Area Recreation Association and the Viles Arboretum. The conveyance must be subject to the delineation of the westerly boundary mutually agreed upon by the Bureau of Parks and Lands, the Capitol Area Recreation Association and the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles. The Bureau of Parks and Lands shall consult with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles when delineating the westerly boundary of the parcel and may retain a narrow sliver of land along the westerly boundary, adjacent to the nonreserved public land parcel managed by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, for purposes of buffering the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' parking lot on that nonreserved public land. Any land retained to buffer the Bureau of Motor Vehicles' parking lot must be assigned to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for management in accordance with its management of its current nonreserved public land parcel.

The parcel must be conveyed subject to the following servitudes.

1. The conveyance must reserve an easement over Piggery Road for use by the Bureau of Parks and Lands and its lessees and contractors for foot and vehicular access at all times and for any management purpose.
2. The conveyance must reserve an easement over Piggery Road for nonmotorized use by the general public, including, but not limited to, persons on foot, bicycles or skis, but must allow the parcel owner to gate Piggery Road to prevent seasonal damage to the road or at any time as needed for security purposes.
3. The conveyance must require that the parcel be maintained in perpetuity for recreational use by the public and allow the assessment of fees, if any, only as needed to cover operating and capital expenses necessary for maintaining the parcel for recreational use by the public.

4. The conveyance must provide that if the Capitol Area Recreation Association ceases to exist or to maintain the parcel for recreational use by the public, the parcel reverts to the State of Maine, Bureau of Parks and Lands and the bureau is obligated to offer the parcel to the City of Augusta with all the servitudes listed in subsections 1, 2, 3 and 5. The conveyance must provide that if the City of Augusta declines to accept, the parcel remains with the bureau, and if the City of Augusta accepts but then fails to maintain the parcel for recreational use by the public, ownership of the parcel must revert to the State of Maine, Bureau of Parks and Lands.

5. The conveyance must provide that, in recognition of the historic nature of its name, Piggery Road may be renamed only by mutual agreement of the Capitol Area Recreation Association, or the City of Augusta if the city acquires the property under subsection 4, the Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Viles Arboretum.

The Capitol Area Recreation Association shall pay all costs of conveyance, including, but not limited to, a survey of the property boundaries, recording costs and legal costs incurred by the Bureau of Parks and Lands. A survey to be completed for the parcel including Piggery Road must be referenced in the deed and recorded along with the deed.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 110
H.P. 557 - L.D. 901**

Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Inform the Development of a Farm Apprenticeship Pilot Program

Sec. 1. Stakeholder group regarding a farm apprenticeship pilot program. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall convene a group of stakeholders including, but not limited to, representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; the Department of Labor; the Department of Economic and Community Development; the Department of Education; educational institutions, particularly public and private postsecondary institutions; statewide organizations representing organic farmers and gardeners and conventional farmers; a statewide organization that works to protect farmland and support farmers; and a statewide business association to develop recommendations for a potential farm apprenticeship pilot program. The stakeholder group shall consider existing models for farm apprenticeships and solicit input from interested parties. The Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may undertake a survey of existing programs within the State and in other states to inform the work of the stakeholder group. The commissioner shall report the findings and recommendations of the

stakeholder group, including suggested legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over agriculture, conservation and forestry matters by March 1, 2025. The joint standing committee may submit a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 relating to the subject matter of the report.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Bureau of Agriculture 0393

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for contracted services to manage a stakeholder group to develop recommendations for a farm apprenticeship pilot program.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$20,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$20,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 111
H.P. 626 - L.D. 979**

Resolve, to Establish a Pilot Project to Provide Transportation to Medically Managed Withdrawal Sites

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to fund transportation from hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to medically managed withdrawal sites; one-year pilot program. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a one-year pilot program to provide transportation from certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to medically managed withdrawal sites for individuals who are willing to use and desire medically managed withdrawal services but lack transportation services to get to the site. The department shall contract with 2 certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs for a one-year period with total funding of no more than \$30,000. One of the programs must be located in an urban area of the State and one must be located in a rural area of the State. The certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs receiving the funding from the department are responsible for providing transportation services to medically managed withdrawal sites and collecting data on service use. The department may contract for the service required in this section as part of its next regular contracting process with hypodermic apparatus exchange programs. The department shall submit a report, no later than January 15, 2026, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and

human services matters with the results of the pilot program. The report must include the number of individuals who received transportation services, the distances traveled in the rural and urban sites, the adequacy of the funding and an estimate of the cost of providing such services statewide. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters is authorized to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That 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 department to contract with 3rd parties for a one-year pilot program to provide transportation from certified hypodermic apparatus exchange programs to medically managed withdrawal sites.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$30,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$30,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 112
H.P. 687 - L.D. 1092**

Resolve, To Establish an Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

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

Sec. 1. Ad hoc committee establishment required. Resolved: That, no later than November 1, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services shall establish an ad hoc committee. The ad hoc committee shall make recommendations addressing the intervention in and prevention of commercial sexual exploitation of children. For the purposes of this section, "commercial sexual exploitation of children" means any activity involving the sexual abuse or sexual exploitation of a child for the financial benefit of any person or in exchange for anything of monetary or nonmonetary value given or received by any person. The ad hoc committee must include representatives of the department, child advocacy centers, community-based agencies with expertise working with commercially sexually exploited children and a statewide coalition of sexual assault centers. By January 1, 2025, the department shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of

the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters with any recommendations from the ad hoc committee.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 113

S.P. 482 - L.D. 1186

Resolve, Directing the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to Develop a Hunting and Fishing Software Application

Sec. 1. Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to develop a hunting and fishing software application. Resolved: That, within existing resources, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall develop a software application that a person can download onto the person's electronic device to allow the person to access the department's publicly accessible website pages regarding hunting and fishing information, licenses and permits. The department shall complete development of the application by December 21, 2024 to be used by the public for the 2025 hunting and fishing seasons.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 114

S.P. 68 - L.D. 129

Resolve, to Direct the University of Maine System to Study the Feasibility of Establishing a Public Allopathic Medical School in Penobscot County

Sec. 1. Allopathic medical school feasibility study. Resolved: That the University of Maine System shall study and analyze the feasibility of establishing a public allopathic medical school in Penobscot County. In conducting the study, the University of Maine System shall examine and make recommendations regarding:

1. State and national current and future physician workforce supply and distribution data including primary and specialty care fields;
2. Innovative allopathic medical school models, especially those that include partnerships between public universities and nonprofit health care systems;
3. Allopathic medical school enrollment projections;
4. Program content and accreditation standards;

5. Required resources including personnel, classrooms, research and clinical laboratories and equipment, student housing and operating expenses;

6. Capacity in the State to support residency training;

7. Costs associated with establishing and operating a public allopathic medical school and funding models that include state appropriations and tuition revenue;

8. The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System policies for creating new programs;

9. The impact of establishing an allopathic medical school on existing education and health-related training programs in the State;

10. Programs to retain graduates to pursue careers in the State, especially in rural primary and specialty care with a focus on underserved areas and populations;

11. Other programs and partnerships to address current and projected needs of a physician workforce; and

12. Opportunities to strengthen health and medical research activities to enhance the health and well-being of residents of the State.

Sec. 2. Coordination; testimony. Resolved: That in conducting the study under section 1, the University of Maine System shall coordinate with a tertiary care hospital medical education program located in Penobscot County and shall solicit the testimony, advice or participation of representatives of the following organizations:

1. The Center for Workforce Research and Information within the Department of Labor;
2. The Department of Health and Human Services;
3. The State Board of Education;
4. The Veterans Affairs Maine Healthcare System;
5. Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness;
6. A statewide association representing Maine hospitals;
7. A statewide association representing Maine physicians;
8. A statewide association representing Maine primary care providers;
9. A medical center in the State with an education and training partnership with a medical school located outside of the State;
10. A nonprofit community health care network that includes federally qualified health centers; and
11. An osteopathic medical school based in the State.

Sec. 3. Funding. Resolved: That the University of Maine System may apply for and receive funds, grants or contributions from public or private sources to carry out the study as provided in this resolve. The University of Maine System shall disclose their sources of funding as part of the report required in section 4. The University of Maine System is not required under this resolve to undertake work for which it does not have or has not received sufficient funding.

Sec. 4. Report. Resolved: That, by November 6, 2025, the University of Maine System shall submit a report that includes but is not limited to recommended legislation and appropriations requests based on its study and analysis in sections 1 and 2 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation related to 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 contract with vendors for the data and analysis required to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of establishing a public allopathic medical school in Penobscot County.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$75,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$75,000

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 115
H.P. 294 - L.D. 477**

**Resolve, Directing the
Department of Education,
Maine School Safety Center to
Convene a Stakeholder Group
to Develop Best Practices for
Lockdown Drills and Active
Shooter Drills and Allowing
Parents to Opt Out of Active
Shooter Drills for Their
Children**

Sec. 1. Stakeholder group. Resolved: That the Department of Education, Maine School Safety Center shall convene a stakeholder group to develop best practices for lockdown drills and active shooter drills implemented by school administrative units to

minimize traumatic impact on students and school staff, including but not limited to representatives of:

1. The Maine School Superintendents Association;
2. The Maine School Boards Association;
3. The Maine Principals' Association;
4. The Maine Education Association;
5. The Maine Chiefs of Police Association;
6. The Maine State Parent Teacher Association;
7. The Maine Parent Federation;
8. The Maine School Counselor Association; and
9. The American Academy of Pediatrics, Maine Chapter.

By January 1, 2025, the department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs on the work of the stakeholder group, specifically regarding the best practices for lockdown drills and active shooter drills and a plan for all school staff to be trained in their school administrative unit's emergency plan prior to January 1, 2026, but also including an evaluation of the effectiveness of the range of lockdown drills and active shooter drills as implemented by public schools at increasing safety, the traumatic impact of lockdown drills and active shooter drills on students and school staff, the number of school administrative units using best practices for lockdown drills and active shooter drills and other strategies to ensure students and school staff are prepared to respond to emergencies, including school shootings. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025 to implement the recommendations of the stakeholder group.

Sec. 2. Rule amendment. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall amend its rule Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units, Section 5.17 to allow parents to opt out of active shooter drills for their children. 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. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF
Maine School Safety Center Z293**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for staffing and other related costs to support the work of the stakeholder group established to develop best practices for lockdown drills and active shooter drills implemented by school administrative units to minimize traumatic impact on students and school staff.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$5,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$5,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 116

H.P. 453 - L.D. 684

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the Educare Model

Sec. 1. Study of Educare model; report. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall identify the critical components of the Educare model for publicly funded statewide early childhood education programs and identify the necessary public and private resources as well as implementation strategies for those critical components. The Department of Education shall, no later than January 29, 2025, submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Innovation Z333

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to contract for the services needed to conduct a study of the Educare model.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$7,500

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$7,500

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 117

S.P. 404 - L.D. 985

Resolve, to Provide Additional Funding to the Maine Veterans' Homes

Sec. 1. Transfer from fiscal year 2023-24 Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Medical Use of Cannabis Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds available balances. Resolved: That, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,600,000 from available balances in the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund.

Sec. 2. Transfer to Department of Health and Human Services, Nursing Facilities-MVH Other Special Revenue Funds. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$2,600,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Nursing Facilities-MVH Other Special Revenue Funds account for a one-time payment to the Maine Veterans' Homes to support ongoing operations.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Nursing Facilities 0148

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for ongoing operations at the Maine Veterans' Homes.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$5,495,395	\$0

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$5,495,395	\$0
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$3,116,727	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$3,116,727	\$0
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CHAPTER 118

H.P. 732 - L.D. 1160

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Analyze Data on the Essential Programs and Services Funding Formula and Allocation Methodology

Sec. 1. Department of Education to identify and conduct an analysis on school funding and allocation methodology. Resolved: That the Department of Education, referred to in this resolve as "the department," in conjunction with the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, shall identify and analyze all school funding data and reports available through or compiled by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, the so-called Picus report and any other relevant data and reports available to the department in order to make recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The analysis

must include, but is not limited to, data and reports relating to the following components of the school funding formula in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A:

1. Transportation cost allocations under section 15681-A, subsection 3, including the predicted per-pupil transportation costs and transportation for secondary school students and transportation to and from co-curricular and extracurricular activities;

2. The determination of a municipality's ability to contribute to school funding through the calculation of the property fiscal capacity as defined in section 15672, subsection 23 through the certified state valuation and the potential inclusion of median income in the allocation methodology and its impact on equity;

3. The essential programs and services allocation model for career and technical education centers and regions under chapter 313, including but not limited to:

A. The effect of the allocation model implemented in the 129th Legislature and the calculation of the per-pupil rate; and

B. Career and technical education center and region costs for transportation for students to and from work sites, annual updates and replacements necessary for equipment specific to centers and regions, the infrastructure costs necessary to accommodate those upgrades and the staffing necessary to lower the ratio between students and staff;

4. The calculations and metrics, including options for alternative metrics, for the economically disadvantaged student factor under section 15675, subsection 2, the economically disadvantaged student adjustment under section 15689, subsection 11 and any other targeted funds to support economically disadvantaged students; and

5. Any other components or issues identified before or during the department's analysis that impact equity in the essential programs and services funding formula and allocation methodology and that require further data collection or analysis, including but not limited to recent changes in school operations, the labor market and teacher salaries and shortages.

In analyzing each component, the department shall consider: the accuracy of the data available; the interconnectedness of the essential programs and services funding formula components; the positive and negative implications of any changes, either alone or in combination with other changes; the impacts on local funding, including the potential for cost shifts at the school administrative unit level; the impact on funding at the state level; and the potential for unintended consequences.

Sec. 2. Updates; report; legislation. Resolved: That the department shall provide monthly updates to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs on the identification of data and reports and the analysis conducted under section 1. No later

than January 15, 2024, the department shall submit a final report to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs with its findings, recommendations and suggested legislation. The report must include a thorough analysis of the data and reports that were considered, identification of data or other areas that require further study and recommendations on any changes to the essential programs and services funding formula model and allocation methodology that could be implemented immediately and those that could be implemented in the future. The Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs may report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature related to the subject matter of the report.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 119

S.P. 523 - L.D. 1286

Resolve, to Establish 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 Maine'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.

Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved: That the task force shall consist of no less than 13 members including 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 and the President of the Maine Technology Institute or the president's designee. A majority of the task force membership must represent either blue economy businesses or entities directly involved in the commercialization of blue economy-related research and innovation.

Sec. 3. Consultation. Resolved: That the task force, in conducting its duties under section 4, shall consult with individuals and entities involved in the blue economy, including, but not limited to:

1. Relevant state agencies, including the Department of Marine Resources, the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future and the State Economist;

2. Publicly funded institutions, including the Maine Maritime Academy, the University of Maine's MARINE initiative, the University of Maine's Aquaculture Research Institute, the Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center and the University of Maine's Maine Sea Grant;

3. Trade associations that represent businesses within sectors of the blue economy;

4. Businesses that build boats or manage boatyards, representatives of businesses that develop marine technologies, products and services, including innovative and emerging technology, and representatives of businesses that engage in marine construction or marine engineering;

5. Blue economy investors representing different stages and scale of business investment;

6. Representatives of the Seafood Economic Accelerator for Maine, or SEA Maine, and individuals involved in developing the Maine Aquaculture Roadmap and the Offshore Wind Roadmap;

7. Representatives of federally recognized Indian tribes in the State; and

8. Representatives of organizations engaged in conservation and sustainable coastal and island development.

Sec. 4. Duties. Resolved: That the task force shall develop a report that outlines the sectors of the State's blue economy and existing economic development plans or strategies for blue economy sectors and identifies opportunities where the State can enhance or facilitate the growth and scaling of blue economy businesses. The report developed under this section must include the following:

1. A description of the blue economy that includes references to the sectors or areas that rely on the sustainable use of ocean resources for economic health, improved livelihoods, jobs or ecosystem health;

2. A review of how other coastal states are approaching planning for or expanding the blue economy in those states;

3. A review of how at least 2 other countries with established blue economies are approaching planning and investments;

4. A clear identification of the sectors within the State's blue economy and which of those sectors have a specific economic development plan, strategy or roadmap and whether that plan, strategy or roadmap is either part of or separate from a statewide economic development plan;

5. For sectors within the State's blue economy that do not have a specific economic development plan, strategy or roadmap:

A. Identification of current and potential future opportunities for those sectors;

B. A description of the competitive advantage the State may have for the opportunities identified under paragraph A; and

C. Existing assets, physical or otherwise, within the State that can help the State take advantage of opportunities identified under paragraph A;

6. For sectors within the State's blue economy with an existing economic development plan, strategy or roadmap, an overview of that economic development plan, strategy or roadmap and an identification of any recommendations that could enhance or facilitate growth of those sectors. Recommendations made by the task force in its report under section 6 may not be inconsistent with, and must build upon, any recommendations identified under this subsection;

7. An identification of strategies within the Maine Economic Development Strategy and Maine Won't Wait climate action plan that are important to businesses in the blue economy; and

8. Recommendations about whether a state-level strategy, action plan or other mechanism would better position the State to take advantage of opportunities identified in the report.

In conducting its duties under this section, to the extent practicable, the task force shall focus on business opportunities, economic growth and research and technology transfers, including growth opportunities for businesses in the State as well as opportunities to attract businesses from elsewhere to expand operations in the State.

Sec. 5. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Department of Economic and Community Development shall provide staffing assistance to the task force.

Sec. 6. Report. Resolved: That the task force shall submit a written report to the Governor and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over innovation, development, economic advancement and business matters including its findings and recommendations developed under section 4 no later than February 1, 2025. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the findings and recommendations in the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the cost of a consultant to facilitate and manage the work of the Blue Economy Task Force.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$100,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$100,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 120

H.P. 878 - L.D. 1364

Resolve, to Study Methods of Preventing Opioid Overdose Deaths by Authorizing Harm Reduction Health Centers

Sec. 1. Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future working group. Resolved: That the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall convene a working group to study methods of preventing opioid overdose deaths by authorizing harm reduction health centers. The office shall at a minimum invite as members of the working group the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Public Safety, a representative of the recovery treatment community, a municipal representative, a medical professional, a person who has experienced substance use disorder and a representative of an organization that advocates for persons with substance use disorder. The working group shall evaluate options for, identify barriers to and develop findings and recommendations regarding the prevention of opioid overdose deaths by authorizing harm reduction health centers in the State.

As used in this section, "harm reduction health center" means a facility that provides health screening, disease prevention and recovery assistance services and that allows persons to consume previously obtained controlled substances on the premises.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, on or before February 15, 2025, the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall submit a report, including the findings and recommendations, as well as any proposed legislation, of the working group under section 1, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Office of Policy Innovation and the Future Z135

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a consultant for research, facilitation and report writing services.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$15,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$15,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 121

S.P. 593 - L.D. 1474

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Expedite Reimbursement of Long-term Care Facilities

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse nursing facilities after receipt of cost reports. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 67, Principles of Reimbursement for Nursing Facilities, to require the department to reimburse at least 75% of the as-filed settlement pursuant to the facility's cost reports within 90 days of receipt.

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse private non-medical institutions after receipt of cost reports. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97, Private Non-Medical Institution Services, Appendix C to require the department to reimburse at least 75% of a private non-medical institution's as-filed settlement within 90 days of receipt.

Sec. 3. Existing resources. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services shall implement the requirements of this resolve within existing resources.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 122

H.P. 981 - L.D. 1526

Resolve, to Provide Grants to Support Reading Proficiency Programming in Schools

Sec. 1. Department of Education to provide grants to support reading proficiency programming in schools. Resolved: That the Department of Education, referred to in this resolve as "the department," shall award grants to school administrative units to support reading proficiency programming in schools.

The department shall establish criteria to award grants to school administrative units. Criteria for awarding grants must include that school administrative units develop programming consistent with the high-quality, evidence-based literacy tenets developed by the department. In awarding grants, the department shall give special consideration to school administrative units serving populations of students with identified reading proficiency achievement gaps, including, but not limited to, reading achievement gaps for economically disadvantaged students and racial and ethnic populations.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than January 15, 2025, the department shall submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs a report on the awarding of grants and the criteria used to award grants to school administrative units in accordance with section 1. The committee may report out a bill to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Innovation Z333

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for grants to school administrative units to support reading proficiency programming in schools.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 123

H.P. 1144 - L.D. 1781

Resolve, to Continue Case Management Services for the Homeless Opioid Users Service Engagement Pilot Project Within the Department of Health and Human Services

Sec. 1. Transfer to Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2024, the State Controller shall transfer \$300,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, Other Special Revenue Funds account to continue the contract for case management services for the homeless opioid users service engagement pilot project established in Resolve 2019, chapter 105.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Z199

Initiative: Provides one-time allocation to continue case management services.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$300,000	\$0
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	<u>\$300,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 124

H.P. 638 - L.D. 1002

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Study the School Day

Sec. 1. Department of Education to study the school day. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall convene a working group to study the school day. The working group must include, but is not limited to, members representing school administrators from high schools, middle schools and elementary schools, a parent of a student, a student, a mental health clinician, a pediatrician, a school nutritionist and a member representing a statewide association of curriculum leaders. The department shall invite any other stakeholders to participate, as appropriate. The study must be informed by relevant research conducted by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute and the department shall work in conjunction with the Maine Education Policy Research Institute, as appropriate. In studying the school day, the working group shall consider, at a minimum, the following:

1. Statewide, national and international approaches to the school day;
2. Instructional requirements for graduation, including but not limited to instruction in health and physical education, traffic safety education, elements of a firearm hunter safety course and a stand-alone course in personal finance;
3. Educator planning and preparation time;
4. Lunch periods, including but not limited to transit time and time required to eat;

5. Recess periods, including the timing of recess before or after lunch periods, frequency of recess periods and differences in recess periods at each grade level;

6. Electives and allied arts courses;

7. To the extent offered, after-school and extended day programs; and

8. School day start times.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, no later than February 1, 2024, the Department of Education shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 125

H.P. 654 - L.D. 1018

Resolve, Directing the Department of Education to Establish a Working Group to Review the State Board of Education's Membership, Responsibilities, Functions and Staffing

Sec. 1. Working group to review State Board of Education. Resolved: That the Department of Education shall establish a working group of stakeholders and other interested parties to review adding a teacher to the membership of the State Board of Education as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-C, subsection 1 and the responsibilities, functions and staffing of the State Board of Education. The department shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and cultural affairs on the findings of the working group by January 15, 2025.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Leadership Team Z077

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to support the working group established to review adding a teacher to the membership of the State Board of Education as well as the responsibilities, functions and staffing of the State Board of Education.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$5,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$5,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 126

H.P. 665 - L.D. 1029

Resolve, to Establish a Commission to Commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the United States

Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Maine Semiquincentennial Commission, referred to in this resolve as "the commission," is established.

Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 15 members as follows:

1. The Secretary of State, or the Secretary of State's designee;
2. The State Historian, or the State Historian's designee;
3. The Chair of the Maine State Cultural Affairs Council, or the chair's designee;
4. The State Archivist, or the State Archivist's designee;
5. The Director of the Maine State Museum, or the director's designee;
6. The State Librarian, or the State Librarian's designee;
7. A representative of a statewide organization to promote tourism in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;
8. A representative of a statewide organization that promotes arts and culture in the State, appointed by the President of the Senate;
9. A representative of a history museum or historical society, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
10. A representative of a statewide humanities organization that uses humanities as a tool for positive change in the State's communities, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
11. A representative of a statewide organization that promotes and enhances the value of Maine libraries, appointed by the Secretary of State;
12. A representative of the historic preservation profession, appointed by the Secretary of State;
13. A representative of prekindergarten to grade 12 education and adult education, appointed by the Governor;

14. A representative of local government, appointed by the Governor; and

15. One member, appointed by the Speaker of the House, who is a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State based on the joint recommendation of the tribal governments of the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik and the Penobscot Nation. If these tribal governments do not make a unanimous joint recommendation, the Speaker of the House shall appoint a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State and rotate the appointment among each federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State in accordance with section 3.

In addition to the 15 members under this section, the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House serve as ex officio members of the commission.

Sec. 3. Appointment terms. Resolved: That appointed members are appointed for terms that expire December 31, 2026; a vacancy is filled in the same manner as the original appointment. If the member who represents a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State appointed under section 2, subsection 15 is not the unanimous joint recommendation of the tribal governments, the member appointed serves coincident with the term of the Legislature during which the member was appointed but may continue to serve until the member's replacement is appointed. The Speaker of the House, in making subsequent appointments under section 2, subsection 15, shall rotate the appointment among each federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State.

Sec. 4. Appointments; chair; 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 Secretary of State once all appointments have been completed. When appointment of all members is complete, the Secretary of State shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission no later than December 1, 2023. The Secretary of State shall name 5 members to constitute an executive committee, which shall act as chair of the commission. The Secretary of State, with advice from the commission, also may appoint honorary members and shall establish an advisory council composed of people who are especially interested in the celebration of the United States Semiquincentennial.

Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, referred to in this resolve as "the commemoration," through educational and historical events, activities and programs throughout the State. All agencies of the State and political subdivisions of the State shall

cooperate with the commission and may grant funds, property and services to the commission to carry out the purposes of this resolve. To carry out the purposes of this resolve the commission may:

1. Enter into contracts that have been approved by the Secretary of State and the Attorney General;

2. Adopt an official flag, seal or other emblem for the commemoration, copyright an official flag, seal or emblem in the name of the State and, with the approval of the Secretary of State, lease or sell the title or right to use the official flag, seal or emblem upon terms determined by the commission. Any revenue from the lease or sale of the title or right to use an official flag, seal or emblem under this subsection must be credited to the fund established in section 12; and

3. Accept donations of money, property or services and the cooperation of the Federal Government and state, civic, patriotic and historical groups and educational institutions. Any donations of money under this subsection must be credited to the fund established in section 12.

Sec. 6. Proclamation. Resolved: That the Governor shall issue a proclamation inviting the people of the State and of the United States to participate in and observe the commemoration.

Sec. 7. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Secretary of State may employ administrative staff to serve the commission.

Sec. 8. Expenses. Resolved: That the executive committee established under section 4 shall draft a commission budget and may pay necessary expenses of the commission from the fund established under section 12. The Secretary of State may request additional appropriations from the Legislature for necessary expenses of the commission.

Sec. 9. Compensation. Resolved: That a member of the commission may receive reimbursement for necessary expenses related to the performance of the member's duties on the commission.

Sec. 10. Meetings. Resolved: That the commission may hold up to 5 meetings a year, one of which must be a public hearing. The executive committee established under section 4 may request authority and the Secretary of State may grant authority for additional meetings.

Sec. 11. Report. Resolved: That the commission shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislature on its activities.

Sec. 12. Maine Semiquincentennial Fund. Resolved: That the Maine Semiquincentennial Fund, referred to in this resolve as "the fund," is established. The fund is administered by the Department of the Secretary of State on behalf of the commission. Balances in the fund may not lapse and must be carried forward and

used for the purposes of this resolve. The commission may accept and deposit in the fund money from appropriations and private and public sources. The Treasurer of State shall invest unexpended money in the fund and all proceeds of these investments accrue to the fund. The fund terminates on December 31, 2027 and any unexpended balance in the fund on December 31, 2027 must be transferred to the General Fund.

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CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE STATE OF MAINE
AS PASSED AT
THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE
2023

CHAPTER 1
H.P. 48 - L.D. 78

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an
Amendment to the Constitution
of Maine to Require All
Provisions in the Constitution
to Be Included in the Official
Printing**

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

Constitution, Art. X, §7 is repealed.

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at a statewide election held in the month of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to require that all of the provisions of the Constitution be included in the official printed copies of the Constitution prepared by the Secretary of State?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots,

returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Effective pending referendum.

CHAPTER 2
H.P. 648 - L.D. 1012

**RESOLUTION, Proposing an
Amendment to the Constitution
of Maine Regarding the Timing
of Judicial Review of the
Determination of the Validity
of Written Petitions**

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. Third, §22 is amended to read:

Section 22. Election officers and officials, how governed. Until the Legislature shall enact further laws not inconsistent with the Constitution for applying the people's veto and direct initiative, the election officers and other officials shall be governed by the provisions of this Constitution and of the general law, supplemented by such reasonable action as may be necessary to render the preceding sections self executing. The Legislature may enact laws not inconsistent with the Constitution to establish procedures for determination of the validity of written petitions. Such laws shall include provision for judicial review of any determination, to be completed within 100 business days from the date of filing of a written petition in the office of the Secretary of State, except that, if a petition is filed within 30 calendar days before or after a general election, the judicial review must be completed within 100 business days after the 30th calendar day following that general election.

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at a statewide election held in the month of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to change the time period for judicial review of the validity of written petitions from within 100 days from the date of filing to within 100 business days from the date of filing of a written petition in the office of the Secretary of State, with an exception for petitions filed within 30 calendar days before or after a general election?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If it appears that a majority of the legal voters are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Effective pending referendum.

CHAPTER 3

S.P. 597 - L.D. 1477

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Align the Proceedings for Circulating Written Petitions for People's Vetoes and Direct Initiatives with Federal Law

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

Constitution, Art. IV, Pt. Third, §20, as amended by CR 2019, c. 1, is further amended to read:

Section 20. Meaning of words "electors," "people," "recess of Legislature," "statewide election," "measure," "circulator," and "written petition"; written petitions for people's veto; written petitions for direct initiative. As used in any of the 3 preceding sections or in this section the words "electors" and "people" mean the electors of

the State qualified to vote for Governor; "recess of the Legislature" means the adjournment without day of a session of the Legislature; "statewide election" means any election held throughout the State on a particular day; "measure" means an Act, bill, resolve or resolution proposed by the people, or 2 or more such, or part or parts of such, as the case may be; "circulator" means a person who solicits signatures for written petitions, ~~and who must be a resident of this State and whose name must appear on the voting list of the city, town or plantation of the circulator's residence as qualified to vote for Governor;~~ "written petition" means one or more petitions written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, with the original signatures of the petitioners, or, as authorized by law, the alternative signatures of persons with physical disabilities that prevent them from signing their own names, attached, verified as to the authenticity of the signatures by the oath of the circulator that all of the signatures to the petition were made in the presence of the circulator and that to the best of the circulator's knowledge and belief each signature is the signature of the person whose name it purports to be, and accompanied by the certificate of the official authorized by law to maintain the voting list or to certify signatures on petitions for voters on the voting list of the city, town or plantation in which the petitioners reside that their names appear on the voting list of the city, town or plantation of the official as qualified to vote for Governor. The oath of the circulator must be sworn to in the presence of a person authorized by law to administer oaths. Written petitions for a people's veto pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 17 must be submitted to the appropriate officials of cities, towns or plantations, or state election officials as authorized by law, for determination of whether the petitioners are qualified voters by the hour of 5:00 p.m., on the 5th day before the petition must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, or, if such 5th day is a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday, by 5:00 p.m., on the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday. Written petitions for a direct initiative pursuant to Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 must be submitted to the appropriate officials of cities, towns or plantations, or state election officials as authorized by law, for determination of whether the petitioners are qualified voters by the hour of 5:00 p.m., on the 10th day before the petition must be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, or, if such 10th day is a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday, by 5:00 p.m., on the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a legal holiday. Such officials must complete the certification of only those petitions submitted by these deadlines and must return them to the circulators or their agents within 2 days for a petition for a people's veto and within 5 days for a petition for a direct initiative, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excepted, of the date on which such petitions were submitted to them. Signatures on petitions not submitted to the appropriate local or state officials by these deadlines may not be certified. The petition shall set

forth the full text of the measure requested or proposed. Petition forms shall be furnished or approved by the Secretary of State upon written application signed and notarized and submitted to the office of the Secretary of State by a resident of this State whose name must appear on the voting list of the city, town or plantation of that resident as qualified to vote for Governor. The full text of a measure submitted to a vote of the people under the provisions of the Constitution need not be printed on the official ballots, but, until otherwise provided by the Legislature, the Secretary of State shall prepare the ballots in such form as to present the question or questions concisely and intelligibly.

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at a statewide election held in the month of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to remove a provision requiring a circulator of a citizen's initiative or people's veto petition to be a resident of Maine and a registered voter in Maine, requirements that have been ruled unconstitutional in federal court?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Effective pending referendum.

CHAPTER 4

S.P. 658 - L.D. 1653

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Allow Persons Under Guardianship for Mental Illness to Be Electors

Constitutional amendment. Resolved: Two thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

Constitution, Art. II, §1 is amended to read:

Section 1. Qualifications of electors; written ballot; military servicemen service members; students. Every citizen of the United States of the age of 18 years and upwards, ~~excepting persons under guardianship for reasons of mental illness,~~ having his or her residence established in this State, shall be an elector for Governor, Senators and Representatives, in the city, town or plantation where his or her residence has been established, if he or she continues to reside in this State; and the elections shall be by written ballot. But persons in the military, naval or marine service of the United States, or this State, shall not be considered as having obtained such established residence by being stationed in any garrison, barrack or military place, in any city, town or plantation; nor shall the residence of a student at any seminary of learning entitle the student to the right of suffrage in the city, town or plantation where such seminary is established. No person, however, shall be deemed to have lost residence by reason of the person's absence from the state in the military service of the United States, or of this State.

Indians. Every Indian, residing on tribal reservations and otherwise qualified, shall be an elector in all county, state and national elections.

Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at a statewide election held in the month of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

"Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to remove a provision prohibiting a person under guardianship for reasons of mental illness from voting for Governor, Senators and Representatives, which the United States District Court for the District of Maine found violates the

United States Constitution and federal law?"

The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns. If it appears that a majority of the legal votes are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the Constitution of Maine on the date of the proclamation.

Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution necessary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

Effective pending referendum.

**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-FIRST LEGISLATURE
2023**

(There were none.)

REVISOR'S REPORT
2021

CHAPTER 2
PART A

Sec. A-1. 2 MRSA §6-D, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. L, §2 and PL 2007, c. 58, §3, is corrected to read:

§6-D. Salary of the ~~Executive Director~~ Chief Executive Officer and deputy directors of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

Notwithstanding Title 5, section 17105, subsection 3, the ~~salary salaries~~ of the ~~Executive Director~~ Chief Executive Officer of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and deputy directors appointed by the ~~Executive Director of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System~~ chief executive officer are established by the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System and may not exceed the maximum rate of salary that may be received by a state employee.

EXPLANATION

Pursuant to Public Law 2021, chapter 548, section 45, references in the Maine Revised Statutes to "Executive Director of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System" are supposed to be changed to "Chief Executive Officer of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System." This section implements that revision but also updates the text to drafting standards.

Sec. A-2. 4 MRSA §1357, sub-§2, ¶D, as amended by PL 2007, c. 491, §54, is corrected to read:

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 ~~paragraphs paragraph~~ 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 and filed with the executive director on a form provided or specified by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-3. 4 MRSA §1915, sub-§16, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 651, Pt. A, §4 and affected by §8, is corrected to read:

A. Witnessing the marking and sealing of an absentee ballot pursuant to Title 21-A, section ~~754-A~~ 754-A;

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-4. 5 MRSA §90-G, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 651, Pt. B, §2 and affected by §7, is corrected to read:

2. Term. A license ~~sued~~ issued under this section is for a term of 7 years.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-5. 5 MRSA §203-B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 661, §2, is corrected to read:

§203-B. Funds received pursuant to court orders or other settlements of opioid crisis litigation

Notwithstanding section 203-A and unless specifically ordered by the court to do otherwise, the Attorney General may work with the Treasurer of State to deposit identified revenue or money received as a result of any court order or other agreement resulting from litigation against, or any court settlement with, an opioid manufacturer, an opioid research association or any other person in the opioid industry relating to claims made by or prosecuted by the State into the Maine Recovery Fund described by the Maine State Subdivision Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement Regarding Use of Settlement Funds, dated and signed on January 26, 2022, ~~and~~ including Schedule A, Core Strategies and Schedule B, Approved Uses, for spending on approved uses as directed by the Maine Recovery Council as established in section 12004-I, subsection ~~93~~ 94.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference and corrects clerical errors.

Sec. A-6. 5 MRSA §203-C, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 661, §3, is corrected to read:

2. **Maine Recovery Council established.** The Maine Recovery Council, as established in section 12004-I, subsection ~~93~~ 94 and referred to in this section as "the council," shall direct the disbursement of funds within the Maine Recovery Fund for approved uses.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-7. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§54-E, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 688, §1, is corrected to read:

54-E.

Labor	Essential Support Workforce Advisory Committee	Not Authorized	26 MRSA § 3702 § <u>3802</u>
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EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-8. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§93, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 661, §4, is reallocated to 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§94.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2021, chapters 623 and 661, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same subsection number.

Sec. A-9. 5 MRSA §17102, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 548, §9, is corrected by correcting the first blocked paragraph to read:

The names of proposed trustees elected or appointed under ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph B, C or E must be submitted to the Legislature by the Governor and are subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over retirement matters and to confirmation by the Legislature. A member who is elected or appointed may serve in the position of trustee from the date of election or appointment unless the Legislature rejects the confirmation.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-10. 5 MRSA §17801, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 540, §1, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) The commitment provided by this section applies to the protections established under the specific following provisions:

(a) Section 17001, subsection 4; and subsection 13, paragraph B, subparagraph (1) and paragraph C, subparagraph (2);

(b) Section 17806, subsections 1 to 4;

(c) The subsection of section 17851, that is applicable to each member;

(d) The paragraph of subsection 2 of section 17851-A, that is applicable to each member;

(e) The paragraph of subsection 4 of section 17851-A, that is applicable to each member; and

(f) The subsection of section 17852, that is applicable to each member.

EXPLANATION

This section makes grammatical corrections.

Sec. A-11. 7 MRSA §1046, sub-§1, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §122, is corrected to read:

1. Inspection. To sample, inspect, ~~or~~ cause to be analyzed or tested, agricultural, vegetable or tree and shrub seeds transported, sold or offered or exposed for sale within this State for sowing purposes, at such time and place and to such extent as the commissioner considers necessary to determine whether ~~said~~ the agricultural, vegetable or tree and shrub seeds are in compliance with this subchapter, and to notify promptly of any violation, the person who transported, sold, ~~or~~ offered or exposed the seed for sale; and

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction and makes grammatical changes.

Sec. A-12. 7 MRSA §2231, sub-§11, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 528, §1, is corrected to read:

B. The number of acres of all land areas licensed for the cultivation of hemp and the square footage of indoor facilities licensed for the cultivation of hemp;

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-13. 9-A MRSA §9-405, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 396, §12, is corrected to read:

9. A creditor has no liability under ~~subsections~~ subsection 1 or 3, or under section 6-113, subsection 2, for any act done or omitted in good faith in conformity

with any rule or interpretation thereof by the administrator, notwithstanding that after such act or omission has occurred, the rule or interpretation is amended, rescinded or determined by judicial or other authority to be invalid for any reason.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-14. 10 MRSA §920, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 548, §1, is corrected to read:

7. Encumbrance of property. Mortgage, pledge or otherwise encumber any property right or thing of value acquired pursuant to ~~the powers a power~~ contained in ~~subsections~~ subsection 4, 5 or 6 as security for the payment of any part of the purchase price thereof;

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-15. 10 MRSA §1247, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 473, §3, is corrected to read:

In any action or claim brought against the personal sports mobile dealer on a breach of implied warranty complaint in which it is later determined that the manufacturer is liable, the dealer is entitled to receive from the manufacturer the dealer's reasonable costs and attorney's fees incurred in defending the claim or action. In any such implied warranty action, a dealer has the rights of a buyer under Title 11, section ~~2607~~ 2-607, subsection ~~5~~ (5).

EXPLANATION

This section makes technical corrections.

Sec. A-16. 10 MRSA §1473, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 770, §57, is corrected to read:

§1473. Construction

The provisions of this chapter ~~shall~~ may not be construed to limit or restrict in any way the rights or warranties provided to persons under any other ~~Maine~~ Maine law of this State, except that Title 11, section 2-316, subsection ~~5~~ shall (5) does not apply to transactions under this chapter.

EXPLANATION

This section makes technical corrections.

Sec. A-17. 11 MRSA §3-1404, sub-§(2), as enacted by PL 1993, c. 293, Pt. A, §2, is corrected to read:

(2). If a person whose intent determines to whom an instrument is payable (~~pursuant to section 3-1110, subsection (1) or (2)~~) does not intend the person identified as payee to have any interest in the instrument or the person identified as payee of an instrument is a fictitious person, the following rules apply until the instrument is negotiated by special indorsement.

(a). Any person in possession of the instrument is its holder.

(b). An indorsement by any person in the name of the payee stated in the instrument is effective as the indorsement of the payee in favor of a person who, in good faith, pays the instrument or takes it for value or for collection.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects clerical errors.

Sec. A-18. 11 MRSA §9-1323, sub-§(1), ¶(b), as enacted by PL 1999, c. 699, Pt. A, §2 and affected by §4, is corrected to read:

(b). Is not made pursuant to a commitment entered into before or while the security interest is perfected by a method other than under section 9-1309 or section 9-1312, subsection (5), (6) or (7).

EXPLANATION

This section corrects clerical errors.

Sec. A-19. 12 MRSA §10054, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is corrected to read:

The Bureau of Warden Service is established within the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It is equal in organizational level and status with other major organizational units within the department or its successors. The bureau is administered by a director who is immediately responsible to the deputy commissioner. The director is the Game Warden Colonel and is employed pursuant to section 10103, subsection 3 and Title 5, chapter ~~59~~ 71, which are applicable to this position. The director possesses full authority and responsibility for administering all the powers and duties of the bureau, subject to the direction of the commissioner and except as otherwise provided by statute. The responsibilities of the bureau include, but are not limited to:

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-20. 12 MRSA §10151, sub-§5, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 184, §1, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Notice of the public meeting has been given in accordance with this subsection and the notice includes the method by which the public may attend in accordance with subparagraph 3 (3);

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-21. 12 MRSA §10202, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is corrected to read:

10. Review of budget. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over inland fisheries and wildlife matters shall review that part of the current services budget bill and any supplemental budget bills pertaining to the department in accordance with Title 5 3, section 522-A.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-22. 12 MRSA §12260, sub-§6, ¶B, as affected by PL 2003, c. 614, §9 and amended by c. 655, Pt. B, §224 and affected by §422, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) A person who violates subparagraph 1 (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.

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-23. 12 MRSA §12503, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2015, c. 301, §35, is corrected to read:

2. Land used for agricultural purposes; domicile. Notwithstanding section 12503, 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.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-24. 12 MRSA §12912, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 245, §5, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) On any allocated rapidly flowing river more than 120 passengers per day except on allocated days when a licensed outfitter may carry only up to the number of allocations the outfitter has been allocated. On allocated days, that limit may be exceeded only as provided in section 12913, subsection 2, paragraph A, subparagraph 4 (4). On unallocated days, an outfitter may occasionally carry up to 4 additional passengers to accommodate problems in booking. Abuse of the privilege to carry 4 additional passengers results in its loss for a period to be determined by the commissioner.

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-25. 13 MRSA §1034 is corrected to read:

§1034. Jurisdiction

The Superior Court shall have original and concurrent jurisdiction in all cases under this chapter. Judges of the District Court may cause the persons brought before them on complaint for violation of sections section 1342 or 1343 to recognize with sufficient sureties to appear at the next term of the Superior Court and, in default thereof, shall commit them.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error and makes a grammatical change.

Sec. A-26. 13-C MRSA §1408, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 323, Pt. C, §18 and affected by Pt. G, §4, is corrected to read:

2. Content of notice. The notice under section subsection 1 must:

- A. Be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the dissolved corporation's principal office is or was last located or, if none in this State, in Kennebec County;
- B. Describe the information that must be included in a claim and provide a mailing address where the claim may be sent; and
- C. State that a claim against the dissolved corporation will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within 3 years after the publication of the notice.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-27. 13-C MRSA §1533, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 640, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §7, is corrected to read:

1. Petition to appeal revocation. A foreign corporation may appeal the Secretary of State's revocation of its authority to the Kennebec County Superior Court within 30 days after service of the notice of revocation is perfected under section ~~4510~~ 1510-A. The foreign corporation may appeal by petitioning the court to set aside the revocation and attaching to the petition copies of its application for authority and the Secretary of State's notice of revocation.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-28. 14 MRSA §3123, as amended by PL 1997, c. 21, §§1 and 2, is corrected by correcting the section headnote to read:

§3123. Service of disclosure of subpoena

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-29. 14 MRSA §4422, sub-§17, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 382, §2, is corrected to read:

17. Cash; bank account. The debtor's interest in cash or in deposit accounts or other accounts of a financial institution, equal to any amount in cash or in the deposit account or other account of financial institutions, but not exceeding \$3,000. The plaintiff, defendant or ~~any~~ other account owner may file an ex parte motion for dissolution ~~of~~ or modification in the court in which a judgment or prejudgment order was entered for a hearing to establish how and to which account any exemption should be applied.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-30. 14 MRSA §4601, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 184, §21, is corrected to read:

In addition to any other provisions of law, attachments of real or personal estates may be enforced and their duration may be extended as provided in sections 3131, 3132 and 4651.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-31. 15 MRSA §101-C, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 234, §1, is corrected to read:

1. Written demand for records. When a person or entity has been ordered to perform an examination or evaluation pursuant to section 101-D, a diagnostic evaluation pursuant to section 3309-A, a competency examination pursuant to section 3318-A, an evaluation and treatment pursuant to section 3318-B, or an examination of a juvenile with reference to insanity or abnormal condition of mind, and the person to be examined has sought the examination, joined in a request or order for the examination or has entered a plea or answer of not criminally responsible by reason of insanity, that person or entity may make written demand upon any individual, partnership, association, corporation, institution or governmental entity to produce the records or copies of the records, in whatever medium preserved, of the subject of the examination or evaluation.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-32. 15 MRSA §109, sub-§3, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 405, §2, is corrected to read:

C. For forensic patients placed outside the State pursuant to ~~subsection~~ section 103:

- (1) Reviewing reports submitted to the commissioner by the state institution pursuant to section 104-A, subsection 1 and provided to the committee by the superintendent pursuant to subsection 4;
- (2) Reviewing medical records or other records at the request of the patient or the patient's guardian if the patient who is the subject of the review or the patient's guardian has provided informed, written consent; and
- (3) Receiving verbal reports at least twice per year from the superintendent of the state institution monitoring the person's placement outside the State;

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-33. 15 MRSA §2136, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 469, §1, is corrected to read:

8. State DNA data bank. "State DNA data bank" means the repository of DNA samples maintained by the Chief of the State Police at the crime lab collected pursuant to Title 25, chapter 194 and this chapter.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-34. 17 MRSA §2264-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2021, c. 374, §3, is corrected to read:

1. Disposal of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter; intentional release of 16 to 24 balloons. A person who intentionally releases 16 to 24 balloons at one time in violation of this chapter or who disposes of 15 pounds or less or 27 cubic feet or less of litter commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$500 may be adjudged.

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-35. 17-A MRSA §1101, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 528, §2, is corrected to read:

1. "Marijuana" includes the leaves, stems, flowers and seeds of all species of the plant genus ~~cannabis~~ Cannabis, whether growing or not; but does not include the resin extracted from any part of such plant and every compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation from such resin including hashish and does not include the mature stalks of such plant, fiber produced from such stalks, oil or cake made from the seeds of such plant, any other compound, manufacture, salt, derivative, mixture or preparation of such mature stalks, fiber, oil or cake or the sterilized seed of such plant that is incapable of germination. "Marijuana" does not include hemp as defined in Title 7, section 2231, subsection 1-A, paragraph D.

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-36. 17-A MRSA §1102, sub-§4, ¶G, as amended by PL 2019, c. 528, §6, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Tetrahydrocannabinols that are naturally contained in a plant of the genus ~~cannabis~~ Cannabis or a cannabis plant, excluding tetrahydrocannabinols contained in hemp as defined in Title 7, section 2231, subsection 1-A, paragraph D, as well as synthetic equivalents of the substances contained in the cannabis plant or in the resinous extracts of cannabis or synthetic substances, derivatives and their isomers with similar chemical structure and pharmacological activity, including the following:

- (a) Delta-1 cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol and their optical isomers;
- (b) Delta-6 cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol and their optical isomers; or

(c) Delta-3,4 cis or trans tetrahydrocannabinol and their optical isomers;

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-37. 18-B MRSA §1205, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 235, §1, is corrected to read:

A. The Act applies to a trust created before, on or after ~~the~~ October 1, 2021;

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-38. 18-C MRSA §5-403, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is corrected to read:

3. Notice to others. In a proceeding on a petition under section 5-402, notice of the hearing also must be given to the persons required to be listed in the petition under section 5-402, subsection 3 2, paragraphs A to C and any other person interested in the respondent's welfare as the court determines at least 14 days prior to the hearing. Failure to give notice under this subsection does not preclude the court from appointing a conservator.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-39. 19-A MRSA §1806, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 328, §6, is corrected to read:

§1806. Other actions

~~Nothing in this~~ This chapter limits does not limit a grandparent's ability to file any action not governed by the provisions of this chapter with respect to a child, including but not limited to an action to establish de facto parentage of a child under section 1891, an action for guardianship of a child under Title ~~18-A~~ 18-C, Article 5 and a child protection petition under Title 22, section 4032, subsection 1, paragraph C.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference and makes a grammatical correction.

Sec. A-40. 19-A MRSA §4103, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is corrected to read:

2. Minor 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; or
 - (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;

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;

EXPLANATION

This section makes technical corrections.

Sec. A-41. 20-A MRSA §4003, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8 and amended by PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is corrected to read:

§4003. Water supply

If a school building of a school administrative unit is supplied by a water supply operated by the school administrative unit and which serves only the school buildings under the control of the school board, the water supply ~~shall~~ is not be considered a public water supply under Title 22, sections ~~2654~~ 2651-B and ~~2652~~ 2653. The school board shall ensure that this water supply meets standards set by the Department of Health and Human Services for private water supplies of schools.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects cross-references and makes grammatical changes.

Sec. A-42. 20-A MRSA §8306, sub-§5, as corrected by RR 2003, c. 2, §45, is corrected to read:

5. Reorganizing centers and regions. The state board may, in compliance with section ~~8307~~ 8307-A:

- A. Change existing boundaries of centers and regions;
- B. Change the status of a center to a region or a region to a center;
- C. Dissolve existing regions or centers;
- D. Create new regions or centers; or
- E. Create alternative organizational methods of delivering career and technical education.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-43. 20-A MRSA §9101, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 632, §1, is corrected to read:

1. Innovative Instruction and Tutoring Grant Program Fund. The Innovative Instruction and Tutoring Grant Program Fund, referred to in this chapter as "the fund," is established in the department to encourage the facilitation of innovative instruction and ~~tutoring~~ tutoring programs, including so-called high-impact tutoring, that address learning loss or unfinished learning through the use of project-based learning and other interdisciplinary approaches. Eligible local education providers throughout the State may be awarded grants upon approval of their applications. The commissioner shall administer the fund. For the purposes of this chapter, "local education provider" means a school administrative unit, a school in the unorganized territory under chapter 119, a public charter school under chapter 112 or a school or program established under subpart 2.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-44. 20-A MRSA §9504, as amended by PL 1997, c. 771, §5, is corrected to read:

§9504. Rules

The commissioner shall adopt rules for the administration and enforcement of this chapter. The rules must establish requirements relating to advertising, records and record keeping, health and sanitation, safety, personnel, tuition, fees, contracts and other matters that protect the public and consumer interests and must establish requirements for payment of refunds, and notices and information to be provided to students. Rules adopted pursuant to this chapter are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~H-A~~ 2-A.

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-45. 20-A MRSA §10955, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 502, Pt. A, §57, is corrected to read:

1. Form; terms; manner of sale. All evidences of indebtedness issued in connection with the financing transactions pursuant to this chapter may be in serial form; may bear such date or dates; may mature at such time or times, and in such amount or amounts; may bear interest at such rate or rates, including variable or adjustable; may be payable in such form and at such time or times and at such place or places; and may include such redemption and conversion privileges as those votes may provide. All evidences of indebtedness ~~shall~~ must be issued and sold under such terms and conditions as the trustees determine. The votes ~~shall~~ must provide that the treasurer ~~shall~~ manually sign evidences of indebtedness and other related financing documents and the votes may provide for counter-signature of those evidences of indebtedness and related documents by another officer, either manually or in facsimile form. All such evidences of indebtedness ~~shall be~~ are deemed to be negotiable instruments under ~~the Uniform Commercial Code, Title 11, Article 8-A.~~

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference, makes a technical correction and makes grammatical changes.

Sec. A-46. 20-A MRSA §11004, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is corrected to read:

1. Officers. The board shall annually elect from its members a ~~chairperson~~ chair and ~~vice-chairperson~~ vice-chair and shall appoint and at its pleasure remove or discharge ~~said~~ those officers.

EXPLANATION

This section makes technical corrections and makes a grammatical change.

Sec. A-47. 20-A MRSA §11417, sub-§1, ¶J, as amended by PL 2015, c. 170, §16 and affected by §30, is corrected to read:

J. Employ persons, including private legal counsel and financial experts, on either a temporary or permanent basis, in order to carry out any of its powers and duties. Employees of the authority are not subject to Title 5, ~~chapters~~ chapter 71 ~~and~~ or Title 5, chapter 372, subchapter 2;

EXPLANATION

This section corrects clerical errors.

Sec. A-48. 20-A MRSA §15671, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2005, c. 2, Pt. D, §33 and affected by §§72 and 74 and c. 12, Pt. WW, §18, is corrected to read:

3. Specialized student populations. In recognition that educational needs can be more costly for some student populations than for others, special student populations are specifically addressed in ~~sections~~ section 15675 and section 15681-A, subsection 2.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects clerical errors.

Sec. A-49. 20-A MRSA §15675, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 398, §32, is corrected to read:

B. For a school administrative unit with more than 15 and fewer than 251 English learners, the unit receives an additional weight of .50 per student; and

Sec. A-50. 20-A MRSA §15675, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2019, c. 398, §32, is corrected to read:

C. For a school administrative unit with 251 or more English learners, the unit receives an additional weight of .525 per student; ~~and.~~

EXPLANATION

These sections make technical corrections.

Sec. A-51. 20-A MRSA §15689-B, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 571, §36, is corrected to read:

9. Career and technical education region. This section applies to a career and technical education region in the same manner as to a school ~~administration~~ administrative unit.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-52. 21-A MRSA §23, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 161, §6, is corrected to read:

9. Registration of treasurer. The Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices shall keep the registration of a treasurer under section ~~4013~~ 1013-A in its office for 2 years.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-53. 21-A MRSA §1203-C, sub-§28, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 552, Pt. A, §1, is corrected to read:

28. Senate District 28. Senate District 28, wholly located in Cumberland County, consists of the following census units in the minor civil division of Portland: Tract 000100; Tract 000200; Tract 000300; Tract 000500; Tract 000600; Tract 001000; Tract 001100; Tract 001200; Tract 001300; Tract 002300; and Blocks 230050015001000, 230050015001002, 230050015001004, 230050015001006, 230050015001008, 230050015001010, 230050015001012, 230050015001014, 230050015001016, 230050015001018, 230050015001020, 230050015002001, 230050015002003, 230050015002005, 230050015002007, 230050015002009, 230050015002011, 230050015002013, 230050015002016, 230050015002018, 230050015002020, 230050015002022, 230050015002024, 230050015002026, 230050015002028, 230050015002030, 230050015002032, 230050015003001, 230050015003003, 230050015003005, 230050015003007, 230050015003009, 230050015003011, 230050015003013, 230050015003015, 230050018001000, 230050018001006, 230050018001009, 230050018001011, 230050018001013, 230050018002006, 230050018002008, 230050018002010, 230050018002012, 230050018002014, 230050018002016, 230050018002018, 230050018002020, 230050018002022, 230050018002024,

230050015001001, 230050015001003, 230050015001005, 230050015001007, 230050015001009, 230050015001011, 230050015001013, 230050015001015, 230050015001017, 230050015001019, 230050015002000, 230050015002002, 230050015002004, 230050015002006, 230050015002008, 230050015002010, 230050015002012, 230050015002015, 230050015002017, 230050015002019, 230050015002021, 230050015002023, 230050015002025, 230050015002027, 230050015002029, 230050015002031, 230050015003000, 230050015003002, 230050015003004, 230050015003006, 230050015003008, 230050015003010, 230050015003012, 230050015003014, 230050015003016, 230050018001001, 230050018001007, 230050018001010, 230050018001012, 230050018002000, 230050018002007, 230050018002009, 230050018002011, 230050018002013, 230050018002015, 230050018002017, 230050018002019, 230050018002021, 230050018002023, 230050018002025,

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230050024003002,	230050024003003,
230050024003014,	230050024003016,
230050024003017,	230050024003018,
230050024003019,	230050024003020
230050024003021.	and

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-54. 21-A MRSA §1204-C, sub-§140, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 552, Pt. B, §1, is corrected to read:

140. House District 140. House District 140, wholly located in York County, consists of the minor civil divisions of Arundel and Dayton and the following census blocks from the minor civil division of Lyman:

230310245011000,	230310245011001,
230310245011002,	230310245011003,
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230310245011006,	230310245011007,
230310245011008,	230310245011009,
230310245011010,	230310245011011,
230310245011012,	230310245011015,
230310245011016,	230310245011017,
230310245011018,	230310245011019,
230310245011020,	230310245011021,
230310245011022,	230310245011023,
230310245011024,	230310245011025,
230310245011026,	230310245011027,
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230310245012012,	230310245012016,
230310245012017,	230310245012018,
230310245012019,	230310245012020,
230310245012021,	230310245012022,
230310245012023,	230310245012024,

230310245012025 and 230310245012034.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-55. 22 MRSA §1844, sub-§4, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 670, §1 and affected by §4, is corrected to read:

E. The parties to a cooperative agreement may withdraw their application and thereby terminate all proceedings under this chapter as follows:

(1) Without the approval of the department, any party or the Superior Court at any time prior to the filing of an answer or responsive pleading in a court action under section 1848, subsection 2 or prior to entry of a consent decree under section 1848, subsection 9; or

(2) Without the approval of the department or any party at any time prior to the issuance of a final decision under paragraph ~~G~~ F if a court action has not been filed under section 1848, subsection 2.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-56. 22 MRSA c. 409, headnote is corrected to read:

**CHAPTER 409
~~CRIPPLED CHILDREN~~ CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-57. 22 MRSA §2097, 6th ¶, as enacted by P&SL 1975, c. 90, §A, §1, is corrected to read:

The council shall elect the ~~chairperson~~ chair and such other officers from its members as it ~~deems~~ considers appropriate.

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction and a grammatical change.

Sec. A-58. 22 MRSA §2098, first ¶, as enacted by P&SL 1975, c. 90, §A, §1, is corrected to read:

The council shall meet at the call of the ~~chairperson~~ chair or at the call of 1/4 of the members appointed and currently holding office. The council shall meet at least once every 3 months. The council shall keep minutes of all meetings, including a list of people in attendance.

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-59. 22 MRSA §2127, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. MM, §1 and affected by §5, is corrected to read:

E. Implement a patient screening process to determine patient eligibility for Medicaid, the Cub Care program under ~~Title 22~~, section 3174-T and the sliding fee scale; and

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-60. 22 MRSA §2127, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 401, Pt. MM, §1 and affected by §5, is corrected to read:

6. Coordination with Medicaid and the Cub Care program. The department shall coordinate assistance under this chapter with Medicaid and the Cub Care program under ~~Title 22~~, section 3174-T in a manner most likely to obtain and maximize federal matching funds.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-61. 22 MRSA §3174-III, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 738, §1, is reallocated to 22 MRSA §3174-JJJ.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2021, chapters 708 and 738, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same section number.

Sec. A-62. 22 MRSA §3266, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §3, is corrected to read:

§3266. Acceptance of federal provisions

All provisions of ~~sections the United States Social Security Act, Title XVI, Sections 1611, 1612, 1613, 1614 and 1615, as amended~~, relating to determination of benefits; and ~~sections Sections 1631, 1632 and 1633, as amended~~, relating to procedural and general provisions, of ~~Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act, as amended~~, are accepted and are deemed to apply to the program of state supplemental security income benefits to the extent that they may be required to conduct a state supplemental income program as pursuant to this Part.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects clerical errors.

Sec. A-63. 22 MRSA §3767, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §16, is corrected to read:

The department may bring proceedings in the District Court or Superior Court in the county where the

child resides or in the county where the parent may be found to compel any person liable under this section to contribute to the support of any child receiving that assistance if, after reasonable efforts on the part of the department, voluntary contributions have not been made. The department shall bring the action as a petition for support upon not less than 7 days' notice. The court may order either one or both parents of the child to contribute to the support of the child by paying money weekly or monthly as determined in accordance with ~~Title 19, chapter 7, subchapter I-A and Title 19-A, chapter 63~~ and may enforce obedience by appropriate decrees, execution issuing for that money when payable. An order for child support under this section may include an order for the payment of part or all of the medical expenses, hospital expenses and other health care expenses of the child or an order to provide a policy or contract for coverage of those expenses. When a parent is committed to jail as a defendant on execution under this section, the county having jurisdiction of the process shall bear the expense of the defendant's commitment and support. The defendant may petition the court issuing that execution for relief and the judge of the court, after due notice to the department and hearing on the petition, may order the defendant's discharge from imprisonment on the terms and conditions justice requires.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-64. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 2007, c. 586, §6, is corrected to read:

B. Promptly investigate all abuse and neglect cases and suspicious child deaths coming to its attention or, in the case of out-of-home abuse and neglect investigations, the department shall act in accordance with ~~subchapter 11-A chapter 1674~~;

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-65. 23 MRSA §3029, first ¶, as amended by PL 1977, c. 479, §5, is corrected to read:

Damages ~~shall~~ must be determined using the methods in sections 154 ~~through 154E to 154-E~~, as far as practicable, except that references to the "commission" or the "board" ~~shall~~ mean the "municipal officers" and references to the "state" ~~shall~~ mean the "municipality."

EXPLANATION

This section makes technical corrections and grammatical changes.

Sec. A-66. 24-A MRSA §235, sub-§2, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §176, is corrected to read:

2. Within 30 days after termination of a hearing, or of any rehearing thereof or reargument thereon, or within such other period as may be specified in this Title as to particular proceedings, or within such further reasonable period as the superintendent for good cause may require, the superintendent shall make the superintendent's order on hearing covering matters involved in such hearing, and give a copy of the order to each party to the hearing in the same manner as notice of the hearing was given to such party; except that as to hearings held with respect to merger, consolidation, bulk reinsurance, conversion, affiliation or change of control of a domestic insurer as provided in chapter 47 when notice of the hearing was given to all stockholders ~~and/or and~~ and policyholders of an insurer involved, the superintendent is required to give a copy of the order on hearing to the corporation and insurer parties, to intervening parties, to a reasonable number of such stockholders or policyholders as representative of the class, and to other parties only upon written request of such parties.

EXPLANATION

This section makes a grammatical change.

Sec. A-67. 24-A MRSA §237, sub-§9, as amended by PL 1997, c. 79, §2, is corrected to read:

9. **Exclusions.** This section does not apply to fraternal benefit societies, as defined in section 4101; assessment mutual insurance companies, as defined in section 3603; and joint underwriting associations, subject to section ~~2322~~ 2322-A.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-68. 24-A MRSA §410, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 702, Pt. A, §7, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) A nonprofit hospital or medical service organization that operates a health maintenance organization as a division or as a line of business shall possess and maintain subscriber reserves as defined in Title 24, section 2301, subsection 9-A, paragraph H, subparagraph (2) and in an amount required by the superintendent and in addition shall meet the surplus requirements of section 4204-A.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-69. 24-A MRSA §1157, sub-§3, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §191, is corrected to read:

3. **Superintendent; order of disposition.** At any time after the acquisition by the insurer of any subsidiary, other than a holding company engaged solely in the ownership or control of other subsidiaries, or a subsidiary referred to in subsection 5, paragraph B, ~~subparagraphs subparagraph~~ (1) or (2), the superintendent may order its disposition if the superintendent finds, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, that its continued retention is materially adverse to the interests of the insurer's policyholders. The insurer has at least 36 months to effect the disposition. If that disposition is not so effected, the subsidiary may not thereafter be allowed as an asset of the insurer.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-70. 24-A MRSA §1402, sub-§4, ¶D, as amended by PL 2005, c. 65, Pt. C, §10, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) A person authorized to act as or on behalf of an investment advisor in accordance with Title 32, ~~section sections~~ 16403 and 16404 to the extent such activities entail providing insurance advice incidental to financial planning advice.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-71. 24-A MRSA §2307, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 78, §158, is corrected to read:

§2307. Limitation of disapproval power

~~No A~~ manual of classifications, ~~rules, rule or~~ rating plans, plan or any modification of any of the foregoing ~~which that~~ establishes standards for measuring variations in hazards or expense provisions, or both, and ~~which that~~ has been filed pursuant to section ~~2304~~, ~~shall~~ 2304-A may not be disapproved if the rates produced meet the requirements of this chapter and chapter 23.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference and makes grammatical changes.

Sec. A-72. 24-A MRSA §2327, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is corrected to read:

2. This section ~~shall~~ does not be deemed to prohibit or restrict any agreement or action otherwise lawful under section ~~2322 (joint underwriters; joint reinsurers)~~ 2322-A.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference and makes a grammatical change.

Sec. A-73. 24-A MRSA §2620, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §230, is corrected to read:

§2620. Information as to insurance

The group life insurance policy must contain a provision that the insurer will issue to the policyholder for delivery to each person insured printed information as to the insurance protection to which the person is entitled and the rights and conditions set forth in ~~section~~ sections 2621, 2622, 2623 and 2628. The insurer shall also provide for distribution by the policyholder to each member of the insured group a statement setting forth to whom the benefits under such policy are payable.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-74. 24-A MRSA §2623, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §235, is corrected to read:

§2623. Death pending conversion

The group life insurance policy must contain a provision that if a person insured under the policy, or the insured dependent of a covered person, dies during the period within which the person would have been entitled to have an individual policy issued to the person in accordance with ~~sections~~ section 2621 or 2622 and before such an individual policy becomes effective, the amount of life insurance that the person would have been entitled to have issued to the person under such individual policy is payable as a claim under the group policy, whether or not application for the individual policy or the payment of the first premium therefor has been made.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-75. 24-A MRSA §3363, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is corrected to read:

C. ~~5~~ Five years from the date of execution of the proxy.

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-76. 24-A MRSA §3476, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 132, §1, is corrected to read:

A. That the proposed new owners are not qualified by character, experience and financial responsibility to control and operate the insurer, or cause the insurer to be operated, in a lawful and proper manner; ~~or~~

Sec. A-77. 24-A MRSA §3476, sub-§2, ¶B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §284, is corrected to read:

B. That as a result of the proposed change of control the insurer may not be qualified for a certificate of authority under section 407; ~~or~~

EXPLANATION

These sections make technical corrections.

Sec. A-78. 24-A MRSA §3486, sub-§12, as amended by PL 2003, c. 344, Pt. D, §16, is corrected to read:

12. If the court determines pursuant to Title 13-C, chapter ~~443~~ 13, subchapter 3 that a shareholder is not entitled to receive payment of the fair value of the shareholder's shares because of the shareholder's failure to satisfy the requirements of Title 13-C, chapter ~~443~~ 13, subchapter 3 and of this section, then the shareholder ~~shall~~ must receive the consideration that was specified as payment in exchange for the shareholder's shares pursuant to the plan. Such payment may not include the allowance for interest specified in Title 13-C, section 1331, subsection 5.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference and makes a grammatical change.

Sec. A-79. 24-A MRSA §4225, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §351, is corrected to read:

§4225. Commissioner of Health and Human Services' authority to contract

The Commissioner of Health and Human Services, in carrying out the commissioner's obligations under ~~sections~~ section 4204, subsection 1, paragraph B; section 4215; and section 4216, subsection 1, may contract with qualified persons to make recommendations concerning the determinations required to be made by the commissioner. Such recommendations may be accepted in full or in part by the ~~Commissioner of Health and Human Services~~ commissioner.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects clerical errors.

Sec. A-80. 24-A MRSA §4320-R, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 638, §4, is reallocated to 24-A MRSA §4320-T.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2021, chapters 520 and 638, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same section number.

Sec. A-81. 24-A MRSA §4320-S, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 692, §1, is reallocated to 24-A MRSA §4320-U.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2021, chapters 683 and 692, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same section number.

Sec. A-82. 24-A MRSA §4358, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §354, is corrected to read:

§4358. Ground Grounds for conservation, foreign and alien insurers

The superintendent may apply to the court for an order appointing the superintendent as receiver or ancillary receiver, and directing the superintendent to conserve the assets within this State, of a foreign or alien insurer upon any of the applicable ~~ground grounds~~ specified in ~~sections section~~ 4356 or 4357, or upon the ground that the insurer's property has been sequestered in its domiciliary sovereignty or in any other sovereignty; or, in the case of an alien insurer, that the insurer has failed to make good an impairment of its trustee funds within the time required therefor by order of the superintendent.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects clerical errors and makes grammatical changes.

Sec. A-83. 24-A MRSA §4365, sub-§1, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §360, is corrected to read:

1. Whenever under this chapter an ancillary receiver is to be appointed in delinquency proceedings for an insurer not domiciled in this State, the court shall appoint the superintendent as ancillary receiver. The superintendent shall file a petition requesting the appointment on the grounds set forth in ~~sections section~~ 4358 or 4359:

A. If the superintendent finds that there are sufficient assets of the insurer located in this State to justify the appointment of an ancillary receiver; or

B. If 10 or more persons resident in this State having claims against such insurer file a petition with the superintendent requesting the appointment of such ancillary receiver.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-84. 24-A MRSA §4379, sub-§4-A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 169, Pt. D, §3, is corrected to read:

4-A. Federal claims. Claims of the Federal Government not included in the classes under ~~subsections subsection~~ 3 or 4, except to the extent that a similar claim would be subordinated in a proceeding conducted under the United States Bankruptcy Code.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-85. 24-A MRSA §4401, sub-§1, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §381, is corrected to read:

1. If the superintendent determines after a hearing that any insurer has committed or engaged in, or is committing or engaging in, or is about to commit or engage in any act, practice or transaction that would subject it to formal delinquency proceedings under ~~section sections~~ 4351 to 4407, the superintendent may make and serve upon the insurer and other persons involved such orders, other than seizure orders under sections 4404 and 4405, as the superintendent considers reasonably necessary to correct, eliminate or remedy such conduct, condition or ground. Orders to cure impairment of capital or surplus of a domestic insurer are subject to sections 3423 and 3424.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-86. 24-A MRSA §4451, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 279, §9, is corrected to read:

§4451. Advertising restrictions

~~Any A~~ person who makes, publishes or circulates, or causes to be made, published or circulated, any statement ~~which that~~ uses the existence of the association for the purpose of sales, solicitation or inducement to purchase any form of insurance ~~shall be deemed to have~~ has committed an unfair trade practice ~~which that~~ is subject to a cease and desist order pursuant to section ~~2165 2165-A~~ and to any applicable penalty provided by this Title.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference and makes grammatical changes.

Sec. A-87. 24-A MRSA §6903, sub-§18, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 469, Pt. A, §8, is corrected to read:

B. ~~Any~~ A person who provides those services in connection with a group health plan sponsored by an agricultural cooperative association located outside of this State that provides ~~health~~ health insurance coverage to members and employees of agricultural cooperative associations located within this State.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error and makes a grammatical change.

Sec. A-88. 25 MRSA §2803-B, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. B, §56 and affected by §65, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) A process for the administration of a validated, evidence-based domestic violence risk assessment recommended by the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse, established in Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 74-C, and approved by the Department of Public Safety and the conveyance of the results of that assessment to the bail commissioner, if appropriate, and the district attorney for the county in which the domestic violence occurred;

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-89. 26 MRSA §962, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2021, c. 601, §3, is corrected to read:

6. Public employee. "Public employee" means ~~any~~ an employee of a public employer, except ~~any~~ a person:

- A. Elected by popular vote; ~~or~~
- B. Appointed to office pursuant to statute, ordinance or resolution for a specified term of office by the executive head or body of the public employer, except that appointees to county offices ~~shall~~ may not be excluded under this paragraph unless defined as a county commissioner under Title 30-A, section 1302; ~~or~~
- C. Whose duties as deputy, administrative assistant or secretary necessarily imply a confidential

relationship to the executive head, body, department head or division head; ~~or~~

D. Who is a department head or division head appointed to office pursuant to statute, ordinance or resolution for an unspecified term by the executive head or body of the public employer; ~~or~~

E. Who is a superintendent or assistant superintendent of a school system; ~~or~~

G. Who is a temporary, seasonal or on-call employee; or

H. Who is a prisoner employed by a public employer during the prisoner's term of imprisonment, except for prisoners who are in a work release program or supervised community confinement pursuant to Title 34-A, section 3036-A.

EXPLANATION

This section makes technical corrections and grammatical changes.

Sec. A-90. 26 MRSA §979-A, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2021, c. 601, §4, is corrected to read:

6. State employee. "State employee" means ~~any~~ an employee of the State of Maine performing services within the ~~executive department~~ Executive Department except ~~any~~ a person:

- A. Elected by popular vote; ~~or~~
- B. Appointed to office pursuant to statute, ordinance or resolution for a specified term by the Governor or by a department head or body having appointive power within the ~~executive department~~ Executive Department; ~~or~~
- C. Whose duties necessarily imply a confidential relationship with respect to matters subject to collective bargaining as between such person and the Governor, a department head, body having appointive power within the ~~executive department~~ Executive Department or any other official or employee excepted by this section; ~~or~~
- D. Who is a department or division head appointed to office pursuant to statute, ordinance or resolution for an unspecified term by the Governor or by a body having appointive power within the ~~executive department~~ Executive Department; ~~or~~
- F. Who is a temporary, seasonal or on-call employee; ~~or~~
- G. Who is serving as a member of the State Militia or National Guard; ~~or~~
- H. Who is a staff attorney, assistant attorney general or deputy attorney general in the Department of the Attorney General; ~~or~~

I. Who is appointed to a major policy-influencing position as designated by Title 5, chapter 71; or

J. Who substantially participates in the formulation and effectuation of policy in a department or agency or has a major role, other than a typically supervisory role, in the administration of a collective bargaining agreement in a department or agency; or

K. Who is a prisoner employed by a public employer during the prisoner's term of imprisonment, except for prisoners who are in a work release program or supervised community confinement pursuant to Title 34-A, section 3036-A.

EXPLANATION

This section makes technical corrections and grammatical changes.

Sec. A-91. 26 MRSA §1025, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 443, §67 and PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 and affected by §4, is corrected to read:

1. Voluntary recognition. ~~Any~~ An employee organization may file a request with the university, academy or community colleges alleging that a majority of the university, academy or community college employees in an appropriate bargaining unit as established in section ~~1024~~, 1024-A wish to be represented for the purpose of collective bargaining between the university, academy or community colleges and the employees' organization. Such request ~~shall~~ must describe the grouping of jobs or positions ~~which that~~ constitute the unit claimed to be appropriate and ~~shall~~ must include a demonstration of majority support. Such request for recognition ~~shall~~ must be granted by the university, academy or community colleges unless the university, academy or community colleges desire that an election determine whether the organization represents a majority of the members in the bargaining unit. In the event that the request for recognition is granted by the university, academy or community colleges, the executive director shall certify the organization so recognized as the bargaining agent.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference and makes grammatical changes.

Sec. A-92. 26 MRSA §1051, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2021, c. 456, §7, is corrected to read:

9. Interest on overpayments. A benefit overpayment established in a determination rendered under section 1193, subsection 6, accrues interest at the rate of 1.0% per month or per fraction of a month from the first

of the month following the date the determination establishing the benefit overpayment becomes final until payment plus accrued interest is received by the bureau.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-93. 26 MRSA §1285, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected to read:

C. To execute in writing any agreements arrived at, the term of any such agreement to be subject to negotiation shall not exceed 2 years; ~~and~~

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-94. 26 MRSA §1285, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 702, is corrected to read:

D. To participate in good faith in the mediation, fact finding, arbitration and mediation-arbitration procedures required by this section; and

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-95. 26 MRSA §1412-B, as amended by PL 2017, c. 111, §10, is corrected to read:

§1412-B. Reporting and evaluation of rehabilitation needs

The department shall evaluate the needs of people with disabilities in the State and how these needs may be met most effectively. As required by the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014, Public Law 113-128, the department shall conduct a comprehensive statewide assessment every 3 years to describe the rehabilitation needs of individuals with disabilities residing in the State, including a review of community rehabilitation programs in the State and their effectiveness and adequacy in meeting the overall needs of people with disabilities. The commissioner shall use the results of these reviews to advise the Governor and the Legislature of any need to change the State's rehabilitation programs. The commissioner shall report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters the program outcomes as part of the reports authorized under section 2004-A, subsection 3 and required under section ~~3101~~ 3101-A.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-96. 26 MRSA c. 47, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 688, §2, is reallocated to 26 MRSA c. 49.

Sec. A-97. 26 MRSA §3701, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 688, §2, is reallocated to 26 MRSA §3801.

Sec. A-98. 26 MRSA §3702, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 688, §2, is reallocated to 26 MRSA §3802.

Sec. A-99. 26 MRSA §3703, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 688, §2, is reallocated to 26 MRSA §3803.

EXPLANATION

These sections correct a numbering problem created by Public Law 2021, chapters 665 and 688, which enacted 2 substantively different chapters with the same chapter and section numbers.

Sec. A-100. 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§5, ¶J, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 742, §1, is reallocated to 28-A MRSA §1355-A, sub-§5, ¶K.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a lettering problem created by Public Law 2021, chapters 658 and 742, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same paragraph letter.

Sec. A-101. 28-A MRSA §1381, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2021, c. 742, §2, is corrected to read:

4. Conditions on certificate of approval. A certificate of approval under this section is subject to the laws of the State, including, but not limited to, all applicable requirements of Title 38, section ~~4612~~ 1615, and the rules of the bureau.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-102. 28-A MRSA §2073-B, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 658, §268, is corrected to read:

A. An individual may transport spirits within the State in accordance with a permit issued under section 2073-A, subsection 2, paragraph B.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-103. 28-B MRSA §102, sub-§32, as amended by PL 2019, c. 528, §19 and PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is corrected to read:

32. Cannabis plant. "Cannabis plant" means all species of the plant genus ~~cannabis~~ Cannabis, includ-

ing, but not limited to, a mother plant, a mature cannabis plant, an immature cannabis plant or a seedling. "Cannabis plant" does not include hemp as defined in Title 7, section 2231, subsection 1-A, paragraph D.

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-104. 28-B MRSA §102, sub-§50, ¶D, as amended by PL 2019, c. 676, §2 and PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is corrected to read:

D. An amount of adult use cannabis or an amount of an adult use cannabis product provided to another licensee by a products manufacturing facility for business or marketing purposes pursuant to section 502, subsection 6; or

Sec. A-105. 28-B MRSA §102, sub-§50, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 676, §2 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is corrected to read:

E. An amount of cannabis or an amount of a cannabis product collected by a sample collector licensee and provided to a testing facility for testing consistent with the requirements of section 503-A; ~~or~~.

EXPLANATION

These sections make technical corrections.

Sec. A-106. 28-B MRSA §105, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 628, §1 and amended by c. 669, §5, is corrected to read:

1-A. Group tracking. Cannabis plants at the same stage of growth that are of the same varietal or cultivar of the plant genus ~~cannabis~~ Cannabis may be tracked by group if they:

- A. Are planted in the same specific area at the same time;
- B. Are transplanted to the same specific area at the same time; or
- C. Include cannabis plants that were planted in a specific area and cannabis plants that were transplanted to the same specific area.

For cannabis plants that are tracked as a group, a licensee shall designate the square footage of the specific area in which the plants are planted or transplanted. Cannabis plants may not be tracked as a group unless they are intended for harvest as a group.

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-107. 30-A MRSA §2652, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2009, c. 589, §7, is corrected to read:

B. Permit for the disposition of human remains, §20, except that ~~no~~ a fee is not owed if the disposition of human remains is paid for through the municipal general assistance program under Title 22, chapter 1161; and

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference and makes a grammatical correction.

Sec. A-108. 30-A MRSA §3755-A, sub-§3, ¶F, as amended by PL 2003, c. 312, §11, is corrected to read:

F. Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ section 3754-A, subsection 4, a vehicle may not be dismantled or stored within 300 feet of a well that serves as a public or private water supply, excluding a private well that serves only the automobile recycling business or the owner or operator's abutting residence.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-109. 30-A MRSA §4326, sub-§3-A, ¶A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. JJ, §17 and affected by §41, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) A municipality or multimunicipal region exercising the discretion afforded by subparagraph 4 (4) shall review the basis for its demonstration during the periodic revisions undertaken pursuant to section 4347-A;

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-110. 30-A MRSA §4364-B, sub-§4, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 672, §6, is corrected to read:

B. For an accessory dwelling unit located within the same structure as a single-family dwelling unit or attached to or sharing a wall with a single-family dwelling unit, the setback requirements and dimensional requirements must be the same as the setback requirements and dimensional requirements of the single-family dwelling unit, except for an accessory dwelling unit permitted in an existing accessory building or secondary building or garage as of July 1, 2023, in which case the requisite setback requirements for such a structure apply. A municipality may establish more permissive dimensional

and ~~setback~~ setback requirements for an accessory dwelling unit.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-111. 30-A MRSA §5264, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 671, §2, is corrected to read:

B. For each project, the commissioner shall establish a list of certified elements of the project that are necessary to implement the certified project or portions of the project. This list may include any or all of those elements described under section 5263, subsection ~~40~~ 9, paragraph B, subparagraph (12).

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-112. 30-A MRSA §6054, sub-§5, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 269, Pt. B, §2, is corrected to read:

C. The remainder to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund established in Title 5, section 1532.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-113. 32 MRSA §88, sub-§2, ¶K, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 241, §5, is reallocated to 32 MRSA §88, sub-§2, ¶L.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a lettering problem created by Public Law 2021, chapters 15 and 241, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same paragraph letter.

Sec. A-114. 32 MRSA §294, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 146, §5, is corrected to read:

A. A certificate of good standing from each jurisdiction where the applicant is licensed; ~~and~~

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction.

Sec. A-115. 32 MRSA §4700-L, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 153, §23, is corrected to read:

1. **Fine.** ~~Any~~ A person, company, firm, partnership or corporation who installs, alters, repairs or replaces a water well, geothermal heat exchange well or pump system without being licensed as provided in this

chapter or in violation of the code of performance adopted by the commission pursuant to section ~~4700-A~~ 4700-H, subsection 5, except for an apprentice well driller or an apprentice pump installer as set forth in this chapter, or ~~any~~ a person, firm, partnership or corporation who procures a license as provided in this chapter wrongfully or by fraud commits a civil violation punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference and makes grammatical changes.

Sec. A-116. 32 MRSA §12230, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 242, §11, is corrected to read:

2. Timeliness of application. A person who applies for an initial license more than 4 years after the person met the qualifications for licensure set forth in section 12228 must demonstrate completion of 40 hours of continuing professional education that meets the requirements of section ~~12333~~ 12233 during the year preceding application.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-117. 32 MRSA §13002, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1999, c. 129, §2 and affected by §16, is corrected to read:

3. Exception. ~~Any~~ A person licensed as an auctioneer under chapter ~~5~~ 5-B, hired to call bids at an auction, if the person employed does not prepare contracts or otherwise control the actual sale or take custody of any part of the purchase price; and

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference and makes a grammatical change.

Sec. A-118. 32 MRSA §17307, first ¶, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 369, Pt. C, §3 and affected by §5, is corrected to read:

The board has authority to investigate all complaints made to it and all cases of noncompliance with or violation of this chapter. In addition to the grounds enumerated in Title 10, section 8003, subsection 5, paragraph ~~A~~ A-1, the board may deny a license, refuse to renew a license or impose the disciplinary sanctions authorized by Title 10, section 8003, subsection 5, paragraphs B and C for:

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-119. 33 MRSA §1673, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 734, §2, is corrected to read:

§1673. Effect on existing custodianships

1. Transfers validated. Any transfer of custodial property as defined in this Act made before the effective date of this Act is validated notwithstanding that there was no specific authority in former chapter 19 for the coverage of custodial property of that kind or for a transfer from that source at the time the transfer was made.

2. Application. This Act applies to all transfers made before the effective date of this Act in a manner and form prescribed in former chapter 19, except insofar as the application impairs constitutionally vested rights or extends the duration of custodianships in existence on the effective date of this Act.

3. Terminated custodianship. Sections 1652 and 1671 with respect to the age of a minor for whom custodial property is held under this Act do not apply to custodial property held in a custodianship that terminated because of the minor's attainment of 18 years of age after September 1, 1984, and before the effective date of this Act.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects cross-references and makes a grammatical change.

Sec. A-120. 34-A MRSA §3050, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 706, §1, is reallocated to 34-A MRSA §3052.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2021, chapters 620 and 706, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same section number.

Sec. A-121. 35-A MRSA §1508-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 318, §7, is corrected to read:

A. For willful violations of this Title, a commission rule or a commission order by a public utility, voice service provider, dark fiber provider, wholesale competitive local exchange carrier or competitive electricity provider, the commission may impose an administrative penalty for each violation in an amount that does not exceed \$5,800 or .25% of the annual gross revenue that the public utility, voice service provider, dark fiber provider, wholesale competitive local exchange carrier or ~~the~~ competitive electricity provider received from sales in the State, whichever amount is lower. Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

The maximum administrative penalty for any related series of violations may not exceed \$575,000 or 5% of the annual gross revenue that the public utility, voice service provider, dark fiber provider, wholesale competitive local exchange carrier or competitive electricity provider received from sales in the State, whichever amount is lower.

EXPLANATION

This section makes a grammatical change.

Sec. A-122. 35-A MRSA §1701, sub-§2, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. B, §400, is corrected to read:

2. Staff of the Public Advocate. The staff of the Public Advocate consists of such other personnel, including staff attorneys, as the Public Advocate determines necessary to represent the using and consuming public, as required by ~~subsection~~ section 1702. All personnel under this subsection must be appointed, supervised and directed by the Public Advocate. The Public Advocate is not subject to the supervision, direction or control of the chair or members of the commission.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-123. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§4, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 108, §5, is reallocated to 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§4, ¶G-1.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a lettering problem created by Public Law 2011, chapter 284, which repealed a lettered paragraph, and Public Law 2021, chapter 108, which enacted a new paragraph with the same paragraph letter.

Sec. A-124. 35-A MRSA §3604, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 329, Pt. A, §4, is corrected to read:

3. Sale of energy; contract procedures. Energy, capacity resources or renewable energy credits contracted in long-term contracts pursuant to this section may be sold into the wholesale electricity market in conjunction with solicitations for standard-offer supply bids under section 3212 or solicitations for green power offer bids under section ~~3212-A~~ 3212-B. To the greatest extent possible, the commission shall develop procedures for long-term contracts for transmission and distribution utilities under this section having the same legal and financial effect as the procedures used for standard-offer service pursuant to section 3212 for transmission and distribution utilities.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-125. 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶QQQ, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 715, §3, is reallocated to 36 MRSA §191, sub-§2, ¶RRR.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a lettering problem created by Public Law 2021, chapters 681 and 715, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same paragraph letter.

Sec. A-126. 36 MRSA §603, sub-§7 is corrected to read:

7. Partners in business. Personal property of partners in business, when subject to taxation under subsections 1 and ~~2~~ 2-A, may be taxed to the partners jointly under their partnership name; and in such cases they ~~shall be~~ are jointly and severally liable for the tax.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference and makes a grammatical change.

Sec. A-127. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶XX, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. G, §4, is reallocated to 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶ZZ.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a lettering problem created by Public Law 2021, chapters 635 and 681, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same paragraph letter.

Sec. A-128. 36 MRSA §5294, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 715, §4, is corrected to read:

2. Information sharing. The assessor shall forward to the marketplace established in Title 22, chapter 1479 the information of a taxpayer who marked any check box in subsection 1, paragraph A, B or C and marked the check box in subsection 1, paragraph D. The information transferred to the marketplace, and the frequency of that transfer, is established by rule according to Title 22, section 5412, subsection 1.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects cross-references.

Sec. A-129. 38 MRSA §342, sub-§5-A, as amended by PL 1995, c. 560, Pt. E, §4, is corrected to read:

5-A. Designation of deputy commissioner and directors. The commissioner may employ, to serve at ~~his~~ the commissioner's pleasure, the following:

- A. A deputy commissioner; and
- C. Directors as defined in Title 5, section 938, subsection 1-A.

EXPLANATION

This section makes a technical correction and corrects a gender-specific reference.

Sec. A-130. 38 MRSA §464, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 813, Pt. B, §1, is corrected to read:

10. Existing hydropower impoundments managed under riverine classifications; habitat and aquatic life criteria. For the purposes of water quality certification under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Public Law 92-500, ~~section~~ Section 401, as amended, and the licensing of modifications under section 636, hydropower projects in existence on the effective date of this subsection, the impoundments of which are classified under section 465, are subject to the provisions of this subsection in recognition of some changes to aquatic life and habitat that have occurred due to the existing impoundments of these projects.

A. Except as provided in paragraphs B and D, the habitat characteristics and aquatic life criteria of Classes A and B are deemed to be met in the existing impoundments classified A or B of those projects if:

- (1) The impounded waters achieve the aquatic life criteria of section 465, subsection 4, paragraph C.

B. The habitat characteristics and aquatic life criteria of Classes A and B are not deemed to be met in the existing impoundments of those projects referred to in paragraph A if:

- (1) Reasonable changes can be implemented that do not significantly affect existing energy generation capability; and
- (2) Those changes would result in improvement in the habitat and aquatic life of the impounded waters.

If the conditions described in subparagraphs (1) and (2) occur, those changes must be implemented and the resulting improvement in habitat and aquatic life must be achieved and maintained.

C. If the conditions described in paragraph B, subparagraphs (1) and (2) occur at a project in existence on the effective date of this subsection, the impoundment of which is classified C, the changes described in paragraph B, subparagraphs (1) and (2) must be implemented and the resulting

improvement in habitat and aquatic life must be achieved and maintained.

D. When the actual water quality of waters affected by this subsection attains any more stringent characteristic or criteria of those waters' classification under sections 465, 467 and 468, that water quality must be maintained and protected.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-131. 38 MRSA §469, sub-§2, ¶E-2, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 317, §23, is corrected to read:

E-2. ~~Sedgewick~~ Sedgwick.

- (1) Tidal waters of the Bagaduce River - Class SA.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a clerical error.

Sec. A-132. 38 MRSA §1310-N, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2007, c. 406, §2, is corrected to read:

9. Host community agreements. The following provisions apply to a solid waste disposal facility, except that this subsection does not apply to a facility owned by the State or to a facility described in section 1303-C, subsection 6, ~~paragraphs~~ paragraph E or F.

A. The department may not issue a license for a solid waste disposal facility unless a host community agreement is in place as described in this subsection.

A-1. A solid waste disposal facility must have in place a host community agreement with all applicable host communities during the development and operation and through closure of that facility, except that a solid waste disposal facility owned by a municipality that meets the provisions of section 1303-C, subsection 6, paragraph B is not required to have in place a host community agreement with the host community that is the geographic site of the facility. A host community agreement for the purposes of this section must, when applicable, include the provisions set forth in paragraph B, except that a host community agreement in effect prior to the effective date of this paragraph is not required to include the provisions set forth in paragraph B.

B. Based upon the nature, size and projected impacts of the proposed facility, host community agreements must, when applicable, include provisions regarding:

- (1) Improvement, maintenance and repair of local roads directly affected by traffic to and

from the facility and of other infrastructural elements directly affected by the facility;

- (2) Development and maintenance of adequate local emergency response capacity to accommodate the facility;
- (3) Financial support for personnel or other means to provide technical assistance to the municipality in interpreting data and to advise the municipality on other technical issues concerning the facility; and
- (4) Other issues determined on a case-specific basis by the applicant and municipality to be appropriate given the nature of the proposed facility.

The department shall adopt rules concerning the expenditure of funds made available to a municipality under the provisions of subparagraph (3) to ensure that funds are used to provide direct technical support to the municipality necessary for the conduct of municipal planning and decision making.

C. In the event that the parties to a host community agreement required under this subsection cannot agree on the terms of agreement, the parties shall submit the dispute for resolution in accordance with this paragraph.

- (1) The parties shall submit the dispute for mediation. The commissioner shall present to the parties a list of 5 experienced and qualified mediators. Each party may strike 2 names from the list. After each party has been afforded 2 opportunities to strike, either the sole remaining person or the first unchallenged person on the list must be appointed by the commissioner as the mediator assigned to mediate the dispute. In assembling the list of proposed mediators, the commissioner may consider the panel of mediators offered by the ~~Office of~~ Court Alternative Dispute Resolution Service created in Title 4, section 18-B.
- (2) If mediation fails to result in an agreement between the parties, the parties shall submit the dispute for arbitration. The commissioner shall present to the parties a list of 5 experienced and qualified arbitrators. Each party may strike 2 names from the list. After each party has been afforded 2 opportunities to strike, either the sole remaining person or the first unchallenged person on the list must be appointed by the commissioner as the arbitrator assigned to determine the dispute. In assembling the list of proposed arbitrators, the commissioner may consider the panels of arbitrators offered by the ~~Office of~~ Court Alterna-

tive Dispute Resolution Service created in Title 4, section 18-B or by the American Arbitration Association or a successor organization.

- (a) Both the facility and the host community ~~will be~~ are bound by the decision of the arbitrator.
- (b) Unless otherwise provided for in this subparagraph, the arbitration must be conducted in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association or a successor organization for the conduct of commercial arbitration proceedings.
- (c) Costs associated with the arbitration must be shared equally between the parties.
- (d) The arbitrator shall submit the decision to the commissioner.
- (e) Either party may appeal the decision of the arbitrator to the Superior Court.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects clerical errors and makes a grammatical change.

Sec. A-133. 38 MRSA §1319-R, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 250, §1, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (1) to read:

- (1) The facility shall ensure that no crushing or treatment of universal waste or hazardous subcomponents occurs other than dismantling except that controlled breakage of cathode ray tubes may be performed in a manner protective of public health and safety and the environment. Controlled breakage of cathode ray tubes may occur only in a dedicated space with ventilation equipment that prevents the release of fugitive emissions to adjacent areas. Lead and cadmium concentrations immediately outside the dedicated space may not significantly exceed background levels of lead and cadmium concentrations or current ambient air quality standards for the State. The facility shall determine background levels through monitoring. The facility shall meet the conditions listed in 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261.39 (2010). As used in this subparagraph, "fugitive emissions" has the same meaning as in section 582, subsection ~~7-C~~ 7-C-1.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-134. 38 MRSA §1612, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 742, §3, is reallocated to 38 MRSA §1615.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Public Law 2021, chapters 94 and 742, which enacted 2 substantively different provisions with the same section number.

Sec. A-135. 38 MRSA §1613, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 433, §1, is reallocated to 38 MRSA §1616.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a numbering problem created by Revisor's Report 2021, chapter 1, which reallocated a provision to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1613, and Public Law 2021, chapter 433, which enacted Title 38, section 1613.

Sec. A-136. PL 2021, c. 433, §2 is corrected to read:

Sec. 2. Memorandum of understanding regarding technical assistance to consumers and businesses. The Department of Environmental Protection may enter into a memorandum of understanding or other formalized agreement with the Efficiency Maine Trust, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, chapter 97, for the provision of technical assistance by the trust to consumers and businesses in the scope and application of the State's efficiency standards under Title 38, section ~~1613~~ 1616.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-137. PL 2021, c. 692, §2 is corrected to read:

Sec. 2. Evaluation. Upon consultation with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Superintendent of Insurance shall evaluate whether the coverage required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section ~~4320-S~~ 4320-U can be incorporated as part of the essential health benefit package as defined in Title 24-A, section 4320-D or whether the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services would determine that the transfer of costs defrayed by the State to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services pursuant to 42 United States Code, Section 18031(d)(3)(B) would be required. The superintendent shall report by December 31, 2022 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters concerning its consultation with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the outcome

of that consultation. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters may report out a bill based on the evaluation under this section to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

Sec. A-138. PL 2021, c. 738, §2 is corrected to read:

Sec. 2. Rulemaking. The Department of Health and Human Services shall propose rules to implement the comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care services payment required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section ~~3174-HH~~ 3174-JJJ, subsection 2 no later than October 1, 2022. The final rule adopted following publication of the proposed rule required by this section must make the comprehensive services payment effective retroactively to July 1, 2022. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

EXPLANATION

This section corrects a cross-reference.

PART B

Sec. B-1. 12 MRSA §156, 4th ¶ is corrected to read:

The Secretary of State shall file the application and statement and shall record them in an appropriate book of record in ~~his~~ the secretary's office. When the application and statement have been made, filed and recorded, the district ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes an agency of the State and a public body corporate and politic. The Secretary of State shall make and issue to the ~~said~~ supervisors of the district a certificate, under the seal of the State, of the due organization of the ~~said~~ district, and shall record a copy of ~~such~~ the certificate with the application and statement.

Sec. B-2. 12 MRSA §403-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 717, §2, is corrected to read:

1. Existing dam. "Existing dam" means any ~~man-made~~ human-made barrier across a river segment identified in this chapter ~~which~~ that impounds water and has not deteriorated or been breached or modified to the point where it no longer impounds water at 50% or more of its design level at normal flows.

Sec. B-3. 12 MRSA §543, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 360, §6, is corrected to read:

1. Director. The executive head of the survey ~~shall be~~ holds the offices of director ~~who shall also be~~ the of the survey and State Geologist. ~~He~~ The executive

head of the survey shall personally attend to the duties of ~~his office~~ those offices so far as practicable.

Sec. B-4. 12 MRSA §543, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1987, c. 308, §1 and PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6, is corrected to read:

2. Powers and duties. The director shall exercise the powers of the office and ~~shall be~~ is responsible for the execution of ~~its~~ the duties of the office.

A. The director shall administer the survey and adopt such methods of administration, not inconsistent with the law, as ~~he may determine~~ the director determines necessary to render the survey efficient.

C. The director shall organize such administrative divisions within the survey as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter including, but not limited to, hydrogeology, marine and physical geology.

D. The director shall prepare and submit to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry the budget for the survey.

E. The director may, upon such terms and conditions as ~~he deems~~ the director considers reasonable, and with the approval of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, accept grants and funds from and enter into contracts with federal, state, local or other public entities to carry out the purposes of this chapter or to provide geological services, including mapping and inventory information. The proceeds of any such contract ~~shall~~ must be paid into a separate account to be established by the Treasurer of State, ~~which and that~~ account ~~shall may~~ not lapse, but ~~shall must~~ continue from year to year and ~~shall~~ be available to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

F. The director ~~shall may~~ not, when appointed or while in office, have any pecuniary interest in, directly or indirectly, any mining activity on land owned by the State, except in ~~his~~ the director's official capacity.

Sec. B-5. 12 MRSA §549-B, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 201, §2, is corrected to read:

1. Authority to explore. ~~Any An~~ individual over 18 years of age or other person may enter upon state lands, including lands held under specific trust instruments when the trust is consistent with mineral development, on receipt of an exploration permit from the director of the survey for the purpose of exploration, unless otherwise indicated in this subchapter. An exploration permit ~~shall must~~ be issued upon payment of a fee of \$20 and ~~shall apply~~ applies to state lands only. An exploration permit ~~shall must~~ bear a number and ~~be dated on~~ the date of issue of the permit and ~~shall expire~~ expires at midnight on the next June 30th. The holder of an exploration permit is entitled to a renewal of ~~his~~

the permit upon expiration of the permit, ~~upon~~ by making application to the director of the survey on or before June 30th, including payment of the prescribed fee, ~~which renewal shall take.~~ The renewal takes effect on July 1st, and ~~the renewed permit must~~ bear the same number as the expired permit. ~~Prospectors' permits in effect on June 30, 1985, shall remain in effect as exploration permits until June 30, 1986.~~

If machinery or explosives are to be used for exploration on state lands, the methods to be employed and the amount of explosives to be allowed ~~shall must~~ first be approved by the director of the survey and the director of the agency having jurisdiction over the state land. The use of machinery or explosives ~~shall may~~ be approved only where it will be done in harmony with the activities of the agency having jurisdiction over the state land and will not result in environmental harm.

Sec. B-6. 12 MRSA §549-B, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 201, §2, is corrected to read:

A. By erecting a post or other reasonably permanent monument at each of the corners of the exploration claim. ~~Every Each~~ post or monument ~~shall must~~ stand not less than 4 feet above the ground, ~~shall may~~ not be less than 4 inches in diameter and ~~shall must~~ bear the following information: ~~The the~~ the name of the locator; the number of ~~his the~~ the locator's exploration permit; the date of the staking; and, if the exploration claim is staked on behalf of another person, the name of the other person and the number of ~~his that person's~~ that person's exploration permit;

Sec. B-7. 12 MRSA §549-B, sub-§4, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 201, §2, is corrected to read:

D. A United States Geological Survey quadrangle base map and an aerial photograph of a scale that shows with reasonable accuracy the outline location and corners of the exploration claim in relation to the state-owned parcel and prominent natural objects or permanent structural features so that the exploration claim may be located on the ground by the director of the survey or ~~his the director's~~ representatives.

Sec. B-8. 12 MRSA §549-B, sub-§5, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 201, §2, is corrected to read:

B. The term of the exploration claim ~~shall be for is~~ one year, ~~and is~~ renewable for 5 years from the initial date of recording by written notice to the director of the survey before June 30th. For claims recorded after April 1st and before June 30th, the first renewal notice ~~shall be is~~ due on the 2nd June 30th following ~~the recording of the claim.~~ ~~By At~~ the end of the 5-year period, any title to the claim ~~shall lapse lapses~~, unless a mining lease has been issued by the State under this subchapter. The director of the survey may, upon application and for good cause, grant an extension for an additional period not to exceed 2 years. Upon lapse or filing of

notice of abandonment of a claim, ~~no~~ a person holding the claim immediately prior to the date of the lapse of abandonment, or ~~his~~ that person's representative, partner, affiliate or leasing associate, may not relocate on the same area for a period of 60 days.

Sec. B-9. 12 MRSA §549-B, sub-§5, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 201, §2, is corrected to read:

E. The failure to comply with any of the requirements of this subsection ~~shall operate~~ operates as a forfeiture of the claim or claims. Written notice of the forfeiture ~~shall~~ must be sent by registered or certified mail to the claimant's last known address. ~~Any~~ A claimant who is aggrieved may file a written petition for a hearing before the director of the survey within 14 days after notice of forfeiture has been given. If the claimant files a petition for a hearing ~~is filed~~ with the director of the survey within the 14-day period, the director of the survey shall, within 30 days, grant a hearing on the forfeiture and give the claimant 10 days' notice of the time and place of the hearing. For good cause, the director of the survey may extend the time for filing the petition. If the claimant is aggrieved by the decision of the director of the survey resulting from the hearing, ~~he~~ the claimant may, within 30 days ~~thereafter~~ after the date of the decision, appeal to the Superior Court by filing a claimant therefor claim. The court shall fix a time and place for hearing and ~~cause of~~ send notice of the hearing to be ~~given to~~ the director of the survey and, after hearing, the court may affirm or reverse the decision of the director of the survey ~~and the~~. The decision of the court ~~shall be~~ is final. During the pendency of all proceedings under this paragraph, ~~no~~ a person may not lay claim to the area of dispute. The director of the survey may perform the duties of this paragraph personally or through ~~his~~ the director's designee.

Sec. B-10. 12 MRSA §549-B, sub-§11, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 201, §2, is corrected to read:

11. Rights-of-way. ~~Any~~ A person who has located an exploration claim and has been issued a mining lease in accordance with this subchapter may, with the consent of the director of the agency having jurisdiction over those state lands and consistent with the law, have the right of access across any lands owned or controlled by the State to and from that location. The holder of a mining lease may be issued a permit giving ~~him~~ the holder the authority to open, construct, put in, maintain and use ditches, tunnels, pipes, conduits, flumes and other works through, over and upon that land for drainage and passage of water, together with the right to construct dams, ~~provided that no~~ as long as such water ~~flows does not flow~~ on land of others, in connection with the working of ~~his~~ the mine to bring water to the

mine necessary or convenient for its operation, with such conditions and restrictions as may be imposed.

Sec. B-11. 12 MRSA §549-B, sub-§12, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 201, §2, is corrected to read:

12. Mining under bodies of water. Where any mineral deposit is situated under or in the bed of a stream or lake; and for the efficient working of the mineral deposit; it is necessary to divert the water of that stream within the boundaries of public land; or drain any lake, the director of the agency having jurisdiction over these state-owned lands may permit the diversion or drainage to be done, subject to such provisions, for the benefit of any ~~persons~~ person who ~~are~~ is entitled to the use of the water of that stream or lake in its natural state, as to ~~him~~ the director may seem just and expedient.

Sec. B-12. 12 MRSA §549-B, sub-§14, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 201, §2, is corrected to read:

14. Termination. In the event that any explorer, claimant or lessee violates any provision of this subchapter or any rule, the director of the survey or the director of the agency having jurisdiction over the state-owned lands shall notify the explorer, claimant or lessee, as the case may be, of the alleged violation and of the nature of the alleged violation, by sending the notice by registered or certified mail to ~~him at his~~ the explorer, claimant or lessee at the last known address of the explorer, claimant or lessee. If the violation is not remedied within 30 days after the date of mailing the notice, the permit, claim or lease of the violator in existence at the time of the violation may be terminated by the State through the director of the survey or the director of the agency having jurisdiction over the state-owned lands by giving written notice of termination in the same manner specified for notice of violation. For cause, the State, through the director of the survey or the director of the agency having jurisdiction over the state-owned lands, may extend ~~such further~~ the time for compliance as it may determine. ~~Any~~ A person who is aggrieved may file a written petition for a hearing before the State within 30 days of the date of the giving of written notice of termination by the State. The hearing ~~shall~~ must take place within 30 days of receipt of the petition and a decision ~~shall~~ must be rendered by the State within 60 days following the final adjournment of the hearing. Appeals from the State's decision ~~shall~~ must be pursuant to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure as they apply to appeals from rulings of public agencies.

Sec. B-13. 12 MRSA §904, as amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §63, is corrected to read:

§904. Agents and representatives

The Baxter State Park Authority shall appoint agents or representatives to carry out this subchapter. All appointed agents or representatives ~~shall~~ hold office under the rules of the Civil Service Law. They ~~shall~~ must be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties

and a certificate thereof ~~shall~~ must be returned and filed in the office of the ~~chairman~~ chair of the authority. They ~~shall~~ must be appointed by the authority in accordance with the Civil Service Law and may be allowed actual necessary expenses of travel.

Sec. B-14. 12 MRSA §1801, sub-§7, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 678, §13, is corrected to read:

E. Any area of land largely in a natural condition and containing natural features of scenic, ecological or scientific interest or importance. The presence of ~~man-made~~ human-made development does not preclude an area from this classification if ~~such~~ a that development is not likely to remain or leave a permanent mark upon the natural character of the area or is essential to the operation of the area as a wilderness or natural area, as long as the development detracts only minimally from the area's natural character.

Sec. B-15. 12 MRSA §4605 is corrected to read:

§4605. -- officers -- Article V

The commission shall elect from its number a ~~chairman~~ chair and a ~~vice chairman~~ vice-chair and shall appoint and at its pleasure remove or discharge such officers and employees as may be required to carry this compact into effect and shall fix and determine their duties, qualifications and compensation. ~~Said~~ The commission shall adopt rules ~~and regulations~~ for the conduct of its business. ~~It~~ and may establish and maintain one or more offices for the transaction of its business and may meet at any time or place but must meet at least once a year.

Sec. B-16. 12 MRSA §4607, 2nd ¶ is corrected to read:

An advisory committee to be representative of the ~~commercial fishermen and the people who fish commercially, the salt water anglers and such other interests of each state as the commission deems~~ considers advisable ~~shall~~ must be established by the commission as soon as practicable for the purpose of advising the commission upon ~~such~~ such recommendations as it ~~may~~ desire to make.

Sec. B-17. 12 MRSA §4656 is corrected to read:

§4656. Appropriation

Any ~~moneys~~ money appropriated by the Legislature for the expenses of the commission ~~shall~~ must be paid out of the State Treasury on the audit and warrant of the State Controller, upon vouchers certified by the ~~chairman~~ chair of the commission in the manner prescribed by law.

Sec. B-18. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§6-A, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 266, Pt. B, §4, is corrected to read:

~~A. Licensed commercial fishermen~~ Persons who fish under a commercial license, aquaculturists and fishermen's cooperatives of persons who fish under a commercial license;

Sec. B-19. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§6-A, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 266, Pt. B, §4, is corrected to read:

B. Persons providing direct services to ~~commercial fishermen~~ persons who fish commercially, aquaculturists or fishermen's cooperatives of persons who fish commercially, as long as provision of these direct services requires the use of working waterfront property; and

Sec. B-20. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§6-A, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 266, Pt. B, §4, is corrected to read:

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 commercially.

Sec. B-21. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§15-A, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 498, §1, is corrected to read:

15-A. Fishway. "Fishway" means a ~~manmade~~ human-made device, including fish elevators, fishlocks and fish ladders, that is used to enable fish to migrate upstream past dams, waterfalls, rapids or other obstacles.

Sec. B-22. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§31, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is corrected to read:

31. Parlor section. "Parlor section" means that part of a lobster trap designed or intended to hold or detain lobsters until they are removed by the ~~fisherman~~ person operating the trap.

Sec. B-23. 12 MRSA §6001, sub-§37, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is corrected to read:

37. Retail. "Retail" means sale, trade or service directly to the consumer for ~~his~~ the consumer's personal use.

Sec. B-24. 12 MRSA §6022, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. B, §73, is corrected to read:

2. General powers. The commissioner ~~shall be~~ is responsible for the administration and enforcement of all marine resources' laws and ~~shall have~~ has all the powers of a marine patrol officer. ~~He~~ The commissioner shall maintain records of all leases, certificates or licenses issued by the commissioner or required to be filed under section 6027.

Sec. B-25. 12 MRSA §6022, sub-§15, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 286, §1, is corrected to read:

15. Revolving fund. The commissioner may prepare and distribute printed and audio-visual materials on matters within ~~his~~ the commissioner's statutory jurisdiction. There is established within the department a revolving fund to cover the printing and distribution costs of these materials. The commissioner shall fix the prices at which publications of the department may be sold or delivered. The department shall retain, without charge, an appropriate number of each publication for complimentary distribution. Income from the sale of publications that were charged to the revolving fund and any other ~~moneys~~ money the commissioner may receive, from whatever source, consistent with the purposes of this section, ~~shall~~ must be credited to the revolving fund to be used as a continuing carrying account to carry out the purposes of the fund.

Sec. B-26. 12 MRSA §6023, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. B, §73, is corrected to read:

§6023. Deputy commissioner

The commissioner shall designate a deputy commissioner, who ~~shall serve~~ serves at the pleasure of the commissioner. The deputy commissioner ~~shall be~~ is responsible, under the direction of the commissioner, for the administration and enforcement of the marine resources' laws and ~~shall have~~ has all the powers of a marine patrol officer. ~~He shall serve~~ The deputy commissioner serves as the commissioner in the commissioner's absence or disability or if the office of the commissioner becomes vacant. The commissioner may appoint an appropriate administrative officer in the department to perform the functions of the commissioner if both the commissioner and deputy commissioner are disabled or absent.

Sec. B-27. 12 MRSA §6025, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. B, §14, is corrected to read:

3. Powers and duties. Officers shall enforce all marine resources' laws and may arrest and prosecute all violators. They may serve all process pertaining to marine resources' laws. They ~~shall~~ have jurisdiction and authority in all areas where the laws for which they have responsibility apply. In addition to their specified powers and duties, the marine patrol officers are vested with the authority to enforce all laws of the State and may arrest for violations of any criminal laws. Any officer may require suitable aid in the execution of the duties of ~~his~~ office. Marine patrol officers may receive complete law enforcement training within one year from the date of employment and in-service training privileges at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

Sec. B-28. 12 MRSA §6025, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1981, c. 433, §2, is corrected to read:

4. Search powers. Any marine patrol officer, in uniform, may search without a warrant and examine any watercraft, aircraft, conveyance, vehicle, box, bag, locker, trap, crate or other receptacle or container for

any marine organism when ~~he~~ the marine patrol officer has probable cause to believe that any marine organism taken, possessed or transported contrary to law is concealed thereon or therein.

Sec. B-29. 12 MRSA §6025, sub-§5, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. B, §14, is corrected to read:

5. Sheriff and police powers as marine patrol officers. A sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, constable or inland fisheries and wildlife warden, within ~~their~~ that person's respective jurisdiction, ~~shall be~~ is vested with the powers of a marine patrol officer, except the powers provided in sections 6306 and 6434. When ~~an officer~~ that person acts under this section, the same fees ~~shall~~ must be paid for ~~his~~ his services rendered by that person to the usual recipient of ~~the officer's~~ that person's fees.

Sec. B-30. 12 MRSA §6101, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is corrected to read:

7. Preventing misleading labeling. If the commissioner has reason to believe that a violation of subsection 6 is occurring, ~~he~~ the commissioner may order the withholding of an inspection or grading label or mark.

Sec. B-31. 12 MRSA §6101, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is corrected to read:

8. Procedure. The commissioner shall give notice of ~~his~~ a withholding order and may give an opportunity for a hearing on the order. The order ~~shall be~~ is effective on service or receipt of the notice. The notice ~~shall~~ must contain a statement of the violation, the order and any opportunity for a hearing, and ~~shall~~ must be personally served on or mailed to the violator. Any hearing ~~shall~~ must be requested in writing within 10 days, unless a longer period is mutually agreed to in writing. Notice of the hearing ~~shall~~ must be given immediately to the violator.

If a hearing is held, it ~~shall~~ must be conducted in the Augusta area. At the hearing, the violator ~~shall be~~ is entitled to present any evidence concerning the violation and surrounding circumstances. All decisions of the commissioner ~~shall~~ must be in writing. All decisions of the commissioner under this section may be reviewed in the manner provided under ~~the Maine Administrative Procedure Act~~, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~VII~~ 7.

Sec. B-32. 12 MRSA §6102, as amended by PL 1981, c. 705, Pt. C, §1, is corrected to read:

§6102. Mandatory quality control program

The commissioner may, in accordance with the most modern public health and food protection practices, establish and maintain effective surveillance and inspection of all segments of the ~~state's~~ State's fishing industries. ~~He~~ The commissioner may establish a program to carry out this responsibility. The program may

include provisions similar to those of section 6856, shellfish sanitation and certificate, and section 6101, voluntary fish products inspection program, including any additional inspection, licensing and certification requirements that are necessary to insure proper sanitation and quality control. The commissioner may adopt or amend regulations rules prescribing the minimum standards for establishments and for sanitation and quality control of the processing of any marine organism or its products. Each set of regulations shall rules must be based on the particular operational requirements of the species or phase of industry being regulated, and shall must conform to the latest state or federal sanitation standards.

Sec. B-33. 12 MRSA §6122, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 388, §2, is corrected to read:

2. Initiation of fishway proceedings. Within 30 days of receipt of the construction notice, the commissioner shall review the plans in order to determine whether fishway construction or alteration of proposed fishway construction plans may be required pursuant to the criteria set forth in section 6121, subsection 3. If the commissioner determines that such construction or alteration may be necessary, he the commissioner shall initiate fishway proceedings and follow the procedures prescribed in section 6121.

Sec. B-34. 12 MRSA §6171, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is corrected to read:

1. Commissioner's powers. The commissioner may investigate conditions affecting marine resources and, with the advice and consent of the advisory council, may adopt or amend such regulations rules as he deems the commissioner considers necessary to promote the conservation and propagation of marine organisms.

Sec. B-35. 12 MRSA §6171, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2015, c. 391, §1, is corrected to read:

B. An unusually large concentration of fishermen persons who fish might deplete the supply of any marine organism;

Sec. B-36. 12 MRSA §6201, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. B, §73, is corrected to read:

§6201. Prosecution by district attorney

Each district attorney shall prosecute all violations of marine resources' laws occurring within his the district attorney's county when requested by the commissioner, a marine patrol officer or other person authorized to enforce any provision of marine resources' laws.

Sec. B-37. 12 MRSA §6205, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. B, §73, is corrected to read:

§6205. Certificate as evidence

A certificate of the commissioner, deputy commissioner or Chief of the Bureau of Marine Patrol stating what the records of the department show shall be is admissible as evidence in all courts as proof of the department records. A certificate stating that the records do not show that a person held a license shall be is prima facie evidence that the person did not hold the license on the date specified in the certificate. The certified copy shall be is admissible in evidence on the testimony of a an officer that he the officer received the certificate after requesting it by telephone or otherwise from the department. No A further foundation shall be is not necessary for the admission of the certificate.

Sec. B-38. 12 MRSA §6206, sub-§2, ¶A, as amended by PL 1987, c. 736, §7, is corrected to read:

A. Form of libel:

STATE OF MAINE

County of SS To the Honorable
Clerk, Judge of
Justice of the Peace

Court.

Your libelant, of, Maine, a warden,

states that on the . . . day of . . ., 19 20 . . ., at . . .

in this county, he the libelant seized certain fish, shellfish, lobsters, or other marine species, or parts thereof, or certain equipment, described as follows:

.....
.....
.....
.....

That the items seized and described were either taken, bought, sold, shipped, transported, possessed or used in violation of a provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, chapters 601 to 627, or in violation of a regulation rule authorized by those chapters. The specific violation of statute or regulation rule is

.....
.....

Wherefore ~~he~~ the libelant prays for a decree of forfeiture of these items in accordance with the provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 6207.

Signed at ,
in this county, this day of, ~~19~~ 20..

(Signed)....
Warden

Sec. B-39. 12 MRSA §6207, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. B, §73, is corrected to read:

1. May be seized without warrant; marine patrol officer's duty to libel; contents of libel. Whenever a marine patrol officer seizes any organism or equipment and does not return them to the owner, ~~he~~ the marine patrol officer shall within a reasonable time file a libel with a judge. ~~He~~ The marine patrol officer shall insert the following information in the libel:

- A. The description of the items seized by ~~him~~ the marine patrol officer;
- B. A statement of the date and place of seizure;
- C. A statement of the violation that causes the seizure; and
- D. A prayer for a decree of forfeiture of those items.

Sec. B-40. 12 MRSA §6207, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2013, c. 468, §3, is corrected to read:

3. Order of notice; contents. The judge to whom the libel is directed shall fix a time for the hearing of the libel. ~~He~~ The judge shall issue an order of notice to all persons interested, ~~in which order of notice he shall insert.~~ The judge shall insert in the order of notice the following:

- A. A citation to all persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed for the hearing and show cause, if any, why the items described in the libel should not be declared forfeited to the State;
- B. The time and the place fixed for the hearing; and
- C. An order that a true copy of the libel and the order of the notice, attested by the marine patrol officer, be mailed to the person from whom the items were seized at that person's last known address and posted in 2 conspicuous places in the municipality, or place where the items were seized, at least 10 days before the day set for the hearing.

Sec. B-41. 12 MRSA §6207, sub-§6, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is corrected to read:

A. A statement of ~~his~~ the claimant's claimed title or right and its foundation;

Sec. B-42. 12 MRSA §6207, sub-§6, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is corrected to read:

D. A statement that the items claimed were not held in possession or use, with ~~his~~ the claimant's knowledge or consent, in violation of any provision of marine resources' laws;

Sec. B-43. 12 MRSA §6207, sub-§6, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is corrected to read:

E. ~~He shall state his~~ A statement of the claimant's business and ~~his~~ place of residence; and

Sec. B-44. 12 MRSA §6207, sub-§6, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is corrected to read:

F. ~~He~~ The claimant shall sign and make oath to the claim before the judge.

Sec. B-45. 12 MRSA §6207, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is corrected to read:

7. Claimant admitted as party; hearing. If ~~any~~ a person makes claim as provided in subsection 6, the judge shall admit ~~him~~ the claimant as a party to the process, shall proceed to determine the truth of the allegations in the claim and libel and shall hear any relevant evidence offered by the libelant or the claimant.

Sec. B-46. 12 MRSA §6207, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is corrected to read:

8. Court order if claimant found entitled to any item claimed. If the judge upon hearing is satisfied that ~~any~~ an item listed in the claimant's claim was not, with the claimant's knowledge or consent, used or possessed in violation of ~~any~~ a provision of marine resources' laws, and that the claimant has title or is entitled to possession of that item, ~~he~~ the judge shall give the claimant an order in writing. The judge shall direct the order to the libelant commanding ~~him~~ the libelant to deliver the item to the claimant, or, if the item has been sold, to deliver the proceeds of the sale to the claimant, within 48 hours after the demand.

Sec. B-47. 12 MRSA §6209, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 281, §1, is corrected to read:

§6209. Commissioner to keep records

The commissioner shall collect and maintain criminal history record information pertinent to violations of chapters 601 to 627. ~~He~~ The commissioner may collect and maintain other records and information pertinent to other functions of the department, including the enforcement of civil violations.

Sec. B-48. 12 MRSA §6310, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 319, §1, is corrected by correcting the first blocked paragraph to read:

For the purposes of this subsection, "family member" means a spouse, ~~brother, sister, son in law, daughter in~~

~~law sibling, child's spouse, parent by blood, parent by adoption, mother in law, father in law spouse's parent, child by blood, child by adoption, stepchild, stepparent, grandchild or grandparent.~~

Sec. B-49. 12 MRSA §6371, sub-§4, ¶1, as corrected by RR 2017, c. 1, §5, is corrected to read:

I. Title 17-A, section 207, 209, 210, 210-A or 211, when the offense is committed against a marine patrol officer or a family member of a marine patrol officer as a result of the marine patrol officer performing what the license holder knows or has reason to know are the marine patrol officer's official duties. As used in this paragraph, "family member" means a spouse, ~~brother, sister, son in law, daughter in law~~ sibling, child's spouse, parent by blood, parent by adoption, ~~mother in law, father in law spouse's parent,~~ child by blood, child by adoption, stepchild, stepparent, grandchild or grandparent.

Sec. B-50. 12 MRSA §6372, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. B, §73, is corrected to read:

1. Initiation and suspension. A marine patrol officer may deliver to the commissioner a written statement under oath that a person has refused to allow inspection or seizure under section 6306. The commissioner, on receipt of the affidavit, shall immediately notify the person in writing that ~~his~~ the person's license has been suspended.

Sec. B-51. 12 MRSA §6372, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. B, §15, is corrected to read:

4. Stay. Upon written request, the commissioner may delay the suspension pending the determination of the original hearing or the appeal, if ~~he~~ the commissioner finds that suspension will cause undue hardship.

Sec. B-52. 12 MRSA §6405, as amended by PL 1979, c. 283, §1, is corrected to read:

§6405. Trap removal

~~Any~~ A person whose lobster and crab fishing license has been suspended shall, within 5 days of suspension, remove from the water all of ~~his~~ the person's lobster traps or cars, except cars numbered with another valid license number. The commissioner may extend the time period if adverse weather conditions or other circumstances beyond the control of the license holder prevent removal within that time period.

During the removal period, the license holder ~~shall~~ may not sell, lease or otherwise transfer ownership of the license holder's lobster traps or cars or give written permission to another person to raise, lift or transfer those traps or cars. The commissioner may allow another licensed person, subject to any conditions or limitations, to assist the license holder in removing ~~his~~ the

license holder's traps or cars, if that assistance is required because of personal hardship or a large number of traps.

Sec. B-53. 12 MRSA §6431-E, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 1999, c. 26, §1, is corrected to read:

A. "Family member" means a spouse, ~~brother, sister, son in law, daughter in law~~ sibling, child's spouse, parent by blood, parent by adoption, ~~mother in law, father in law spouse's parent,~~ child by blood, child by adoption, stepchild, stepparent, grandchild or grandparent.

Sec. B-54. 12 MRSA §6433, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 661, §5, is corrected to read:

3. Exemption. The commissioner may exempt specific trap designs from the escape vent requirements of this section if it is proved to ~~his~~ the commissioner's satisfaction that the specific trap design will only take crabs and is incapable of taking lobsters.

Sec. B-55. 12 MRSA §6441, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 227, is corrected to read:

§6441. Plugged lobsters

The commissioner, in accordance with section 6191, may adopt ~~regulations~~ rules prohibiting the possession of plugged lobsters, ~~provided that he~~ as long as the commissioner has determined that these ~~regulations~~ rules will not adversely affect lobster importation.

Sec. B-56. 12 MRSA §6525-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 731, §2, is corrected to read:

1. Setting nets or seines near weirs. ~~It is unlawful for any~~ A person, other than the weir owner or ~~his~~ the weir owner's crew members, ~~to~~ may not set or assist in setting ~~any~~ a net or seine within 2,000 feet of the mouth of a weir in operating condition whose operator is validly licensed under section 6501 and when the weir is licensed under Title 38, chapter 9.

Sec. B-57. 12 MRSA §6525-A, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 731, §2, is corrected to read:

3. Cove name and designation. The commissioner shall prepare a map of areas of the State, where weirs are used as a method of fishing, ~~which that~~ fixes the location of each weir and designates the boundaries of each cove in which those weirs are located. The map ~~shall~~ must be provided to municipalities by the commissioner. Owners of licensed weirs and applicants for a license ~~shall~~ may receive a map at cost. When an applicant for a license finds no designation on the map of cove boundaries for the cove where ~~he~~ the applicant wants to construct a weir, the municipal officers from the city or town within which the weir will be located shall notify the commissioner of the intended location of the weir on the map. The commissioner shall designate boundaries for the cove.

Sec. B-58. 12 MRSA §6546, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 671, is corrected to read:

Any person, firm or corporation purchasing herring from a ~~fisherman or his person who fishes commercially or that person's~~ agent, at the time of purchase, shall furnish to the ~~fisherman or his person who fishes commercially or that person's~~ agent a written acknowledgment of the purchase.

Sec. B-59. 12 MRSA §6546, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 671, is corrected to read:

2. Payments. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the buyer shall make all payments to the ~~fisherman, or his person who fishes commercially or that person's~~ agent, in money or in money equivalent, which includes, but is not limited to, credit against any outstanding indebtedness the ~~fisherman person who fishes commercially~~ may have to the buyer.

Sec. B-60. 12 MRSA §6703, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 662, §4, is corrected to read:

2. Licensed activity. The holder of a noncommercial scallop license may take scallops by hand or by use of a drag and may possess, ship or transport scallops ~~he~~ the license holder has taken.

Sec. B-61. 12 MRSA §6720, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 222, §2, is corrected to read:

A. "Family member" means a spouse, ~~brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law~~ sibling, child's spouse, parent by blood, parent by adoption, ~~mother-in-law, father-in-law~~ spouse's parent, child by blood, child by adoption, stepchild, stepparent, grandchild or grandparent.

Sec. B-62. 12 MRSA §6749-D, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 222, §5, is corrected to read:

A. "Family member" means a spouse, ~~brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law~~ sibling, child's spouse, parent by blood, parent by adoption, ~~mother-in-law, father-in-law~~ spouse's parent, child by blood, child by adoption, stepchild, stepparent, grandchild or grandparent.

Sec. B-63. 12 MRSA §6953, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. B, §73, is corrected to read:

2. Remaining stopped. After ~~he~~ the operator has ~~so~~ stopped, to fail to remain stopped until the marine patrol officer reaches ~~his~~ the operator's immediate vicinity and makes known to that operator the reason for the request or signal;

Sec. B-64. 12 MRSA §8704, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, §3, is corrected to read:

§8704. Rehabilitation program

The director may carry out a forest rehabilitation program on unstocked and poorly stocked potential forest land, either public or private, with first priority to burned areas. ~~He~~ The director shall make use of federal funds as and if available and of inmates of state institutions, including penal, whenever possible or feasible. The State shall participate in the cost of such forest rehabilitation up to 50% of the total cost on private land including the value of trees, ~~any such rehabilitation.~~ Rehabilitation on private lands ~~to~~ may be done only at the landowner's request.

Sec. B-65. 12 MRSA §8844, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 507, §2, is corrected to read:

§8844. Seizure or attachment

Any officer authorized to make inspections, investigations or arrests under this Article may seize and hold Christmas trees or evergreen boughs until proof of ownership has been established. If ~~no~~ proof of ownership has not been established, the officer shall try to determine where those trees or boughs were cut and notify the landowner. If the owner does not want the trees or boughs, or ownership cannot be determined, the State may dispose of them and any money derived from the disposition of the trees and boughs ~~shall~~ must be paid to the landowner, if ~~his~~ the landowner's identity can be established and, otherwise, to the Treasurer of State to be credited to the General Fund.

Sec. B-66. 12 MRSA §8902, as amended by PL 1985, c. 108, §3; PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §7; and PL 2013, c. 405, Pt. A, §23, is corrected to read:

§8902. Forest fire wardens

The director shall appoint a forest fire warden in each organized municipality. The municipal fire chief ~~shall~~ must be appointed as forest fire warden if practicable and no other person may be appointed without the approval of the municipal officers. All appointed forest fire wardens ~~shall~~ must serve at the pleasure of the director and ~~shall~~ must be sworn to the faithful discharge of these duties and a certificate thereof ~~shall~~ must be returned to the bureau. ~~Whoever~~ A person who has been notified of this appointment shall file with the director ~~his~~ that person's acceptance or rejection within 10 days. The appointed forest fire warden may appoint one or more deputy forest fire wardens subject to approval of the municipal officers. A deputy forest fire warden may act for the forest fire warden in the absence of the appointed forest fire warden, but ~~no~~ compensation in addition to that provided in this section may not be made.

The State shall pay the appointed forest fire warden an annual fee of \$100. This payment ~~shall be made~~ is contingent upon attendance at forest fire training schools, preparation of an annual forest fire plan for ~~his~~ the town the forest fire warden serves and ~~such~~ reports as the director may require. This fee in no way limits payment to the warden from ~~his~~ the town the forest fire warden serves. ~~His~~ The warden's services for work on

actual forest fires, as well as that of deputy forest fire wardens, ~~shall~~ must be paid by the town and at a rate determined by the town.

Sec. B-67. 12 MRSA §9303, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, §3, is corrected to read:

§9303. Deposits on other's land forbidden

~~No~~ A person ~~shall~~ may not deposit refuse of any kind on land not ~~his~~ the person's own without the consent of the owner or the public authority having custody or maintenance responsibility of ~~such~~ that land.

Sec. B-68. 12 MRSA §9324, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, §3, is corrected to read:

2. Time and manner of kindling. ~~Whoever~~ A person who kindles or uses a fire on ~~his~~ that person's own land shall do so at a suitable time and in a careful and prudent manner and is liable in a civil action to ~~any~~ another person injured by ~~his~~ the failure to comply with this provision.

Sec. B-69. 12 MRSA §9334, as amended by PL 1983, c. 556, §15, is corrected to read:

§9334. Along Removal of slash along land bordering on another

~~Whoever~~ A person who, as stumpage owner, operator, landowner or agent, cuts, causes or permits to be cut any forest growth on land ~~which~~ that borders land of another outside the limits of the unorganized territory or within the unorganized territory ~~which~~ that borders property outside shall dispose of the slash in the manner described: ~~All~~ the slash resulting from ~~such~~ the cutting of forest growth ~~shall~~ may not remain on the ground within 25 feet of the property line, ~~provided that~~ as long as the director on ~~his~~ the director's own initiative or upon written complaint of another declares that the situation constitutes a fire hazard.

Sec. B-70. 12 MRSA §9335, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, §3, is corrected to read:

§9335. — Removal of slash by dwelling houses

The director, by written notice to any stumpage owner, operator, landowner or agent cutting forest growth, may require the removal of slash within 100 feet of buildings and trailers currently used for human occupancy when, in ~~his~~ the director's judgment, ~~such~~ that slash constitutes an unusual hazard endangering other property through the setting or spreading of forest fires.

Sec. B-71. 12 MRSA §9337, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, §3, is corrected to read:

§9337. Primary processors

All primary processors of wood products, including, but not limited to, sawmills, except a person processing for ~~his~~ that person's own domestic use, and owners of lands on which ~~such~~ those processing plants

are located shall keep any slash resulting from cutting forest growth removed for a distance of 50 feet in all directions from the mill, sawdust pile and any open incinerator. Live trees need not be removed from the 50-foot cleared area but coniferous trees ~~shall~~ must be pruned to a height of 10 feet above the ground and dead snags ~~shall~~ must be removed. The sawdust pile ~~shall~~ must be clear of all trees, free of slabs and edgings and located not less than 25 feet from any open incinerator and mill. All such processors and owners shall observe the slash provisions of this Article when on, or after change of, location.

Sec. B-72. 12 MRSA §9401, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, §3, is corrected to read:

§9401. Patrol along tracks

Whenever in the judgment of the director the woodlands along the railroads traversing the forest lands of the State are in a dry and dangerous condition, ~~he~~ the director shall maintain a competent and efficient fire patrol along the right-of-way or lands of ~~such~~ those railroads if, in ~~his~~ the judgment of the director, a satisfactory railroad fire patrol is not being provided.

Sec. B-73. 12 MRSA §9602, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 545, §3, is corrected to read:

§9602. Obstruction of discontinued woods roads prohibited

~~No~~ A person, unless authorized by the director, ~~shall~~ may not obstruct any improved woods road or way used for the removal of forest growth, upon the discontinuance from use or abandonment of the ~~same~~ road or way, if it may be reasonably utilized for preventing or suppressing forest fires. This provision ~~shall~~ does not prohibit a landowner from ~~his~~ exercising the landowner's right to close or cause to be closed ~~such~~ woods roads or ways by chains or gates.

Sec. B-74. 12 MRSA §10309, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is corrected to read:

B. A species or species group that is adversely affected due to unusual vulnerability to ~~man-made~~ human-made disturbances and requirements for a special or limited habitat type;

Sec. B-75. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§15, as amended by PL 2019, c. 143, §1, is corrected 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, child, stepchild, grandchild, parent, grandparent, stepparent, ~~brother, sister, sibling, half-sister, half-brother~~ half-sibling or adopted child.

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. B-76. 12 MRSA §11226-B, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 87, §1, is corrected to read:

C. "Family member" means a parent, spouse, ~~daughter or son~~ child or a grandchild who is less than 18 years of age.

Sec. B-77. 12 MRSA §12551-A, sub-§7, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 301, §36, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) Beginning on the date the body of water on which the smelts are taken is open to ice fishing and ending March 31st annually, use a drop net, a lift net or hook and line to take up to 8 quarts of smelts through ~~man-made~~ human-made openings in the ice while fishing on the ice from specific inland waters designated by the commissioner. A dip net may be used in conjunction with the above methods to assist with the handling and transporting of smelts. A licensee may keep the daily bag limit alive. The daily bag limit established under this subparagraph is for a 24-hour period, beginning at noon on a given day and ending at 11:59 a.m. the following day;

Sec. B-78. 12 MRSA §12803, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is corrected to read:

E. Other natural or ~~manmade~~ human-made factors affecting its continued existence within the State.

Sec. B-79. 22 MRSA §13, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 715, §3 and amended by PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §7, is corrected to read:

1. Establishment; composition. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services is authorized to create within the department a Human Services Fraud Investigation Unit, ~~hereinafter~~ referred to in this section as the "unit." The commissioner is authorized to employ and assign to the unit such employees as ~~he deems~~ the commissioner considers appropriate.

Sec. B-80. 22 MRSA §13, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 715, §3, is corrected to read:

4. Violation of law; action. Whenever the unit determines that a fraud, ~~an~~ attempted fraud or a violation of law in connection with funds administered by the department may have occurred, it shall report in writing all information concerning ~~such~~ the fraud or violation to the Attorney General or ~~his~~ the Attorney General's delegate for such action as ~~he may deem~~ the Attorney General considers appropriate, including civil action for recovery of funds and criminal prosecution by the Department of the Attorney General. The unit shall, upon request of the Attorney General and in such a manner as ~~he deems~~ the Attorney General considers appropriate, assist in the recovery of funds.

Sec. B-81. 22 MRSA §41, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §211, is corrected to read:

§41. Commissioner's report

The commissioner, as soon as practicable after the close of the fiscal year ~~which~~ that is indicated by an even number, shall report to the Governor the activities of the department during the biennial period just ended with such suggestions as to legislative action as ~~he deems~~ the commissioner considers necessary or important.

Sec. B-82. 22 MRSA §46, as amended by PL 1981, c. 470, Pt. A, §54, is corrected to read:

§46. Charitable and benevolent institutions to submit itemized bills; recipients not ~~deemed~~ considered paupers

No part of any appropriations made by the State for the care, treatment, support or education of any person by any charitable or benevolent organization not wholly owned or controlled by the State ~~shall~~ may be paid until duly itemized bills, showing the name of the person receiving the service, the date on which the service was rendered, and the rate charged therefor per day or week, ~~shall~~ have been filed with the State Controller together with a certificate from the department that satisfactory evidence has been filed in its office by the organization furnishing the service that the persons receiving the service were in need of such services, that they were not able to pay for the same; ~~and~~ that the rates charged are not greater than those charged to the general public for the same service. The only exceptions to the above specific procedures are those instances in which the charitable or benevolent organization by agreement with the department elects to return its state appropriation, either in whole or in part, to the department for matching with federal funds.

In all instances, payments made by the State to charitable and benevolent organizations under this section ~~shall be~~ are governed by such rules and regulations and rates as are prescribed by the department. ~~No~~ A per-

son ~~shall be deemed~~ may not be considered to be a pauper by reason of having ~~because the person~~ received the benefit of any funds, either state or municipal, ~~which shall have been that were~~ expended ~~in his~~ on behalf of ~~the person~~ under this section.

Sec. B-83. 22 MRSA §677, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 345, §§13 and 14, is corrected to read:

5. Federal license or permit required. ~~No person may~~ A person may not manufacture, construct, produce, transfer, acquire or possess any special nuclear material, source material, by-product material, production facility or utilization facility, or act as an operator of a production or utilization facility wholly within this State, unless ~~he~~ the person has first obtained a license or permit for the activity in which ~~he~~ the person proposes to engage from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission if, pursuant to federal law, the commission requires a license or permit to be obtained by ~~persons~~ a person proposing to engage in activities of the same type over which it has jurisdiction.

Sec. B-84. 22 MRSA §690, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 493, §9, is corrected by correcting the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

At the hearing, the alleged violator may appear in person or by attorney and answer the allegations of violation and file a statement of the facts, including the methods, practices and procedures, if any, adopted or used by ~~him~~ the alleged violator to comply with this chapter and present such evidence as may be pertinent and relevant to the alleged violation.

Sec. B-85. 22 MRSA §690, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 493, §9, is corrected to read:

C. On the request of the department, the Attorney General may institute a civil action to collect a penalty imposed pursuant to this subsection. Only the Attorney General may compromise, mitigate or remit such civil penalties as are referred to ~~him~~ the Attorney General for collection.

Sec. B-86. 22 MRSA §753, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 226, is corrected to read:

2. Aid. Whenever the compact administrator of a party state requests aid from the compact administrator of any other party state pursuant to this compact, ~~it shall be the duty of~~ the requested state to shall render all possible aid to the requesting state ~~which that~~ is consonant with the maintenance of protection of its own people. The compact administrator of a party state may delegate any or all of ~~his~~ the compact administrator's authority to request aid or respond to requests for aid pursuant to this compact to one or more subordinates, in order that requests for aid and responses thereto ~~shall not be~~ are not impeded by reason of the absence of or unavailability of the compact administrator. Any compact administrator making such a delegation shall inform all the

other compact administrators thereof, and shall inform them of the identity of the subordinate or subordinates to whom the delegation has been made.

Sec. B-87. 22 MRSA §756, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 226, is corrected to read:

1. Coordinate activities. Shall coordinate activities pursuant to this compact in and on behalf of ~~his~~ the compact administrator's state.

Sec. B-88. 22 MRSA §1471-B, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 644, §3, is corrected to read:

4. Director. The commissioner shall appoint a director, with the approval of the board. The director ~~shall be~~ is the principal administrative, operational and executive employee of the board. The director shall attend and participate in all meetings of the board, but may not vote. The director, with the approval of the commissioner and the board, may hire ~~whatever any~~ competent professional personnel and other staff ~~he deems~~ the director considers necessary. All employees of the board ~~shall be~~ are subject to Title 5, Part 2. The director may obtain office space, goods and services as required.

Sec. B-89. 22 MRSA §1471-C, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 397, §2, is corrected to read:

10. Fungi. "Fungi" means all nonchlorophyll-bearing thallophytes, that is, all nonchlorophyll-bearing plants, of a lower order than mosses and liverworts, including but not limited to rusts, smuts, mildews and molds, except those on or in living ~~man~~ humans or other animals or those on or in processed food, beverages or pharmaceuticals.

Sec. B-90. 22 MRSA §1471-C, sub-§18, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 397, §2, is corrected to read:

18. Pest. The term "pest" means any insect, rodent, nematode, fungus, weed, or any other form of terrestrial or aquatic plant or animal life or virus, bacteria or other micro-organism, except viruses, bacteria or other micro-organisms on or in living ~~man~~ humans or other living animals, ~~which that~~ the commissioner declares to be a pest.

Sec. B-91. 22 MRSA §1471-C, sub-§22, as amended by PL 1975, c. 644, §3, is corrected to read:

22. Private applicator. "Private applicator" means any person who uses or supervises the use of any pesticide ~~which that~~ is classified for restricted or limited use for purposes of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by ~~him~~ the person or ~~his~~ the person's employer or, if applied without compensation other than trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities, on the property of another person.

Sec. B-92. 22 MRSA §1471-W, sub-§5, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 93, §2, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (3), division (h) to read:

(h) Pediculocides and mange cure on ~~man~~ humans;

Sec. B-93. 22 MRSA §1561, as amended by PL 1973, c. 430, is corrected to read:

§1561. Removal of private nuisance

When any source of filth whether or not the cause of sickness is found on private property and ~~deemed de-~~ termined to be potentially injurious to health, the owner or occupant thereof shall, within 24 hours after notice from the local health officer, at ~~his the owner's or occu-~~ pant's own expense, remove or discontinue it. If ~~he the owner or occupant~~ neglects to do so or unreasonably delays ~~to do doing~~ so, ~~he the owner or occupant~~ forfeits a sum not exceeding \$300. ~~Said The~~ The local health officer shall cause ~~said the~~ nuisance to be removed or discontinued, and all expenses thereof ~~shall must~~ be repaid to the town by ~~such the~~ owner or occupant; or by the person who caused or permitted it.

Sec. B-94. 22 MRSA §1562 is corrected to read:

§1562. Depositing of dead animal where nuisance

Whoever personally or through the agency of another leaves or deposits the carcass of a dead horse, cow, sheep, hog or of any domestic animals or domestic fowl or parts thereof in any place where it may cause a nuisance shall, upon receiving a notice to that effect from the local health officer, promptly remove, bury or otherwise dispose of such carcass. If ~~he the person~~ fails to do so within such time as may be prescribed by the local health officer, and in such manner as may be satisfactory to ~~such the~~ health officer, ~~he shall the person~~ must be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100; or by imprisonment for not more than 3 months.

Sec. B-95. 22 MRSA §1591, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 696, §186, is corrected to read:

~~No A~~ A physician, nurse or other person, who refuses to perform or assist in the performance of an abortion, ~~shall may not~~, because of that refusal, be dismissed, suspended, demoted or otherwise prejudiced or damaged by a hospital, health care facility, firm, association, professional association, corporation or educational institution with which ~~he or she the physician, nurse or other person~~ is affiliated or requests to be affiliated or by which ~~he or she the physician, nurse or other person~~ is employed, nor ~~shall such may that~~ refusal constitute grounds for loss of any privileges or immunities to which ~~such the~~ physician, nurse or other person would otherwise be entitled, nor ~~shall may~~ submission to an abortion or the granting of consent therefor be a condition precedent to the receipt of any public benefits.

Sec. B-96. 22 MRSA §1597-A, sub-§6, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 573, §2, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) Deny the petition only if the court finds that the minor is not mature enough to make ~~her the minor's~~ own decision and that the abortion is not in ~~her the minor's~~ best interest.

Sec. B-97. 22 MRSA §1597-A, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 573, §2, is corrected to read:

7. Abortion performed against the minor's will. ~~No An~~ An abortion may not be performed on any minor against ~~her the minor's~~ will, except that an abortion may be performed against the will of a minor pursuant to a court order described in subsection 6 that the abortion is necessary to preserve the life of the minor.

Sec. B-98. 22 MRSA §1598, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 405, §2, is corrected to read:

4. Abortions after viability; criminal liability. A person who performs an abortion after viability is guilty of a Class D crime if:

A. ~~He The person~~ knowingly disregarded the viability of the fetus; and

B. ~~He The person~~ knew that the abortion was not necessary for the preservation of the life or health of the mother.

Sec. B-99. 22 MRSA §1602, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 703, Pt. A, §11, is corrected to read:

3. Plans; cooperation. In its review of applications for permits for the holding or promoting of a mass outdoor gathering, the department may require such plans, specifications and reports as ~~it shall deem it con-~~ siders necessary for a proper review. In its review of such applications, as well as in carrying out its other duties and functions in connection with such a gathering, the department may request; and ~~shall must~~ receive from all public officers, departments and agencies of the State and its political subdivisions such cooperation and assistance as may be necessary and proper. ~~No A~~ A permit may not be issued by the department until the commissioner or ~~his the commissioner's~~ representative has discussed the application with the municipal officers of the municipality in which the event is intended to be held.

Sec. B-100. 22 MRSA §1633, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 436, is corrected to read:

§1633. Penalty

~~Any A~~ A person who does not comply with this chapter within 30 days, after receiving written notice that ~~he the person~~ is in violation of its provisions, commits a civil violation for which a ~~forfeiture fine~~ fine of not more than \$500 may be adjudged. Each day a violation continues ~~shall be is~~ is a separate violation.

Sec. B-101. 22 MRSA §1654, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 415, §1, is corrected to read:

§1654. Assistance

The commissioner may request and ~~shall~~ must receive from any department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the State, or of any political subdivision thereof, such assistance and data as will enable ~~him~~ the commissioner to properly carry out ~~his~~ the commissioner's activities hereunder and effectuate the purposes set forth in this chapter. The commissioner may also enter into any contract for services ~~which he deems~~ that the commissioner considers necessary with a private agency or concern upon such terms and conditions as ~~he deems~~ the commissioner considers appropriate.

Sec. B-102. 22 MRSA §1692-A, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 835, §1, is corrected to read:

2. Director. "Director" means the Director of the Bureau of Health or ~~his~~ the director's designee.

Sec. B-103. 22 MRSA §1696, sub-§3, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 835, §1, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) The ~~chairman~~ chair of the Science Advisory Panel;

Sec. B-104. 22 MRSA §1696, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 835, §1, is corrected to read:

4. Reporting. The director shall compile all available information and prepare a report for each substance, class of substances or pollutants evaluated and submit this report to the commissioner, director or ~~chairman~~ chair of the group that requested the health risk review and evaluation.

Sec. B-105. 22 MRSA §1705 is corrected to read:

§1705. Individuals may select own physician

~~Nothing in this~~ This Title ~~shall~~ may not be construed to empower or authorize the department or its representative to interfere in any manner with the right of ~~any~~ an individual to select the physician or mode of treatment of ~~his~~ the individual's choice, ~~providing that~~ as long as sanitary laws, rules and regulations are complied with.

Sec. B-106. 22 MRSA §1711-C, sub-§3-B, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 512, Pt. A, §5 and affected by §7 and c. 790, Pt. A, §§58 and 60, is corrected to read:

D. An adult who is ~~an aunt, uncle, niece or nephew of the individual~~ a sibling of the individual's parent or that sibling's spouse or a child of a sibling of the individual or a child of a sibling of the individual's spouse, related by blood or adoption;

Sec. B-107. 22 MRSA §1712, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 166, is corrected to read:

The request may be made by the patient or ~~his~~ the patient's legal guardian at discharge or at any time within 7 years after discharge.

Sec. B-108. 22 MRSA §1826, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 291, §1, is corrected to read:

A. A resident may obtain medical care from any qualified institution, agency or person of ~~his~~ the resident's choice, as long as that health care provider complies with any applicable laws or rules concerning the provision of care to the resident.

Sec. B-109. 22 MRSA §1871, 2nd ¶, as reallocated by PL 1983, c. 816, Pt. A, §16, is corrected to read:

Without regard to the matter of sanatorium closure, the commissioner also may purchase care for tuberculosis patients from private practitioners and private medical institutions. In making payments for care, ~~he~~ the commissioner shall take into consideration payments that may be available through insurance or other 3rd parties.

Sec. B-110. 22 MRSA §1951, as amended by PL 2011, c. 512, §1, is corrected to read:

§1951. Health improvement program

The department is authorized to administer a program to extend and improve its services for promoting the health of mothers and children, especially in rural areas and in areas suffering from severe economic distress. This chapter may not be construed as authorizing any public official, agent or representative, in carrying out this chapter, to take charge of any child over the objections of ~~either the father or the mother~~ a parent of that child, or of the person standing in loco parentis to that child, except pursuant to a proper court order.

Sec. B-111. 22 MRSA §2001, as amended by PL 2001, c. 574, §13, is corrected to read:

§2001. Program of service

The department, through its Bureau of Health, is authorized to administer a program of services for children who are disabled or who are suffering from conditions that lead to a disability, and to supervise the administration of those services included in the program that are not administered directly by it. The purpose of the program is to develop, extend and improve services for locating such children and for providing for medical, surgical, corrective and other services of care, and for facilities for diagnosis, hospitalization and aftercare. ~~Nothing in this~~ This chapter may ~~not~~ not be construed as authorizing any public official, agent or representative, in carrying out this chapter, to take charge of any child over the objection of ~~either the father or the mother~~ a parent of ~~such~~ such that child, or of the person standing in loco parentis to ~~such~~ that child, except pursuant to a proper court order.

Sec. B-112. 22 MRSA §2019, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 218, is corrected to read:

§2019. Display

Any ~~Δ~~ person maintaining, conducting or operating a medical laboratory shall display, in a prominent place in the medical laboratory, the license issued to ~~him~~ the person by the department. A medical laboratory ~~shall may~~ not in any advertisement, announcement, letter, circular, poster, sign or any other manner include any statement expressly or by implication to the effect that it is approved or endorsed by the department.

Sec. B-113. 22 MRSA §2037, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1981, c. 470, Pt. A, §80, is corrected to read:

1. Unlicensed. Operate, maintain, direct or engage in the business of operating a medical laboratory, as defined, unless ~~he~~ the person has obtained a medical laboratory license from the department; or

Sec. B-114. 22 MRSA §2054, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 303, §1, is corrected to read:

2. ~~Chairman Chair, vice-chairman vice-chair; executive director.~~ The authority shall annually elect one of its members as ~~chairman chair~~ and one as ~~vice-chairman, vice-chair~~ and shall also appoint an executive director who ~~shall not be~~ is not a member of the authority and who ~~shall serve~~ serves at the pleasure of the authority and ~~receive~~ receives such compensation as ~~shall be fixed set~~ by the authority.

Sec. B-115. 22 MRSA §2054, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 303, §1, is corrected to read:

3. Duties of executive director. The executive director shall keep a record of the proceedings of the authority and ~~shall be~~ is the custodian of all books, documents and papers filed with the authority and of the minute book or journal of the authority and of its official seal. ~~He~~ The executive director may cause copies to be made of all minutes and other records and documents of the authority and may give certificates under the official seal of the authority to the effect that such copies are true copies, and all persons dealing with the authority may rely upon ~~such~~ the certificates.

Sec. B-116. 22 MRSA §2054, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 303, §1, is corrected to read:

5. Bond. Each member of the authority shall execute a surety bond in the penal sum of \$50,000 and the executive director shall execute a surety bond in the penal sum of \$100,000, or, in lieu thereof, the ~~chairman~~ chair of the authority shall execute a blanket position bond covering each member, the executive director and the employees of the authority, each surety bond to be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of the office or offices covered, to be executed by a surety company authorized to transact business in this State as surety and to be approved by the Attorney General and filed in the office of the Secretary of State. The cost of each bond ~~shall must~~ be paid by the authority.

Sec. B-117. 22 MRSA §2097, first ¶, as enacted by P&SL 1975, c. 90, §A, §1, is corrected to read:

The council ~~shall consist~~ consists of 9 members appointed by the commissioner. Members ~~shall must~~ be appointed for a term of 3 years, except that, of the members first appointed by the commissioner, 3 ~~shall must~~ be appointed for a term of 2 years and 3 ~~shall must~~ be appointed for a term of one year, as designated by the commissioner at the time of appointment, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which ~~his~~ the member's predecessor was appointed ~~shall may~~ be appointed only for the remainder of ~~such that~~ term. Any ~~Δ~~ vacancy in the council ~~shall does~~ not affect its powers, but ~~shall must~~ be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.

Sec. B-118. 22 MRSA §2140, sub-§25, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 271, §4, is corrected to read:

25. Form of interpreter attachment. The form of an attachment for purposes of providing interpretive services as described in subsection 5, paragraph B must be in substantially the following form:

I,, am fluent in English and (language of patient).

On (date) at approximately (time) I read the "REQUEST FOR MEDICATION TO END MY LIFE IN A HUMANE AND DIGNIFIED MANNER" to (name of patient) in (language of patient).

~~Mr./Ms.~~ The patient, (name of patient), affirmed to me that ~~he/she~~ the patient understands the content of this form, that ~~he/she~~ the patient desires to sign this form under ~~his/her~~ the patient's own power and volition and that ~~he/she~~ the patient requested to sign the form after consultations with an attending physician and a consulting physician.

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I am fluent in English and (language of patient) and that the contents of this form, to the best of my knowledge, are true and correct.

Executed at (name of city, county and state) on (date).

Interpreter's signature:

Interpreter's printed name:

Interpreter's address:

Sec. B-119. 22 MRSA §2144, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 570, is corrected to read:

D. The commissioner may grant a full, provisional or conditional license under this chapter to those entities otherwise regulated by the State Government or the Federal Government, if ~~he~~ the commissioner determines that those regulations meet the purpose and intent of this chapter.

Sec. B-120. 22 MRSA §2152, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 1979, c. 731, §19 and PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6, is corrected to read:

1-A. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or ~~his~~ the commissioner's duly authorized agents.

Sec. B-121. 22 MRSA §2152, sub-§4 is corrected to read:

4. Food. "Food" means articles used for food or drink for ~~man~~ humans or other animals, chewing gum and articles used for components of any such article.

Sec. B-122. 22 MRSA §2159, first ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 49, §1 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6, is corrected to read:

Whenever a duly authorized agent of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry finds or has reason to believe that any food is adulterated, or so misbranded as to be dangerous or fraudulent, within the meaning of this subchapter, ~~he~~ the duly authorized agent of the commissioner may issue an order detaining or embargoing that food to any person ~~or persons with~~ in possession or control thereof, and may affix or require the person ~~or persons~~ to whom the order is directed to affix to ~~such~~ the article a tag or other appropriate marking, giving notice that ~~such~~ the article is or is suspected of being adulterated or misbranded and has been detained or embargoed, and warning all persons not to remove or dispose of ~~such~~ the article by sale or otherwise until permission for removal or disposal is given by ~~such~~ the agent or the court. ~~It shall be unlawful for any A person to may not~~ remove or dispose of ~~such~~ the detained or embargoed article by sale or otherwise without ~~such~~ permission of the agent or the court. Orders relating to detention and embargo issued pursuant to this chapter ~~shall~~ may not be considered licensing or an adjudicatory proceeding, as those terms are defined by ~~the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, Title 5, chapter 375.~~

Sec. B-123. 22 MRSA §2159, 2nd ¶ is corrected to read:

When an article detained or embargoed under the preceding paragraph has been found by ~~such~~ an authorized agent of the commissioner to be adulterated or misbranded, ~~he~~ the agent shall petition the proper officer of the District Court or Superior Court in whose jurisdiction the article is detained or embargoed for a libel for condemnation of ~~such~~ the article. When ~~such~~ the authorized agent has found that an article ~~so that was~~ detained or embargoed is not adulterated or misbranded, ~~he~~ the agent shall remove the tag or other marking.

Sec. B-124. 22 MRSA §2159, 3rd ¶ is corrected to read:

If the court finds that a detained or embargoed article is adulterated or misbranded, ~~such~~ the article ~~shall~~ must, after entry of the decree, be destroyed at the expense of the claimant thereof, under the supervision of ~~such~~ the authorized agent, and all court costs and fees,

and storage and other proper expenses, ~~shall~~ must be taxed against the claimant of ~~such~~ the article or ~~his~~ the claimant's agent. When the adulteration or misbranding can be corrected by proper labeling or processing of the article, the court, after entry of the decree and after such costs, fees and expenses have been paid and a good and sufficient bond, conditioned that ~~such~~ the article ~~shall~~ be so is labeled or processed, has been executed, may by order direct that ~~such~~ the article be delivered to the claimant thereof for ~~such~~ labeling or processing under the supervision of an authorized agent of the commissioner. The expense of such supervision ~~shall~~ must be paid by the claimant. ~~Such~~ The bond ~~shall~~ must be returned to the claimant of the article on representation to the court by the commissioner that the article is no longer in violation of this subchapter; and that the expenses of such supervision have been paid.

Sec. B-125. 22 MRSA §2162, as amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §88 and PL 1999, c. 547, Pt. B, §78 and affected by §80 and amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6, is corrected to read:

§2162. Packing of food; permit; inspection

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry shall, upon application for permit and receipt of such fee as ~~he deems~~ the commissioner considers necessary from any food packer or processor, inspect all operations of ~~said~~ the packer or processor for compliance with this subchapter and shall cause the same law to be diligently enforced. Each such permit ~~shall cover~~ covers one group of buildings constituting a packing plant in one location.

Only the holder of such a permit may mark or label any food so inspected as packed or processed or inspected and passed under this subchapter.

~~Said~~ The commissioner may, in a manner consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act as to adjudicatory proceedings, refuse to renew, and the District Court, in a manner consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, may revoke ~~and~~ a permit whenever there is a lack of compliance with this subchapter. ~~He~~ The commissioner shall establish such rules ~~and regulations~~ as ~~he deems~~ the commissioner considers necessary. ~~He~~ The commissioner shall make such charges as ~~will be~~ are reasonable and, as nearly as ~~may be to possible,~~ cover the cost of the service rendered. All ~~such fees~~ charges and all ~~such~~ money thus collected for services rendered by the commissioner ~~shall~~ must be paid by ~~him~~ the commissioner to the Treasurer of State. ~~Said fees~~ The charges and money are appropriated for the purposes of this section.

The commissioner may employ such agents and assistants, subject to the Civil Service Law, and make such purchases as may be necessary in the performance of ~~his~~ the commissioner's duties.

Sec. B-126. 22 MRSA §2164, first ¶, as amended by PL 1979, c. 731, §19 and PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. W, §6, is corrected to read:

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry or ~~his~~ the commissioner's duly authorized agent ~~shall~~ must have free access at all reasonable hours to any factory, warehouse or establishment in which foods are manufactured, processed, packed or held for introduction into commerce, or to enter any vehicle being used to transport or hold such foods in commerce for the purpose:

Sec. B-127. 22 MRSA §2493, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 496, §3, is corrected to read:

§2493. Applicant

Any person, corporation, firm or copartnership desiring a license shall submit satisfactory evidence of ~~his, her or its~~ the person's, corporation's, firm's or copartnership's ability to comply with the minimum standards of this chapter and all ~~regulations~~ rules adopted thereunder.

Sec. B-128. 22 MRSA §2605, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 751, §4, is corrected to read:

1. Agreements. Enter into agreements, contracts or cooperative arrangements under such terms and conditions as ~~he deems~~ the commissioner considers appropriate with other state, federal or interstate agencies, municipalities, education institutions, local health departments or other organizations or individuals;

Sec. B-129. 22 MRSA §2612, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 751, §4, is corrected to read:

3. Inspection. Any officer or employee duly designated by the commissioner, upon presenting appropriate credentials and a written notice of ~~his~~ the officer's or employee's authority to inspect, signed by the commissioner, is authorized to enter any part of a public water system in order to determine whether such supplier is complying with this chapter and any departmental ~~rules, regulations~~ or orders issued hereunder. The inspection may include any portion of a public water system, including the sources of supply, treatment facilities and materials, pumping facilities, distribution and storage facilities, records, files and reports on operation. The inspection may also include the testing of any portion of a public water system affecting water quality, including raw and processed water, and the taking of any samples necessary to insure compliance with this chapter and the ~~rules, regulations~~ or orders issued hereunder. Each inspection ~~shall~~ must take place at a reasonable time and be commenced and completed with reasonable promptness. The supplier ~~shall~~ must be promptly notified of the results of the inspection.

Sec. B-130. 22 MRSA §2641, as repealed and replaced by PL 1983, c. 785, §4, is corrected to read:

§2641. Source of public water supply defined

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, "public water source" means any natural or ~~man-made~~ human-made impoundment, pond or lake or ground water aquifer whose waters are transported or delivered by a public water system, as defined in section 2601, subsection 8. Where the intake of a public water supply is on the outlet of any impoundment, pond or lake, the source of ~~such~~ the public water supply ~~shall be~~ is considered to be the impoundment, pond or lake itself.

Sec. B-131. 22 MRSA §2655, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1987, c. 122, §5, is corrected by correcting the first blocked paragraph to read:

If a voter, at ~~his~~ the voter's own expense, wishes to ~~have~~ print and furnish the forms ~~printed and furnished by himself~~ rather than have the forms printed and furnished by the Secretary of State, ~~he~~ the voter may do so ~~provided that~~ as long as these petition blanks are first approved by the Secretary of State as to form and content. The Secretary of State ~~shall have~~ has 10 days in which to approve the forms. If the forms are found to be unsatisfactory, the Secretary of State shall indicate the manner in which the forms are deficient. Corrected petition forms may be submitted in accordance with the terms in this paragraph.

Sec. B-132. 22 MRSA §2656, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 122, §7, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) It ~~shall~~ must be signed by a majority of the municipal officers of the municipality and directed personally to a constable or any resident ordering ~~him~~ the constable or resident to announce the election.

Sec. B-133. 22 MRSA §2656, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 122, §7, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) The person to whom the warrant is directed shall post an attested copy of it in a conspicuous public place in each voting district of the municipality at least 7 days immediately before the date of the public hearing. ~~He~~ The person shall make a return on the warrant stating the manner of announcement and the time it was given and return the warrant to the municipal officers.

Sec. B-134. 22 MRSA §2701, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 186, §1, is corrected to read:

6. Facsimile signature. The state registrar may use a facsimile signature for purposes of making certifications. The facsimile signature and seal of the state registrar on a certification ~~shall~~ have the same force and effect as ~~his~~ the state registrar's holographic signature.

Sec. B-135. 22 MRSA §2706, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2015, c. 393, §1, is corrected to read:

5. Records disclosed. Certified or noncertified copies of vital records of a person must be made available at any reasonable time upon that person's request or the request of that person's spouse, registered domestic partner, descendant, parent or guardian, grandparent, sibling, stepparent, or stepchild, ~~aunt, uncle~~ or a sibling of that person's parent or that sibling's spouse, ~~niece, nephew~~ or a child of a sibling of that person or a child of a sibling of that person's spouse, ~~mother-in-law, father-in-law~~ or that person's spouse's parent, personal representative or that person's duly designated attorney or agent or attorney for an agent designated by that person or by a court having jurisdiction over that person whether the request be made in person, by mail, by telephone or otherwise, if the state registrar is satisfied as to the identity of the requester and, if an attorney or agent, if the state registrar is satisfied as to the attorney's or agent's authority to act as that person's agent or attorney. If the agent or attorney has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, or the attorney's or agent's appearance for the person is entered therein, the state registrar shall upon request so ascertain by telephone call to the register, clerk or recorder of the court, and this must be deemed sufficient justification to compel compliance with the request for the record. Certified or noncertified copies of the death certificate of a minor's parent must be made available at any reasonable time upon the request of that minor's living parent, as defined in Title 19-A, section 1832, subsection 13, if the requester's parental rights with respect to that minor have not been terminated and the state registrar is satisfied as to the identity of the requester. The state registrar shall, as soon as possible, designate persons in the Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics who may act in the state registrar's absence or, in case of the state registrar's disqualification, to carry out the intent of this subsection. A record of birth, death, fetal death, marriage, divorce or domestic partner registration may be disclosed as necessary for the department to carry out its responsibilities.

Sec. B-136. 22 MRSA §2706-A, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 49, §5, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) If a genetic parent of an adopted person or a person freed for adoption is deceased, a genetic mother, legal father, grandparent, sibling, half-sibling, ~~aunt, uncle~~ sibling of the person's deceased genetic parent or that sibling's spouse or first cousin of the deceased genetic parent; and

Sec. B-137. 22 MRSA §2761, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2009, c. 601, §18, is corrected to read:

4. Child not born of marriage. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if the mother was not married at the time of either conception or birth, or between conception and birth, neither the name of the pu-

tative father nor any other information about the putative father may be entered on the certificate without ~~his~~ the putative father's written consent and that of the mother. The signature of the putative father on the written consent must be acknowledged before an official authorized to take oaths. The signature of the mother on ~~her~~ the mother's written consent must also be acknowledged before an official authorized to take oaths. If a determination of paternity has been made by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the name of the father as determined by the court must be entered on the birth certificate without the father's or the mother's consent. If the putative father executes an acknowledgment of paternity with the department and the putative father is either named in writing by the mother as the father or is presumed to be the father based on the results of blood or tissue-typing tests, the name of the father must be entered on the birth certificate without the father's or the mother's consent. All voluntary acknowledgments and adjudications of paternity in this State must be filed with the Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics for comparison with information in the state registry of support orders as established in Title 19-A, section 2104.

Sec. B-138. 22 MRSA §2764, sub-§4 is corrected to read:

4. Deficiencies. When the applicant does not submit documentation as specified in subsections 2 and 3 in support of ~~his~~ the applicant's statements, or when the state registrar finds reason to question the adequacy of the documentation, the ~~said~~ state registrar ~~shall~~ may not sign or accept the delayed registration of birth, but shall advise the applicant of its deficiencies and request that further documentation be submitted.

Sec. B-139. 22 MRSA §2766, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 356, is corrected to read:

A person 18 years of age or older, born and adopted in this State, may apply to the state registrar for a statement identifying ~~his~~ that person's birth parents. The adoptee shall submit to the state registrar the following:

Sec. B-140. 22 MRSA §2803, first ¶ is corrected to read:

The clerk of the Superior Court in each county and the clerk of the District Court in each judicial division shall file with the State Registrar of Vital Statistics a record of each divorce judgment or annulment issued in ~~his~~ the clerk's jurisdiction within 45 days after judgment.

Sec. B-141. 22 MRSA §2843-A, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 567, §20, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) An adult ~~son or daughter~~ child;

Sec. B-142. 22 MRSA §2843-A, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 567, §20, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) An adult ~~brother or sister~~ sibling;

Sec. B-143. 22 MRSA §2843-A, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 567, §20, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (6) to read:

(6) An adult ~~niece or nephew who is the child of a brother or sister~~ sibling;

Sec. B-144. 22 MRSA §2843-A, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2021, c. 567, §20, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (9) to read:

(9) An adult ~~aunt or uncle~~ sibling of the subject's parent or that sibling's spouse;

Sec. B-145. 22 MRSA §2881 is corrected to read:

§2881. Delivery to physician for scientific purposes

If any resident of the State requests or consents that after death ~~his~~ the resident's body may be delivered to a regular physician or surgeon for the advancement of anatomical science, it may be used for that purpose, unless some kindred or family connection makes objection.

Sec. B-146. 22 MRSA §2885 is corrected to read:

§2885. Enclosed from public view; carriers to obtain receipts

The ~~said~~ board established pursuant to section 2882 may employ a carrier or carriers for the conveyance of ~~said~~ bodies, and the ~~said~~ bodies shall ~~must~~ be well enclosed within a suitable encasement and carefully deposited free from public observation. ~~Said~~ The carrier shall obtain receipts by name or, if the deceased is unknown, by a description for each body delivered by ~~him~~, which the carrier, and that receipt shall ~~must~~ state the source from which ~~said~~ the body was received, and; ~~the carrier~~ shall deposit ~~said~~ the receipts with the secretary of ~~said~~ the board.

Sec. B-147. 22 MRSA §2886 is corrected to read:

§2886. Bond for proper disposal; traffic outside of State

~~No~~ A school, college, university, or ~~any~~ recognized medical school in New England, or physician or surgeon shall ~~be allowed or permitted to~~ may not receive ~~any such~~ a body or bodies until a bond shall ~~be~~ is given to the Treasurer of State by ~~such~~ the physician or surgeon, or by and in behalf of ~~such~~ the school, college, university or ~~any~~ recognized medical school in New England, to be approved by a justice of a court of record in and for the county in which ~~said~~ the physician or surgeon resides, or in which ~~such~~ the school, college, university or ~~any~~ recognized medical school in New England is situated. ~~Such~~ The bond shall ~~must~~ be in the penal sum of \$1,000, conditioned that all ~~such~~ bodies, which ~~that~~ the ~~said~~ physician or surgeon or the ~~said~~ school, college, university or ~~any~~ recognized medical

school in New England shall ~~receive~~ receives thereafter; ~~shall be~~ are used only for the promotion within the ~~state~~ State of medical education, which shall ~~be construed to include~~ includes nursing training and premedical education, and, when no longer needed for such educational purposes shall ~~be~~, are decently buried. ~~Said~~ The bond shall ~~must~~ be examined annually in the month of December by the Treasurer of State and ~~he~~ the Treasurer of State shall certify in writing upon each bond in ~~his~~ the Treasurer of State's possession ~~his~~ approval of ~~the same~~ the bond. ~~In case any~~ If a bond is not approved by ~~him~~ the Treasurer of State, ~~he~~ the Treasurer of State shall immediately notify the party giving the ~~same~~ bond, who shall forthwith file a new bond. ~~Whoever shall sell~~ A person that sells or buy ~~such~~ buys a body or bodies, or in any way ~~traffic~~ traffics in the same, or shall ~~transmit or convey such~~ transmits or conveys a body or bodies to any place outside of the State, or ~~cause~~ causes the same to be done, except as provided in section 2884, shall ~~must~~ be punished by a fine of not more than \$200 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.

Sec. B-148. 22 MRSA §2888 is corrected to read:

§2888. Neglect to discharge duties

Any person having duties enjoined upon ~~him~~ the person by this chapter who shall ~~neglect~~ neglects, ~~refuse~~ refuses or ~~omit~~ omits to perform ~~the same as a duty~~ required by this chapter shall ~~must~~, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500, for each offense.

Sec. B-149. 22 MRSA §3022, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 329, §2, is corrected to read:

3. Certification and completion of reports of deaths. The Office of Chief Medical Examiner shall ~~be~~ is responsible for certification and completion of reports of deaths identified as medical examiner cases by section 3025. This shall ~~must~~ be accomplished by examination of bodies and useful objects and by investigation and inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the deaths. The Office of Chief Medical Examiner may compile and preserve records and data relating to criminal prosecution, public health, public safety and vital statistics, as these relate to ~~his~~ the Chief Medical Examiner's responsibilities.

Sec. B-150. 22 MRSA §3022, sub-§6, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 329, §2, is corrected to read:

6. Certificate as evidence. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or rule of evidence, the certificate of the Chief Medical Examiner, under seal of the State, shall ~~must~~ be received in any court as prima facie evidence of any fact stated in the certificate or documents attached to the certificate. The certificate under the seal shall ~~must~~ be presumed to be that of the Chief Medical Examiner. A facsimile of the signature of the Chief

Medical Examiner imprinted on any certificate described in this subsection ~~shall have~~ has the same validity as ~~his the Chief Medical Examiner's~~ written signature and ~~shall be~~ is admissible in court.

Sec. B-151. 22 MRSA §3025, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 611, §6, is corrected to read:

3. Transplant operations. ~~No~~ An operation for the transplant of an organ or a portion of ~~any an~~ organ may not take place, when the donor's death occurs under circumstances indicating a medical examiner case, without approval of the medical examiner. ~~Any A~~ doctor performing a transplant operation when the donor has died under these circumstances shall note the condition of the vital organs in the region of surgery and shall include this notation in a written report of the operation and manner in which death was pronounced, with the report to be given to the medical examiner upon ~~his the medical examiner's~~ request. The medical examiner may choose to be present during the removal of the donated organ.

Sec. B-152. 22 MRSA §3028-B, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 611, §8, is corrected to read:

§3028-B. Retention of body fragments and body fluids

A medical examiner or ~~his the medical examiner's~~ designated pathologist may retain body fragments or body fluids for evidence, further study or documentation.

Sec. B-153. 22 MRSA §3103, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, §223, is corrected to read:

§3103. Information upon request

The commissioner shall give to the Governor or to the Legislature or any committee thereof at any time upon their request information and advice with reference to any charitable or correctional institution about which ~~he the commissioner~~ has information. The officers in charge of any institution of a charitable or correctional nature under the inspection of the department and local boards or committees having any powers or duties relative to the management of the ~~same institution,~~ and those who are in any way responsible for the administration of public funds used for the relief or maintenance of the poor, shall furnish to the department such information and statistics as may be demanded on such forms as the department may consider necessary to secure uniformity and accuracy in the statements.

Sec. B-154. 22 MRSA §3172, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 714, §1, is corrected to read:

1-A. Application. "Application" is the action by which an individual indicates in writing to the department ~~his the individual's~~ desire to receive or to be recertified for assistance under this chapter. An application

is distinguished from an inquiry, which is simply a request for information about eligibility requirements for assistance.

Sec. B-155. 22 MRSA §3173, 4th ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 127, §144, is corrected to read:

~~All applications~~ An application for aid under this chapter ~~shall~~ must be acted upon and a decision made as soon as possible, but ~~in no case shall~~ the department may not fail to notify the applicant of its decision within 45 days after receipt of ~~his the applicant's~~ application. Failure of the department to meet the requirements of this 45-day time standard, except ~~where when~~ there is documented noncooperation by the applicant or the source of ~~his the applicant's~~ medical information, ~~shall~~ must lead to the immediate and automatic issuance of a temporary medical card ~~which shall be~~ that is valid only until such time as the applicant receives actual notice of a departmental denial of ~~his the applicant's~~ application or ~~he the applicant~~ receives a replacement medical card. Notwithstanding an applicant's appeal of a denial of ~~his the applicant's~~ application, the validity of the temporary medical card ~~shall cease~~ ceases immediately upon receipt of the notice of denial. Any benefits received by the applicant during the interim period when ~~he the applicant~~ has actual use of a valid, temporary medical card ~~shall~~ is not ~~be~~ recoverable by the department in any legal or administrative proceeding against the applicant.

Sec. B-156. 22 MRSA §3173, 5th ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 127, §144 and amended by PL 1997, c. 530, Pt. A, §34, is corrected to read:

Whenever an applicant is determined by the department to be ineligible for a program for which ~~he the applicant~~ has applied, ~~he shall~~ the applicant must be immediately so notified in writing. Any notification of denial ~~shall~~ must contain a statement of the denial action, the reasons for denial, the specific rules or regulations supporting the denial, an explanation of the applicant's right to request a hearing and a recommendation to the applicant of any other program administered by the department for which ~~he the applicant~~ may be eligible. Whenever an individual's application for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families is denied by the department, the notice of this denial ~~shall~~ must also include, in a clear and conspicuous manner, a statement that the applicant is likely to be eligible for medical assistance and ~~shall~~ must include information about the availability of applications for the program upon request to the department either in writing or through a toll-free telephone number.

Sec. B-157. 22 MRSA §3173, 6th ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 127, §144, is corrected to read:

Any applicant for benefits under the medically needy program whose countable income exceeds the

applicable state protected income level maximum ~~shall be~~ is eligible for the program when ~~his the applicant's~~ incurred medical expenses are found to exceed the difference between ~~his the applicant's~~ countable income and the applicable state maximum. Whenever the applicant incurs sufficient medical expenses to be eligible for the medically needy program and provides reasonable proof thereof to the department, a medical card ~~shall~~ must be issued within 10 days of the presentation of proof that eligibility has been met. Failure of the department to meet the requirements of this 10-day time standard, except ~~where~~ when there is documented non-cooperation by the applicant or the source of ~~his the applicant's~~ medical information, ~~shall lead to results in the immediate and automatic issuance of a temporary medical card which shall be that is valid only until such time as the applicant receives actual notice of a departmental denial of his the applicant's application or he the applicant receives a replacement medical card. Any benefits received by the applicant during the interim period when he the applicant has actual use of a valid temporary medical card shall not be are not recoverable by the department in any legal or administrative proceeding against the applicant.~~

Sec. B-158. 22 MRSA §3173, 7th ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1979, c. 127, §144, is corrected to read:

In all situations where prior authorization of the department is required before a particular medical service can be provided, the department shall authorize or deny the request for treatment within 30 days of the completion and presentation of the request to the department. The department's response to ~~such a~~ the request ~~shall~~ must be supplied to both the provider and the recipient. Whenever the provider is unable or unwilling to provide the service requested within a reasonable time after approval of the request by the department, the recipient ~~shall have~~ has the right to locate another approved provider whose sole duty ~~shall be~~ is to notify the department of ~~his the provider's~~ intention to provide the service subject to the original approval. ~~It shall be the duty of the~~ The department ~~to~~ shall vigorously assist any recipient in ~~his the recipient's~~ search for an approved provider of a necessary medical service ~~where~~ when, through reasonable effort, the recipient has been unable to locate a provider on ~~his the recipient's~~ own.

Sec. B-159. 22 MRSA §3173-C, sub-§3, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 240, is corrected to read:

F. Services furnished to an individual by a Health Maintenance Organization, as defined in the United States Social Security Act, Section 1903(m), in which ~~he the individual~~ is enrolled; and

Sec. B-160. 22 MRSA §3174, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1983, c. 178, is corrected to read:

3. Inmate. Is not an inmate of any public institution, except as a patient in a medical institution or an inmate during the month in which ~~he the applicant~~ becomes an inmate only to the extent permitted by federal law, but an inmate of such an institution may file application for aid and any allowance made thereon ~~shall~~ must take effect and be paid ~~upon his ceasing~~ when the applicant ceases to be an inmate of ~~such the~~ institution.

Sec. B-161. 22 MRSA §3179, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1977, c. 714, §4, is corrected to read:

~~Any~~ A recipient of aid under this chapter whose categorical assistance benefits are terminated by the department ~~shall~~ must be sent a separate, timely and adequate notice of the effect that that termination will have on ~~his the recipient's~~ medical assistance. The department shall develop procedures to assure the continuation, without interruption, of medical assistance to persons who, despite the termination of their categorical assistance benefits, are eligible for continuing coverage through any program under this chapter.

Sec. B-162. 22 MRSA §3181, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1977, c. 694, §368, is corrected to read:

1. ~~Any~~ A person who is denied aid, or who is not satisfied with the amount of aid allotted to ~~him the person~~, or is aggrieved by a decision of the department made under this chapter, or whose application is not acted upon with reasonable promptness, ~~shall have~~ has the right of appeal to the commissioner, who shall provide the appellant with reasonable notice and opportunity for a fair hearing. ~~Said~~ The commissioner or a member of the department designated and authorized by ~~him the commissioner~~ shall hear all evidence pertinent to the matter at issue and render a decision thereon within a reasonable period after the date of the hearing. ~~Such~~ The hearing ~~shall~~ must conform to the procedures detailed herein. Review of any action or failure to act under this chapter ~~shall~~ must be pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter ~~VI~~ 7.

Sec. B-163. 22 MRSA §3182, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §2, is corrected to read:

1. **Assistance not entitled.** Aid to which ~~he a person~~ is not entitled;

Sec. B-164. 22 MRSA §3182, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §2, is corrected to read:

2. **Larger assistance.** A larger amount of aid than that to which ~~he a person~~ is entitled; or

Sec. B-165. 22 MRSA §3184, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §2, is corrected to read:

§3184. Recovery of illegal payments

The department may recover the amount expended for aid in a civil action from a recipient or a former recipient who has failed to disclose assets ~~which~~ that would have rendered ~~him the recipient or former recipient~~ ineligible had ~~he the recipient or former recipient~~

disclosed the assets. Such actions ~~shall~~ must be prosecuted by the Attorney General in the name of the State of Maine, and the amount recovered ~~shall~~ must be credited to the account for aid, medical or remedial care and services for the medically indigent.

Sec. B-166. 22 MRSA §3201, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §3, is corrected to read:

1. Objective. In keeping with the American heritage that each person in our society has an inherent human dignity, it is declared that ~~blind, disabled and elderly people~~ persons of our the State of Maine who are visually impaired, disabled or elderly are entitled to sufficient income to attain a reasonable standard of living, which will encourage the pursuit of a meaningful life of greatest value to the nation, the State of Maine, and fellow human beings. It is the mutual and shared duty of first, the individual and ~~his~~ the individual's family, second, the community and private agencies of the community, and ultimately the governments of the political subdivisions of this State, the State of Maine, and the United States of America to enable ~~blind, disabled and elderly people~~ persons who are visually impaired, disabled or elderly to secure income. The objective of this Part is to reduce income barriers to personal and economic independence by encouraging ~~blind, disabled and elderly people~~ persons who are visually impaired, disabled or elderly to secure and maintain maximum dignity, independence, and ~~self-care~~ self-care in a home environment, and, if needed, with an appropriate state supplemental income.

Sec. B-167. 22 MRSA §3202, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, §4 and PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §7, is corrected to read:

4. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of ~~the Maine Department of Health and Human Services or~~ his the commissioner's successors.

Sec. B-168. 22 MRSA §3276, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §3, is corrected to read:

§3276. Disqualification

~~Any~~ A beneficiary of state supplemental income not administered by the secretary ~~shall be~~ is disqualified from receiving benefits unless ~~he~~ the beneficiary files with the department, whenever the department ~~may require~~ requires it, information concerning ~~his~~ the beneficiary's income, assets and other conditions relating to ~~his~~ the beneficiary's financial circumstances.

Sec. B-169. 22 MRSA §3279, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §3, is corrected to read:

§3279. Unindorsed checks; procedure

When, for any reason ~~whatsoever~~, a person who has been determined to be eligible for state supplemental income is unable to indorse the check for the last payment approved for ~~him~~ the recipient prior to ~~his~~ the recipient's death, the department may approve payment

by the State of obligations incurred by the recipient for board and room in anticipation of the receipt of ~~such~~ the check, ~~such~~ the payments to be authorized in accordance with the rules ~~and regulations~~ of the department. ~~Any~~ A claim ~~which~~ that may be paid under this section must be presented to the department in writing within 60 days of the date of the death of the eligible person.

Sec. B-170. 22 MRSA §3280, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 790, §3, is corrected to read:

The spouse of a beneficiary of state supplemental income ~~shall~~ is, if of sufficient ability, ~~be~~ responsible for the partial or total support of ~~such persons~~ the beneficiary. In determining the ability of such a spouse, ~~his~~ the spouse's assets as well as ~~his~~ the spouse's income ~~shall~~ must be considered.

Sec. B-171. 22 MRSA §3291, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 714, §2, is corrected to read:

5. Hearing officer. "Hearing officer" means presiding officer, judge, board ~~chairman~~ chair, arbitrator or any other person ~~deemed~~ responsible for conducting a proceeding or hearing subject to this chapter.

Sec. B-172. 22 MRSA §3476, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 527, §2, is corrected to read:

2. Treatment to be considered if requested. When medical treatment is authorized, under this chapter, treatment by spiritual means by an accredited practitioner of a recognized religious organization may also be considered if requested by the incapacitated or disabled adult or ~~his~~ the adult's caretaker.

Sec. B-173. 22 MRSA §3478, as amended by PL 1983, c. 343, §1, is corrected to read:

§3478. Mandatory reporting to medical examiner for post-mortem investigation

A person required to report cases of known or suspected abuse or neglect, who knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that an adult has died as a result of abuse or neglect, shall report that fact to the appropriate authority as provided in section 3026. An adult ~~shall~~ may not be considered to be abused or neglected solely because ~~he~~ the adult was provided with treatment by spiritual means by an accredited practitioner of a recognized religious organization.

Sec. B-174. 22 MRSA §3480, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 267, Pt. B, §17, is corrected to read:

1. Subpoenas and obtaining criminal history. The commissioner, ~~his~~ the commissioner's delegate or the legal counsel for the department may:

- A. 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 subsequent adult protective proceeding, including, but not limited to, health care information that is confidential under section 1711-C.

(1) The department may apply to the District Court and Probate Court to enforce a subpoena.

(2) 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; and

B. Obtain confidential criminal history record information and other criminal history record information under Title 16, section 703, which the commissioner, the commissioner's delegate or the legal counsel for the department considers relevant to a case of alleged abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Sec. B-175. 22 MRSA §3481, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 527, §2, is corrected to read:

1. Consent. If an incapacitated or dependent adult does not consent to the receipt of protective services, or if ~~he~~ the adult withdraws consent, the service ~~shall~~ may not be provided.

Sec. B-176. 22 MRSA §3762, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 398, Pt. OO, §21, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (5) to read:

(5) To provide assistance for a pregnant woman who is otherwise eligible for assistance under this chapter, except that ~~she~~ the individual has no dependents under 19 years of age. An individual is eligible for the monthly benefit for one eligible person if the medically substantiated expected date of the birth of ~~her~~ the individual's child is not more than 90 days following the date the benefit is received;

Sec. B-177. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§1-A, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 184, §1, is corrected to read:

D. Deserting the child without affording means of identifying the child and ~~his~~ the child's parent or custodian;

Sec. B-178. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§6, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

D. The end of voluntary placement, when the imminent return of the child to ~~his~~ the child's custodian causes a threat of serious harm.

Sec. B-179. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

3. Objection of parent. Except as specifically authorized by law, ~~no~~ a person may not take charge of a child over the objection of ~~his~~ the child's parent or custodian.

Sec. B-180. 22 MRSA §4005, sub-§1, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 183, is corrected to read:

E. The guardian ad litem shall make the wishes of the child known to the court if the child has expressed ~~his~~ the child's wishes, regardless of the recommendation of the guardian ad litem.

Sec. B-181. 22 MRSA §4008, sub-§2, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

C. A physician treating a child ~~whom he~~ who the physician reasonably suspects may be abused or neglected;

Sec. B-182. 22 MRSA §4010, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

2. Treatment to be considered if requested. When medical treatment is authorized under this chapter, treatment by spiritual means by an accredited practitioner of a recognized religious organization may also be considered if requested by the child or ~~his~~ the child's parent.

Sec. B-183. 22 MRSA §4012, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

A. The name and address of the child and the persons responsible for ~~his~~ the child's care or custody;

Sec. B-184. 22 MRSA §4012, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

E. Family composition and evidence of prior abuse or neglect of the child or ~~his~~ the child's siblings;

Sec. B-185. 22 MRSA §4012, sub-§2, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

F. The source of the report, the person making the report, ~~his~~ the person's occupation and where ~~he~~ the person can be contacted;

Sec. B-186. 22 MRSA §4021, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 267, Pt. B, §19, is corrected to read:

1. Subpoenas and obtaining criminal history. The commissioner, ~~his~~ the commissioner's delegate or the legal counsel for the department may:

A. 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 or neglect or suspicious child death, to a subsequent child protection proceeding or to a panel appointed by the department to review child deaths and serious injuries.

(1) The department may apply to the District Court to enforce a subpoena.

(2) 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; and

B. Obtain confidential criminal history record information and other criminal history record information under Title 16, chapter 7 that the commissioner, the commissioner's delegate or the legal counsel for the department considers relevant to an abuse or neglect case or the investigation of a suspicious child death.

Sec. B-187. 22 MRSA §4023, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

B. "Short-term emergency services" means protective services, emergency shelter care, ~~counseling~~ counseling, emergency medical treatment and other services ~~which that~~ which are essential to the care and protection of a child. These services may include emergency caretaker or homemaker services in the child's home or care outside ~~his the child's~~ the child's home when ~~no a~~ no parent or other responsible adult is not available and willing to care for the child in ~~his the child's~~ the child's home.

Sec. B-188. 22 MRSA §4031, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

A. Petitions ~~shall~~ must be brought in the district where the child legally resides or where the child is present. When a child is in voluntary placement with the department or an agency, the petition may be brought only in the district where ~~he the child~~ the child legally resides.

Sec. B-189. 22 MRSA §4036, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

F. Removal of the child from ~~his the child's~~ the child's custodian and granting custody to a noncustodial parent, other person or the department;

Sec. B-190. 22 MRSA §4036, sub-§2, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

A. Protect the child from jeopardy to ~~his the child's~~ the child's health or welfare;

Sec. B-191. 22 MRSA §4056, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

3. Parent not entitled to participate in adoption proceedings. A parent whose rights have been terminated ~~shall is~~ is not ~~be~~ be entitled to notice of the child's adoption proceedings, nor ~~shall he~~ does that parent have any right to object to the adoption or participate in the proceedings.

Sec. B-192. 22 MRSA §4056, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

4. Child not disentitled to benefit. ~~No An~~ An order terminating parental rights may not disentitle a child to benefits due ~~him~~ to the child from any 3rd person, agency, state or the United States; nor may it affect the

rights and benefits that a ~~native~~ Native American derives from ~~his the child's~~ the child's descent from a member of a ~~federally recognized~~ federally recognized Indian tribe.

Sec. B-193. 22 MRSA §4071, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

B. The name and address of the petitioner and ~~his~~ the petitioner's professional position;

Sec. B-194. 22 MRSA §4071, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 733, §18, is corrected to read:

3. Notice to parents and custodians. The petitioner shall, by any reasonable means, attempt to notify the parents and custodians of ~~his the petitioner's~~ the petitioner's intent to request the order and of the time and place ~~he the~~ the petitioner will make the request, unless the petitioner believes that the child would suffer increased serious injury during the time needed to notify them.

Sec. B-195. 22 MRSA §4196, first ¶ is corrected to read:

A child adjudicated delinquent may be placed in an institution in another party jurisdiction pursuant to this compact but ~~no such a~~ no such placement ~~shall may not~~ may not be made unless the child is given a court hearing on notice to the parent or guardian with opportunity to be heard; prior to ~~his the child's~~ the child's being sent to ~~such the~~ the other party jurisdiction for institutional care and the court finds that:

Sec. B-196. 22 MRSA §4197 is corrected to read:

§4197. Compact administrator -- Article VII

The executive head of each jurisdiction party to this compact shall designate an officer who ~~shall is to~~ is to be the general coordinator of activities under this compact in ~~his the officer's~~ the officer's jurisdiction and who, acting jointly with like officers of other party jurisdictions, ~~shall have has~~ has power to ~~promulgate adopt~~ adopt rules and ~~regulations~~ regulations to carry out more effectively the terms and provisions of this compact.

Sec. B-197. 22 MRSA §4198, sub-§1 is corrected to read:

1. Non-agencies. The sending or bringing of a child into a receiving state by ~~his the child's~~ the child's parent, step-parent, grandparent, adult ~~brother or sister,~~ sibling or adult ~~uncle or aunt,~~ sibling of the child's parent or that sibling's adult spouse or ~~his the child's~~ the child's guardian and leaving the child with any ~~such relative of these relatives~~ relative of these relatives or a non-agency guardian in the receiving state.

Sec. B-198. 22 MRSA §4307, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 349, Pt. H, §15, is corrected by correcting the first blocked paragraph to read:

A municipality ~~shall may~~ may not move or transport a person into another municipality to avoid responsibility for general assistance support for that person. ~~Any A~~ A mu-

municipality ~~which that~~ illegally moves or transports a person, or illegally denies assistance to a person ~~which that~~ results in ~~his that person's~~ relocation, in addition to the other penalties provided in this chapter, shall reimburse twice the amount of assistance to the municipality ~~which that~~ provided the assistance to that person. That reimbursement ~~shall~~ must be made in accordance with subsection 5.

Sec. B-199. 22 MRSA §4310, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 577, §1, is corrected to read:

3. Information obtained. When adequate documentation is not available at the time of the initial application, the overseer may contact at least one other person for the purpose of obtaining information to confirm the applicant's statements about ~~his the applicant's~~ need for immediate assistance.

Sec. B-200. 22 MRSA §4313, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 567, §25, is corrected to read:

2. Burial or cremation. In the event of the death of an eligible person, the funeral director shall notify the overseer prior to burial or cremation or by the end of 3 business days following the funeral director's receipt of the body, whichever is earlier. Notwithstanding section 4305, subsection 3, paragraph C, a decision on any application for assistance with burial expenses need not be rendered until the overseer has verified that a relative or other resource is not available to pay for the direct burial or cremation costs, but the decision must be rendered within 8 days after receiving an application. ~~The father, mother parent, grandfather, grandmother grandparent,~~ children or grandchildren, by consanguinity, or the spouse or domestic partner are responsible for the burial or cremation costs of the eligible person in proportion to their respective abilities. When no legally liable relative possesses a financial capacity to pay either in lump sum or on an installment basis for the direct costs of a burial or cremation, the contribution of a municipality under this subsection is limited to a reasonable calculation of the funeral director's direct costs, less any and all contributions from any other source.

Sec. B-201. 22 MRSA §4321, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 577, §1, is corrected to read:

§4321. Grant, denial, reduction or termination to be communicated in writing; right to a hearing

Any action relative to the grant, denial, reduction, suspension or termination of relief provided under this chapter must be communicated to the applicant in writing. The decision ~~shall~~ must include the specific reason or reasons for that action and ~~shall~~ must inform the person affected of ~~his the person's~~ right to a hearing, the procedure for requesting ~~such a the~~ hearing, the right to notify the department and the available means for notifying the department, if ~~he the person~~ believes that the municipality has acted in violation of this chapter. ~~All proceedings~~ Proceedings relating to the grant, denial, reduction, suspension or termination of relief provided

under this chapter are not public proceedings under Title 1, chapter 13, unless otherwise requested by the applicant or recipient.

Sec. B-202. 22 MRSA §4323, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1985, c. 489, §§11 and 14, is corrected by correcting the first blocked paragraph to read:

The department shall inspect the municipality's records and discuss the administration of the program with the overseer. The overseer or ~~his the overseer's~~ designee shall be available during the department's review and shall cooperate in providing all necessary information.

Sec. B-203. 22 MRSA §5102, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 630, §1, is corrected to read:

We older Americans place great emphasis on leading a life of value to our nation, states, communities, friends, families and to ourselves. America's elderly want to and are able to contribute to the good of our fellow human beings, even if such contribution lies outside the traditional realms of employment and productivity. We want to help improve the quality of life of each citizen of the United States regardless of ~~his the~~ citizen's age. Our personal experiences, knowledge and skills are our qualifications. We are a strong, vital segment of society. We possess the power of a people.

Sec. B-204. 22 MRSA §5102, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 630, §1, is corrected to read:

We older Americans believe that attaining the status of senior citizen is merely beginning another stage in the life of each ~~man person~~ and is not a signal to withdraw from life. Each person ages from birth to death. We are all aging ~~men~~.

Sec. B-205. 22 MRSA §5102, 4th ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 630, §1, is corrected to read:

While our particular page in the history of ~~mankind~~ humankind is the choice of our Creator, it is our place in history which surrounds us with the consequences of American society. Aging ~~men people~~ have been transformed by the events of American society. America's elderly now gain sustenance and meet social needs outside our homes, and have no family under our roof. Once we were dependent on our family, now we are dependent on impersonal organizations, systems and our society as a whole. America's exiling of us as the unwanted generation is its loss -- its economic, its human, its moral, its spiritual loss.

Sec. B-206. 22 MRSA §5102, 8th ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 630, §1, is corrected to read:

To assist us, our families -- children, ~~brothers, sisters siblings, nieces and nephews children of siblings~~ -- must care about us. Is it too much to seek, that the people to whom we devoted ourselves, devote themselves to us?

Sec. B-207. 22 MRSA §5102, 11th ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 630, §1, is corrected to read:

Programs we operate must be distinct and clearly identified as intended to benefit older people, or be identified as the elderly's way of helping ~~mankind hu-~~
mankind. Government programs benefiting America's elderly must be distinct and visibly separate from other government services. This distinctness must be maintained in legislation, sources of funds and generally in operation of programs and services. We believe our policy provides that programs serving older people may be integrated with programs serving broader populations in those instances where gross duplication of identical programs would otherwise result. We also believe that programs with features specifically needed by older people must not be integrated with programs serving broader populations -- even though the programs may be similar -- except where it is conclusively demonstrated that such specific features will be retained or that greater benefits will accrue to the elderly from the integration of programs.

Sec. B-208. 22 MRSA §5102, 13th ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 630, §1, is corrected to read:

AMERICA MUST CONSIDER AND DECIDE HOW TO ACHIEVE PURPOSEFUL, PRIMARY GOALS TO GIVE PEOPLE WHO ARE AGING ~~MEN~~ THE OPPORTUNITY OF RETURNING TO A FULLER EXISTENCE OR AMERICA SHALL CONTINUE TO RELEGATE PEOPLE WHO ARE AGING ~~MEN~~ TO THE BACK DOOR STOOP OF HISTORY WHERE WE WILL SLIDE INVISIBLY AND UNNOTICED INTO EXTINCTION. THE LAST CHOICE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Sec. B-209. 22 MRSA §5102, 14th ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 630, §1, is corrected to read:

Responsibility for achieving this credo rests on the shoulders of all Americans, but especially our own. We shall attain a life of greater value if each American accepts ~~his~~ personal responsibility for ~~his~~ our fellow human beings. We shall reestablish our role in society by operating services to help all generations. We shall resurrect our independence by redirecting the country's resources.

Sec. B-210. 22 MRSA §5103, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 630, §1, is corrected to read:

1. Objectives. It is declared that, in keeping with the traditional American concept of the inherent dignity of the individual in our society, the older people of our State are entitled to, and it is the joint and several duty of the individual, ~~his~~ the individual's family, relatives and friends; the community and private agencies of the community; and the governments of the political subdivisions of this State, the State of Maine and the United States of America to assist our older people to secure equal opportunity to full and free enjoyment of the following objectives:

A. An adequate income in retirement in accordance with the American standard of living;

B. The best possible physical and mental health ~~which that~~ science can make available and without regard to economic status;

C. Suitable housing, independently selected, designed and located with reference to special needs and available at costs ~~which that~~ older citizens can afford;

D. Full restorative services for those who require institutional care;

E. Opportunity for employment with no discriminatory personnel practices because of age;

F. Retirement in health, honor and dignity after years of contribution to the economy;

G. Pursuit of a meaningful life within the widest range of civic, cultural, and recreational opportunities;

H. Efficient community services, including access to low-cost transportation, ~~which that~~ provide social assistance in a coordinated manner and ~~which that~~ are readily available when needed;

I. Immediate benefit from proven research knowledge ~~which that~~ can sustain and improve health and happiness;

J. Freedom, independence and the free exercise of individual initiative in planning and managing their own lives.

Sec. B-211. 22 MRSA §5104, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, §4 and PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §7, is corrected to read:

3. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner, ~~Maine Department~~ of Health and Human Services, or ~~his~~ the commissioner's successors.

Sec. B-212. 22 MRSA §5304, sub-§4, as amended by PL 1975, c. 293, §4 and PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §7, is corrected to read:

4. Commissioner. "Commissioner" means the Commissioner ~~of the Department~~ of Health and Human Services or ~~his~~ the commissioner's successors.

Sec. B-213. 22 MRSA §5309, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 793, §12, is corrected to read:

The director shall serve full time in a position that is separate from and not integrated in any way with another position in the department. ~~He shall~~ The director may not concurrently hold another title and shall perform duties solely germane to the powers and duties pursuant to this Part and Part 2.

Sec. B-214. 22 MRSA §5309, 5th ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 793, §12, is corrected to read:

The director shall assume and discharge all responsibilities vested in the bureau. ~~He shall~~ The director may not in any case assign to another unit of the department

which that is not responsible to ~~him~~ the director any power or duty granted to the bureau by statute, or by rules, regulations or procedures adopted pursuant to this Part and Part 2.

Sec. B-215. 22 MRSA §5309, 6th ¶, as amended by PL 1985, c. 785, Pt. B, §97, is corrected to read:

The director may employ, subject to the Civil Service Law and within the limits of available funds, competent professional personnel and other staff necessary to carry out the purposes of this Part and Part 2. ~~He~~ The director shall prescribe the duties of the staff and assign a sufficient number of staff full time to the bureau to achieve its powers and duties. Regarding the provision of human services by the bureau directly to eligible people, the director may arrange to house staff or assign staff who are responsible to ~~him~~ the director to regional or other units of the department or State Government. Regarding the development, execution and monitoring of agreements, the director ~~shall~~ may not house nor assign staff to any other unit of the department or State Government. Such staff shall report solely and directly to ~~him~~ the director. The director shall assign staff to the council as provided in sections 5305 and 5315.

Sec. B-216. 22 MRSA §6112, as repealed and replaced by PL 1977, c. 435, is corrected to read:

§6112. Designation of beneficiaries

A resident of this State and members of ~~his~~ the resident's immediate family and household, who are eligible for social services as provided by Title XX of the Social Security Act by reason of income, ~~shall~~ are also be qualified to be a beneficiary of priority social services in terms of income.

Sec. B-217. 22 MRSA §7323, sub-§3, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 511, §1, is corrected to read:

D. Reevaluate the adult periodically to determine ~~his~~ the adult's continuing need for the services; and

Sec. B-218. 22 MRSA §7703, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 691, §2, is corrected to read:

B. A physician treating a child or adult ~~whom~~ he ~~who the physician~~ reasonably suspects may be abused or neglected;

Sec. B-219. 22 MRSA §7703, sub-§3, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 691, §2, is corrected to read:

E. ~~Any~~ A person engaged in bona fide research, ~~provided that no~~ as long as personally identifying information is ~~not~~ not made available, unless it is essential to the research and the commissioner or ~~his~~ the commissioner's designee gives prior approval. If the researcher desires to contact a subject of a record, the subject's consent ~~shall~~ must be obtained by the department prior to the contact;

Sec. B-220. 22 MRSA §7703, sub-§4, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 691, §2, is corrected to read:

E. An appropriate state executive or legislative official with responsibility for adult or child protection services in carrying out ~~his~~ the state executive's or legislative official's official functions, ~~provided~~ except that ~~no~~ personally identifying information may ~~not~~ be made available unless necessary to ~~his~~ the state executive's or legislative official's functions;

Sec. B-221. 22 MRSA §7936, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 454, is corrected to read:

§7936. Liability of receiver

~~No~~ A person may ~~not~~ bring suit against a receiver appointed under section 7933 without first securing leave of the court. Except in cases of gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing, the receiver is liable in ~~his~~ the receiver's official capacity only and any judgment rendered ~~shall~~ must be satisfied out of receivership assets.

Sec. B-222. 29-A MRSA §101, sub-§28-A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 381, Pt. B, §7, is corrected to read:

28-A. Immediate family member. "Immediate family member" means a grandparent, stepgrandparent, parent, stepparent, ~~brother, stepbrother, sister, stepsister~~ sibling, stepsibling, child, stepchild, spouse or such analogous family members as may be connected via the operation of a family foster home as defined in Title 22, section 8101, subsection 3.

Sec. B-223. 29-A MRSA §2091, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 167, §1, is corrected to read:

3. Authority. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Title, a public safety traffic flagger shall wear a reflective traffic vest or protective clothing as defined by Title 26, section 2103, subsection 3 and has the authority to control vehicular traffic on a public way at or to reroute vehicular traffic around a public safety emergency, including a medical emergency, motor vehicle accident, fire, hazardous materials incident or other natural or ~~man-made~~ human-made disaster or a training operation, unless otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer.

Sec. B-224. 38 MRSA §2, 4th ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 412, §§2 and 8, is corrected to read:

The harbor master may appoint deputies who, under ~~his~~ the harbor master's direction, shall enforce and carry out the rules and regulations of this section.

Sec. B-225. 38 MRSA §4, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c. 412, §§4 and 8, is corrected to read:

§4. Neglecting to remove or replace moorings

In case of the neglect or refusal of the master or owner of any boat or vessel to remove ~~his the master's or owner's~~ mooring or to replace it by one of different character, when so directed by the harbor master, that harbor master shall cause the entire mooring to be removed or the buoy removed and the chain dropped to the bottom or shall make such change in the character of the mooring as required, and collect from the master or owner of that boat or vessel the sum of \$100 for either of those services rendered and the necessary expenses.

Before removing a mooring or a buoy, a harbor master shall notify the master or owner, if ownership can be determined, by mail at ~~his the master's or owner's~~ last known address of the action desired of ~~him the master or owner~~, the fact that the mooring will be removed and the fine. If the matter is not settled to ~~his the harbor master's~~ satisfaction within 2 weeks, the harbor master may take the action provided for in this section.

Sec. B-226. 38 MRSA §41 is corrected to read:

§41. Election; qualifications; term; removal; vacancies; records

Port wardens ~~shall~~ must be elected in any city or town situated on navigable waters upon the petition of 10 or more citizens engaged in commercial pursuits therein.

If in such city or town there is a board of trade duly incorporated, ~~said that~~ board shall annually elect the port warden. Otherwise the municipal officers thereof shall annually elect ~~him the port warden~~.

Port wardens ~~shall be men of~~ must have commercial or nautical experience and ~~shall~~ hold office one year from each election and until others are qualified in their stead, except when removed for cause or when elected to serve out an unexpired term. They ~~shall~~ must be sworn faithfully to perform their duties.

~~Said boards~~ Boards of trade, by their managers, or ~~said~~ municipal officers shall forthwith on complaint of any person aggrieved, after hearing, remove for cause any port warden by them elected, and all vacancies ~~shall~~ must be filled by ~~said those~~ authorities.

Port wardens shall make a record of their doings and keep the same in their office for inspection at any time, free of charge, by any person interested therein.

Sec. B-227. 38 MRSA §90, sub-§1, ¶G, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 410, §1, is corrected to read:

G. Hear and decide complaints made in writing by any pilot against any charterer, owner, agent, master or ~~seaman~~ crew member of a vessel for any misbehavior toward such pilot in the performance of ~~his the charterer's, owner's, agent's, master's or crew member's~~ duty, or any breach of the rules and regulations;

Sec. B-228. 38 MRSA §100, as amended by PL 1977, c. 694, §749, is corrected to read:

§100. Notice of hearing on complaint

Before any person ~~shall~~ may be proceeded against on any complaint, such person or pilot ~~shall~~ must be notified in writing to appear before the commission. Such notice ~~shall~~ must specify the nature and substance of such complaint and ~~shall~~ be served personally or by certified mail addressed to such pilot at ~~his the pilot's~~ last and usual place of abode at least 15 days before the time fixed in the notice for ~~his the pilot's~~ appearance.

Sec. B-229. 38 MRSA §102, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 410, §1, is corrected to read:

§102. Reinstatement following suspension

Any pilot whose license has been suspended ~~shall~~ is, following the expiration of the period of ~~his the~~ suspension, ~~be~~ entitled to the reinstatement of ~~his the pilot's~~ license, ~~provided he shall possess as long as the pilot possesses~~ the qualifications required of pilots as of the time ~~his the pilot's~~ suspension expires.

Sec. B-230. 38 MRSA §122 is corrected to read:

§122. Use without marks or false marks; penalty

~~The~~ A master or owner who uses ~~his the master's or owner's~~ craft without such marks prescribed in section 121 and any person who falsely marks any such boat or lighter forfeits \$50 to be recovered by any prosecutor in a civil action.

Sec. B-231. 38 MRSA §123 is corrected to read:

§123. Appointment of inspectors; fees; remarking of boats

The municipal officers of every town where boats and lighters are employed for the purposes set forth in section 121 shall annually, in April or May, appoint some suitable person ~~who shall~~ to be sworn to examine and ascertain the capacities of all such boats and lighters, and mark them as prescribed. ~~Said~~ The municipal officers shall establish and regulate the fees therefor.

When such inspector thinks that the burden or capacity of any such boat or lighter is altered by repairs or otherwise, ~~he the inspector~~ shall forthwith ascertain the same anew and mark it accordingly.

Sec. B-232. 38 MRSA §161 is corrected to read:

§161. Liability to freighters

~~No~~ A ship owner is not answerable beyond the amount of ~~his the ship owner's~~ interest in the vessel and freight for the embezzlement, loss or destruction, by the master and mariners, of any property put on board of such vessel, ~~nor or~~ for any act of theirs without ~~his the ship owner's~~ privity or knowledge. If several owners of

property on the same voyage suffer such damage and the whole vessel and ~~her~~ its freight for the voyage are not sufficient to compensate each of them, they ~~shall~~ must be compensated by the owner of the vessel in proportion to their respective losses, and for that purpose, they or the owner of the vessel, or any of them, may file a complaint for discovery and payment of the sum, for which ~~said~~ such owner is liable to the parties entitled thereto.

Sec. B-233. 38 MRSA §162 is corrected to read:

§162. Charterer deemed owner; responsibility to real owner

For the purposes of section 161, the charterer of any vessel, navigating the same at ~~his~~ the charterer's own expense, ~~shall be~~ is deemed the owner. If loss happens to any person from the causes therein mentioned and it is compensated from the freight or vessel, the owner thereof may recover the amount from the charterer.

Sec. B-234. 38 MRSA §424, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 572, §1, is corrected to read:

§424. Voluntary water quality monitors

The Commissioner of Environmental Protection may appoint voluntary water quality monitors to serve at the will and pleasure of the commissioner.

Such monitors are authorized to take water samples and tests of the waters of this State at such times and at such places and in such manner as the commissioner ~~shall direct~~ directs and to forward such water samples and test results to the commissioner for analysis.

The commissioner is authorized to provide such monitors with such sampling materials and equipment as ~~he deems the commissioner determines~~ the commissioner determines necessary, ~~provided that such~~ Such equipment and materials ~~shall~~ must be immediately returned to the commissioner upon ~~his~~ the commissioner's direction.

Such monitors ~~shall may~~ may not be construed to be employees of this State for any purpose.

The commissioner or ~~his~~ the commissioner's representative shall conduct schools to instruct ~~said~~ the monitors in the methods and techniques of water sample taking and issue to ~~said~~ the monitors an identification card or certificate showing their appointment and training.

Sec. B-235. 38 MRSA §448, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 403, §15, is corrected to read:

1. Utilization. The number of ~~commercial fishermen~~ persons who fish commercially and the utilization of the shoreland area;

Sec. B-236. 38 MRSA §490-A, sub-§2-B, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 700, §15, is corrected to read:

2-B. Naturally internally drained. "Naturally internally drained" means areas of a site that, as a result of the predevelopment topography and interim and final topography produced during development of the site, are and will remain at all times over the course of the development graded so that neither eroded materials nor runoff either crosses the property boundary or enters a protected natural resource, natural buffer strip or other protected area. Areas that rely on ~~man-made~~ human-made structures, including but not limited to berms, dikes, basins or undersized culverts, in order to maintain internal drainage are not considered naturally internally drained.

Sec. B-237. 38 MRSA §493 is corrected to read:

§493. Membership of commission -- Article III

The commission ~~shall consist~~ consists of 5 commissioners from each signatory state, each of whom ~~shall must~~ must be a resident voter of the state from which ~~he~~ the commissioner is appointed. The commissioners ~~shall must~~ must be chosen in the manner and for the terms provided by law of the state from which they ~~shall be~~ are appointed. For each state there ~~shall must~~ must be on the commission a member representing the state health department, a member representing the state water pollution control board, if such exists, and, except where a state in its enabling legislation decides that the best interests of the state will be otherwise served, a member representing municipal interests, a member representing industrial interests and a member representing an agency acting for fisheries or conservation.

Sec. B-238. 38 MRSA §494, first ¶ is corrected to read:

The commission shall annually elect from its members a ~~chairman~~ chair and ~~vice chairman~~ vice-chair and shall appoint and at its pleasure remove or discharge such officers. It may appoint and employ a secretary who ~~shall be~~ is a professional engineer versed in water pollution and may employ ~~such~~ such stenographic or clerical employees as ~~shall be~~ is necessary, and at its pleasure remove or discharge such employees. It shall adopt a seal and suitable bylaws and shall promulgate rules and regulations for its management and control. It may maintain an office for the transaction of its business and may meet at any time or place within the signatory states. Meetings ~~shall must~~ must be held at least twice each year. A majority of the members ~~shall constitute~~ constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, but ~~no an~~ an action of the commission imposing any obligation on any signatory state or on any municipal agency or subdivision thereof or on any person, firm or corporation therein ~~shall be~~ is not binding unless a majority of the members from such signatory state ~~shall have~~ has voted in favor thereof. Where meetings are planned to discuss matters relevant to problems of water pollution control affecting only certain of the signatory states, the commission

may vote to authorize special meetings of the commissioners of the states especially concerned. The commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements and shall make an annual report to the governor and the legislature of each signatory state setting forth in detail the operations and transactions conducted by it pursuant to this compact, and shall make recommendations for any legislative action ~~deemed considered~~ considered by it advisable, including amendments to the statutes of the signatory states ~~which that~~ that may be necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of this compact. The commission ~~shall may~~ may not incur any obligations for salaries, office, administrative, traveling or other expenses prior to the allotment of funds by the signatory states adequate to meet the same; nor ~~shall may~~ may the commission pledge the credit of any of the signatory states. Each signatory state reserves the right to provide hereafter by law for the examination and audit of the accounts of the commission. The commission shall appoint a treasurer who may be a member of the commission, and disbursements by the commission ~~shall be are~~ are valid only when authorized by the commission and when vouchers therefor have been signed by the secretary and countersigned by the treasurer. The secretary ~~shall be is~~ is the custodian of the records of the commission with authority to attest to and certify such records or copies thereof.

Sec. B-239. 38 MRSA §531, 2nd ¶ is corrected to read:

When the Governor, on behalf of the State, executes such compact or any agreement supplementary thereto, ~~he the Governor~~ the Governor shall affix ~~his the Governor's~~ the Governor's signature thereto under a recital that the compact or agreement is executed pursuant to the provisions thereof, subject to the limitations and qualifications contained in this subchapter.

Sec. B-240. 38 MRSA §535 is corrected to read:

§535. Appropriations

The State agrees to appropriate from the General Fund and contribute to the commission such annual amount as may be required for its several purposes under the terms of ~~such the~~ the compact, not in excess of \$1,000, which limitation is imposed by the State as a condition under which it ~~shall become becomes~~ becomes a party thereto. The State, as a further condition under which it ~~shall become becomes~~ becomes a party to the compact, reserves the right to withdraw therefrom at any time upon 60 days' notice to the ~~chairman chair~~ chair of the commission.

The Governor shall determine if and when it ~~shall be is~~ is for the best interests of the State to withdraw from ~~such the~~ the compact. In the event the Governor ~~shall determine determines~~ determines that the State should withdraw from ~~such the~~ the compact, ~~he shall have the Governor has~~ the Governor has full power and authority to give the notice as required herein

and to take any and all steps necessary and proper to effect the withdrawal of the State from the compact.

Sec. B-241. 38 MRSA §547, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 572, §1, is corrected to read:

1. Orders, rules and regulations. To make, amend and rescind the necessary orders, rules and regulations to carry out this subchapter within the limits of the authority conferred upon ~~him the Governor~~ the Governor and not inconsistent with the rules, regulations and directives of the President of the United States or of any federal department or agency having specifically authorized emergency functions.

Sec. B-242. 38 MRSA §547, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 572, §1, is corrected to read:

2. Delegation of authority. To delegate any authority vested in ~~him the Governor~~ the Governor under this subchapter, and to provide for the subdelegation of any such authority.

Whenever the Governor is satisfied that an emergency no longer exists, ~~he the Governor~~ the Governor shall terminate the proclamation by another proclamation affecting the sections of the State covered by the original proclamation, or any part thereof. ~~Said The~~ The proclamation ~~shall must~~ must be published in such newspapers of the State and posted in such places as the Governor, or the person acting in that capacity, ~~deems considers~~ considers appropriate.

Sec. B-243. 38 MRSA §547, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 572, §1, is corrected to read:

In performing ~~his the~~ the duties under this subchapter, the Governor is authorized and directed to cooperate with all departments and agencies of the Federal Government, with the offices and agencies of other states and foreign countries, and the political subdivisions thereof, and with private agencies in all matters pertaining to a disaster or catastrophe.

Sec. B-244. 38 MRSA §547, 4th ¶, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 572, §1, is corrected to read:

In performing ~~his the~~ the duties under this subchapter, the Governor is further authorized and empowered:

Sec. B-245. 38 MRSA §651 is corrected to read:

§651. Milldams and canals

Any ~~man person~~ person may on ~~his the person's~~ the person's own land erect and maintain a watermill and dams to raise water for working it, upon and across any stream not navigable; or, for the purpose of propelling mills or machinery, may cut a canal and erect walls and embankments upon ~~his the person's~~ the person's own land, not exceeding one mile in length, and thereby divert from its natural channel the water of any stream not navigable, upon the terms and conditions and subject to the regulations hereinafter expressed.

Sec. B-246. 38 MRSA §652 is corrected to read:

§652. --diversion of water

Any person, authorized to erect and maintain a watermill and dams on a stream not navigable and to divert the water of such stream from its natural channel by a canal not exceeding one mile in length for the purpose of propelling mills or machinery under section 651, may so divert such waters without ~~said that~~ limitation to one mile, ~~provided he as long as that person~~ is the owner of the land on which the canal is to be located or has the consent of the owners thereof, and ~~provided he as long as that person~~ is the owner of all riparian rights on ~~said that~~ stream between the point of diversion and the point at which the waters are returned to the stream, upon the terms and conditions, and subject to the regulations under this chapter. Under this section, "canal" ~~shall include~~ includes excavations in the ground and closed flumes, penstocks, pipelines and other appropriate means of conveying water from the point of diversion to the point of return to the stream.

Sec. B-247. 38 MRSA §659 is corrected to read:

§659. --damages

Damages caused by flowage of lands from which timber or other property ~~shall have~~ has been removed under section 658 ~~shall must~~ be assessed as though there had been no severance, and the amount paid for such timber or other property with interest to the date of the judgment ~~shall must~~ be credited thereon, ~~provided except that the owner of the land shall have~~ has the right to elect whether ~~his the owner's~~ damages ~~shall be~~ are assessed for flowage as of the time of taking or of flowing.

Sec. B-248. 38 MRSA §703 is corrected to read:

§703. Defenses

The owner or occupant of such mill or canal may answer that the plaintiff has no right, title or estate in the lands alleged to be injured; or that ~~he the owner or occupant~~ has a right to maintain such dam, and flow the lands, or divert the water for an agreed price, or without any compensation; or any other matter, ~~which that~~ may show that the plaintiff cannot maintain the action; but ~~he shall the owner or occupant may~~ not answer that the land described is not injured by such dam or canal.

Sec. B-249. 38 MRSA §705 is corrected to read:

§705. Appointment of commissioners; appraisal of damages

If the issue is decided in favor of the plaintiff, or if the defendant is defaulted or does not answer or show any legal objection to the proceedings, the court shall appoint 3 or more disinterested commissioners of the

same county, who shall go upon and examine the premises and make a true and faithful appraisal, under oath, of the yearly damages, if any, done to the plaintiff by the flowing of ~~his the plaintiff's~~ lands or the diversion of the water described in the complaint, and determine how far the same is necessary, and ascertain and report for what portion of the year such lands ought not to be flowed, or water diverted, or what quantity of water ~~shall must~~ be diverted. They shall ascertain, determine and report what sum in gross would be a reasonable compensation for all the damages, if any, occasioned by the use of such dam, and for the right of maintaining and using the same forever, estimated according to the height of the dam and flashboards as then existing. If within 10 days after ~~said the~~ report is presented to the court, the owners of ~~said the~~ dam or mills elect to pay the damages in gross, the court, where the judgment is entered, shall fix the time in which ~~said the~~ damages ~~shall must~~ be paid, and if not paid within that time, the owners of the dam or mills lose all benefit of their election, and the annual damages ~~shall~~ stand as the judgment of the court, and, except as otherwise provided, all proceedings ~~shall must~~ be in conformity with the other provisions of this chapter.

Sec. B-250. 38 MRSA §712 is corrected to read:

§712. --security for

When any person whose lands are so flowed or from whose lands the water is so diverted files ~~his a~~ a complaint for ascertaining or increasing ~~his the person's~~ damages, or brings a civil action as provided in section 713, and moves the court to direct the owner or occupant of such mill or canal to give security for the payment of the annual damages, and the court so orders, the owner or occupant refusing or neglecting to give such security ~~shall have~~ has no benefit of this chapter; but is liable to be sued for the damages occasioned by such flowing in a civil action.

Sec. B-251. 38 MRSA §715 is corrected to read:

§715. --redemption

Any person entitled to the premises may redeem them within one year after the sale by paying to the purchaser, or the person holding under ~~him the purchaser,~~ the sum paid therefor, with interest at the rate of 12%, deducting therefrom any rents and profits received by such purchaser, or person holding under ~~him the purchaser;~~ and may have the same process to compel the purchaser to account as ~~he the person entitled to the premises~~ might have had against a purchaser of an equity of redemption.

Sec. B-252. 38 MRSA §722 is corrected to read:

§722. Double damages if restrictions violated

If, after judgment, the restrictions imposed by the report of the commissioners or finding of the jury respecting the flowing or diverting of the waters are violated, the party injured thereby may recover of the wrongdoers double damages for ~~his~~ the injury in a civil action.

Sec. B-253. 38 MRSA §725 is corrected to read:

§725. Tender of damages

In case of an original complaint, the defendant may, with the same advantages to ~~himself~~ the defendant, tender and bring money into court, or if the issue is decided in favor of the plaintiff, or if the defendant is defaulted or does not answer or show any legal objections to the proceedings, the defendant may, in writing entered of record with its date, offer to be defaulted for a specific sum for the yearly damages or a sum in gross as reasonable compensation for all damages, as in an action at common law. If either is accepted, the judgment has the same effect as if rendered on a verdict. If not accepted within such time as the court orders, it ~~shall~~ may not be offered in evidence or have any effect upon the rights of the parties, or the judgment to be rendered except the costs. If the plaintiff fails to recover a sum greater than the sum tendered or offered, ~~he~~ the plaintiff recovers such costs only as accrued before the offer, and the defendant recovers costs accrued after that time, and ~~his~~ the defendant's judgment for costs may be set off against the plaintiff's judgment for damages and costs.

Sec. B-254. 38 MRSA §817, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1987, c. 118, §1, is corrected to read:

3. Dam. "Dam" means any ~~man-made~~ human-made artificial barrier, including appurtenant works, the site on which it is located and appurtenant rights of flowage and access, ~~which that~~ which impounds or diverts a river, stream or great pond and ~~which that~~ which is 2 feet or more in height and has an impounding capacity at maximum water storage elevation of 15 acre-feet or more. Any such artificial barrier constructed solely for the purpose of impounding water to allow timber to be floated downstream in a logging operation ~~shall~~ may not be considered a dam for the purposes of this article, unless it has been repaired, modified or maintained by or with the knowledge of the owner, lessee or person in control since the discontinuance of its use in connection with logging operations. Any adjacent property, easements, roads, bridges or works not necessary for the operation or maintenance of a dam or access to the dam ~~shall~~ are not ~~be~~ included under the provisions of this article.

Sec. B-255. 38 MRSA §818, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 417, §6, is corrected to read:

2. Rights of others. Except as specifically provided in this Article, ~~nothing in~~ nothing in this Article shall ~~may~~ not be construed as denying any person any rights ~~he~~

~~may have~~ the person has under any other statute, regulation, municipal ordinance or any rule of law.

Sec. B-256. 38 MRSA §853 is corrected to read:

§853. Reimbursement

If they are not reimbursed by the profits of the mill or paid by the other owners within 6 months after the work is completed, they may charge 1% a month on the amount advanced, from the end of 6 months until so reimbursed. If a delinquent owner dies or alienates ~~his~~ the delinquent owner's interest in the premises, the advancing owners have a continuing lien thereon for reimbursement. ~~No~~ Any special contract made by the owners respecting the building or repair of such mill or dam is not hereby affected.

Sec. B-257. 38 MRSA §891, as amended by PL 1977, c. 696, §346, is corrected to read:

§891. Scales for weighing grain; order of grinding

The owner or occupant of every grist mill shall keep scales and weights therein to weigh corn, grain and meal, when required. ~~He~~ The owner or occupant shall well and sufficiently grind as required, according to the nature, capacity and condition of ~~his~~ the mill, all grain brought to ~~his~~ the mill for that purpose and in the order in which it ~~shall be~~ is received. For neglecting or refusing to weigh the same when required, or failing to grind the same in the order received, or for taking more than lawful toll, ~~he~~ the owner or occupant commits a civil violation for which a ~~forfeiture fine~~ forfeiture fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$50 ~~shall~~ must be adjudged for each violation. This section ~~shall~~ may not be so construed as to preclude the right of any owner or occupant of any mill to enter into any mutual agreement with any customer or customers as to the order in which the grain of such customers ~~shall be~~ is received and ground, made at the time ~~said~~ the customer or customers ~~shall~~ bring his or their ~~the~~ the grain to the mill for the purpose of being ground.

Sec. B-258. 38 MRSA §954-B, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 459, §1, is corrected to read:

§954-B. Commission budget; financing and executive director

The commission shall prepare a biennial budget and shall submit to the Legislature requests for appropriations sufficient to carry out its assigned tasks. The commission may accept contributions of any type from any source to assist it in carrying out its assigned tasks, and make such agreements in respect to the administration of such funds, not inconsistent with this chapter, as are required as conditions precedent to receiving such funds, federal or otherwise. The commission may contract with municipal, state and federal governments or their agencies to assist in the carrying out of any of its assigned tasks. The commission is authorized to employ

an executive director who ~~shall be~~ is the principal administrative, operational and executive employee of the commission. The executive director shall attend all meetings of the commission and be permitted to participate fully, but ~~shall is not be~~ a voting member of the commission. The executive director, with the approval of the commission, may hire whatever competent professional personnel and other staff as may be necessary and ~~he~~ may obtain office space, goods and services as required.

Sec. B-259. 38 MRSA §963, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 459, §1, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Any hardship attributable to any act, course of conduct or failure to act of the applicant or ~~his the applicant's~~ predecessor in interest beginning with the owner of record on the effective date of this chapter or of a performance standard adopted pursuant thereto from which a variance is sought; or

Sec. B-260. 38 MRSA §963-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 459, §1, is corrected to read:

A. Any hardship attributable to any act, course of conduct or failure to act of the applicant or ~~his the applicant's~~ predecessor in interest, beginning with the owner of record on March 19, 1974; or

Sec. B-261. 38 MRSA §971 is corrected to read:

§971. Conversion

~~Whoever~~ A person who takes, carries away or otherwise converts to ~~his that person's~~ own use, without the consent of the owner, any log suitable to be sawed or cut into the boards, clapboards, shingles, joists or other lumber, or any mast or spar the property of another, whether the owner is known or unknown, lying in any river, pond, bay, stream or inlet, or on or near the bank or shore thereof, or cuts out, alters or destroys any mark made thereon, without the consent of the owner and with intent to claim the same, forfeits for every such log, mast or spar, \$20, to be recovered on complaint; 1/2 for the State and 1/2 for the complainant.

Sec. B-262. 38 MRSA §975 is corrected to read:

§975. Intermixed logs and timber; lien for expenses; libel

~~Any~~ A person whose timber in any waters of the State is so intermixed with the logs, masts or spars of another that it cannot be conveniently separated for the purpose of being floated to the market or place of manufacture may drive all timber with which ~~his the person's~~ own is so intermixed toward such market or place, when no special and different provision is made by law for driving it; and is entitled to a reasonable compensation from the owner, to be recovered after demand

therefor on ~~said~~ the owner or agent, if known, in a civil action. ~~He~~ The person authorized to drive the timber under this section has a prior lien thereon until 30 days after it arrives at its place of destination to enable ~~him~~ the person authorized to drive the timber under this section to attach it. If the owner cannot be ascertained, the property may be libeled according to law and enough of it disposed of to defray the expenses thereof, the amount to be determined by the court hearing the libel.

Sec. B-263. 38 MRSA §978 is corrected to read:

§978. Conversion of railroad sleepers, ship knees or cedar lumber; double damages

~~Whoever~~ A person who willfully and fraudulently takes, carries away or otherwise converts to ~~his that person's~~ own use any railroad sleeper, knee or other ship timber or cedar for shingles or other purposes, the property of another, whether known or not, without ~~his the owner's~~ consent, lying in any river, stream, pond, bay or inlet, or on or near the shore thereof; or cuts out, alters or destroys any mark thereon, forfeits \$10 for each offense, to be recovered and appropriated as provided in section 971; and is liable to the owner in double the amount thereof in a civil action. Such owner has all the rights and is subject to all the liabilities provided for the owner of logs, masts and spars in sections 973 to 979.

Sec. B-264. 38 MRSA §979 is corrected to read:

§979. Saco River or tributaries

If any boom on the Saco River, or any of the waters connected therewith, is so placed or constructed as to prevent the free and usual passage of timber down the river, the owner or occupant thereof, at ~~his the owner's or occupant's~~ own expense, shall release and turn out the timber so detained, when requested to do so by the owner thereof, if it can be done with safety. If, for 2 days after request, ~~he the owner or occupant of the boom~~ neglects or refuses to do so, ~~he the owner or occupant of the boom~~ is liable to the owner of the timber in a civil action for all damages ~~by him~~ sustained by the owner of the timer.

Sec. B-265. 38 MRSA §995, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 470, §2, is corrected to read:

1. Membership; terms; quorum. The commission ~~shall consist~~ consists of 8 members, of whom 4 ~~shall must~~ be appointed by the Premier of the Province of New Brunswick and 4 appointed by the Governor of the State. Initially, 4 of the members ~~shall must~~ be appointed for a one-year term and 4 members ~~shall must~~ be appointed for 2-year terms, so that members may not all reach the end of their terms at the same time. Thereafter, all members ~~shall must~~ be appointed for a term of 2 years and may be eligible for reappointment. Representatives of the governments of the United States and

Canada ~~shall~~ must be invited as observers by the Governor of the State and the Premier of ~~the Province of~~ New Brunswick, respectively. Representatives from the governments of the United States and Canada ~~shall~~ may not be counted for purposes of determining a quorum. Alternates may be appointed for each member of the commission in the same manner as the members. The commission shall elect 2 ~~co-chairmen~~ cochairs, one of Canadian nationality and one of United States nationality, from among its members, each of whom ~~shall hold~~ holds office for a term of 2 years. A quorum ~~shall consist~~ consists of at least 6 members of the commission or their alternates, including, at all times 3 Canadian and 3 United States members. The commission shall reach its decisions on all issues by consensus. When failing to reach consensus, the commission shall refer the issue for resolution to both the Governor of the State and the Premier of the Province of New Brunswick for their joint consideration.

Sec. B-266. 38 MRSA §1000, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 470, §2, is corrected to read:

§1000. First meeting of commission

The first meeting of the commission ~~shall~~ must be called by the Governor of the State and ~~shall~~ must be held in Calais, Maine. The Premier of the Province of New Brunswick has agreed, in the Memorandum of Understanding, to designate a person to serve as the temporary ~~chairman~~ chair of the commission at its first meeting until the commission nominates from among its members and approves by consensus ~~co-chairmen~~ cochairs.

Sec. B-267. 38 MRSA §1023, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 97, §1, is corrected to read:

1. Annual license fee; bond coverage. The licensee shall pay ~~his~~ an annual license fee and submit proof of the required bond coverage extending at least one year beyond the current license year;

Sec. B-268. 38 MRSA §1104, sub-§2, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 466, §3, is corrected to read:

D. The official against whom a recall petition has been filed shall continue to perform the duties of ~~his~~ the official's office until the result of the special election is officially declared. The person receiving the highest number of votes at the special election ~~shall~~ must be declared elected for the remainder of the term. If the incumbent receives the highest number of votes, ~~he shall continue~~ the incumbent continues in office. If another receives the highest number of votes, ~~he shall succeed~~ that person must succeed the incumbent, if ~~he~~ that person qualifies, within 10 days after receiving notification.

Sec. B-269. 38 MRSA §1104, sub-§2, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 466, §3, is corrected to read:

E. After one recall petition and special election, ~~no~~ a further recall petition may not be filed against the

same official during the term for which ~~he~~ the official was elected.

Sec. B-270. 38 MRSA §1105, 3rd ¶, as amended by PL 1967, c. 524, §4, is corrected to read:

They shall organize by election from their own members a ~~chairman~~ chair, a ~~vice-chairman~~ vice-chair, a treasurer and a clerk and choose and employ and fix the compensation of such other necessary officers and agents who ~~shall~~ serve at their pleasure, and they shall adopt a corporate seal. Prior to the election of ~~said~~ those officers each trustee ~~shall~~ must be sworn to the faithful performance of ~~his~~ the trustee's duties.

Sec. B-271. 38 MRSA §1105, 5th ¶, as amended by PL 1967, c. 524, §4, is corrected to read:

After the original organizational meeting the trustees shall meet annually at a time determined by their bylaws for the purpose of electing from among the members a ~~chairman~~ chair, ~~vice-chairman~~ vice-chair, treasurer and clerk to serve until the next annual election and until their successors are elected and qualified. The treasurer shall furnish bond in such sum and with such sureties as the trustees ~~shall~~ approve, the cost thereof to be paid by the district. The ~~chairman~~ chair, ~~vice-chairman~~ vice-chair, treasurer and clerk may receive such compensation for serving in these capacities as the trustees ~~shall~~ determine. This compensation ~~shall~~ be ~~is~~ in addition to the compensation payable to them as trustees. The trustees shall make and publish an annual report including a report of the treasurer.

Sec. B-272. 38 MRSA §1105, 7th ¶, as amended by PL 1967, c. 524, §4, is corrected to read:

When a vacancy on the board of trustees occurs by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the municipal officers of the municipality that the trustee represented shall fill the vacancy by electing a trustee from the municipality to serve until the municipality ~~shall fill~~ fills the vacancy at its next annual town meeting or next regular city election. In the case of a vacancy in the office of a trustee representing unorganized territory, the commissioners of the county wherein such unorganized territory is located shall fill the vacancy by electing a trustee from such unorganized territory and resident within the boundaries of the sanitary district until the next election of trustees is held. The person so chosen shall serve until ~~his~~ that person's successor is elected and qualified. In case any member of the board of trustees ~~shall remove~~ removes from the municipality that ~~he~~ the member represents, or, in the case of a trustee representing unorganized territory, in case such trustee ~~shall remove~~ removes without the boundaries of the sanitary district, a vacancy ~~shall~~ must be declared to exist by the board of trustees, and the municipal officers or the county commissioners, as the case may be, shall thereafter choose another trustee as provided.

Sec. B-273. 38 MRSA §1105, 8th ¶, as amended by PL 1967, c. 524, §4, is corrected to read:

~~No~~ A member of the board of trustees ~~shall~~ may ~~not~~ be employed for compensation as an employee or in any other capacity by the sanitary district of which ~~he~~ the member is a trustee, except as provided.

Sec. B-274. 38 MRSA §1152-A, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 466, §5, is corrected by correcting subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) By certified mail, return receipt requested, to ~~his~~ the owner's last known address.

Sec. B-275. 38 MRSA §1156, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 310, is corrected to read:

§1156. Entry of private sewer

~~Any~~ A person may enter ~~his~~ the person's private sewer into any sewer of a sanitary district formed under this chapter while the same is under construction and before completion of such sewer at the point of entry, on obtaining a permit in writing from the trustees of the district; but after the sewer is completed to the point of entry and an entrance charge established on that location, ~~no~~ a person ~~shall~~ may not enter ~~his~~ the person's private sewer into such sewer until ~~he~~ the person has paid the entrance charge and obtained a permit in writing from the trustees. All such permits ~~shall~~ must be recorded by the clerk of the district in its records before the same are issued.

Sec. B-276. 38 MRSA §1160, as amended by PL 1985, c. 612, §18, is corrected to read:

§1160. Connection of private sewers

Every building in a sanitary district formed under this chapter intended for human habitation or occupancy or with facilities for discharge or disposal of ~~waste-water~~ wastewater or commercial or industrial waste, ~~which~~ that is accessible to a sewer or drain of such district, ~~shall~~ must have a sanitary sewer or drainage system ~~which shall be~~ that is caused to be connected with such sewer or drain of the district by the owner or person against whom taxes on the premises are assessed, in the most direct manner possible, within 90 days after receiving request therefor from the district, or within such further time as the trustees of the district may grant, and, if feasible, with a separate connection for each such building. Existing buildings ~~which~~ that are already served by a private sewer or drainage system ~~shall~~ are not be required to connect with any sewer or drain of the district so long as the private sewer or drainage system functions in a satisfactory and sanitary manner, and does not violate any law or ordinance applicable thereto or any applicable requirement of the ~~State of Maine Plumbing Code~~ state plumbing code, as determined by the municipal plumbing inspector, ~~his~~ the inspector's alternate, or, in the event that both are trustees or employees of the district, the Division of Health Engineering. A building ~~shall~~ be ~~is~~ deemed to be accessible to a sewer or drain of the district for the purposes of this section if such building, or any private

sewer or drain directly or indirectly connected thereto or carrying ~~waste-water~~ wastewater or commercial or industrial waste therefrom, ~~shall~~ at any point ~~be~~ is or ~~come~~ comes within 200 feet of a sewer or drain of the district; ~~provided~~ except that ~~nothing~~ in this section ~~shall~~ does not require the owner of any such building to acquire any real property or easement therein for the sole purpose of making such connection.

Sec. B-277. 38 MRSA §1201, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 696, §1, is corrected to read:

B. Paying any necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under this chapter, including organizational and other necessary expenses and liabilities, whether incurred by the district or any municipality therein or any person residing in unorganized territory encompassed by the district, the district being authorized to reimburse any municipality therein or any person residing in unorganized territory encompassed by the district for any such expenses incurred or paid by it or ~~him~~ the person;

Sec. B-278. 38 MRSA §1201, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 696, §1, is corrected to read:

3. Maturity; interest; form; temporary bonds. The bonds issued under this chapter ~~shall~~ must be dated, ~~shall~~ must mature ~~at such time or times not exceeding~~ no later than 40 years from their date or dates and ~~shall~~ must bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the board of trustees, and may be made redeemable before maturity, at the option of the district, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the board of trustees prior to the issuance of the bonds. The board of trustees shall determine the form of the bonds, including any interest coupons to be attached thereto, and the manner of execution of the bonds, and shall fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the place or places of payment of principal and interest, which may be at any bank or trust company within or without the State. Bonds ~~shall~~ must be executed in the name of the district by the manual or facsimile signature of such officer or officers as may be authorized in the resolution to execute the bonds, but at least one signature on each bond ~~shall~~ must be a manual signature. Coupons, if any, attached to the bonds ~~shall~~ must be executed with the facsimile signature of the officer or officers of the district designated in the resolution. In case any officer, whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on any bonds or coupons, ceases to be such officer before the delivery of the bonds, the signature or its facsimile ~~shall~~ is nevertheless ~~be~~ valid and sufficient for all purposes as if ~~he~~ the officer had remained in office until the delivery. Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this chapter or any recitals in any bonds issued under this chapter, all such bonds ~~shall~~ be ~~are~~ deemed to be negotiable instruments under the laws of this State. The bonds may be issued in coupon or registered form, or

both, as the board of trustees may determine, and provision may be made for the registration of any coupon bonds as to principal alone and as to both principal and interest, and for the reconversion into coupon bonds of any bonds registered as to both principal and interest. The board of trustees may sell such bonds in such manner, either at public or private sale, and for such price as they may determine to be for the best interests of the district. The proceeds of the bonds of each issue ~~shall~~ must be used solely for the purpose for which those bonds have been authorized, and ~~shall~~ must be disbursed in such manner and under such restrictions, if any, as the board of trustees may provide in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust agreement securing the bonds. The resolution providing for the issuance of bonds, and any trust agreement securing the bonds, may contain such limitations upon the issuance of additional bonds as the board of trustees may ~~deem~~ consider proper, and these additional bonds ~~shall~~ must be issued under such restrictions and limitations as may be prescribed by that resolution or trust agreement. Prior to the preparation of definitive bonds, the board of trustees may, under like restrictions, issue interim receipts or temporary bonds, with or without coupons, exchangeable for definitive bonds when those bonds are executed and are available for delivery. The board of trustees may provide for the replacement of any bond ~~which~~ that is mutilated, destroyed or lost.

Sec. B-279. 38 MRSA §1203, as amended by PL 1967, c. 524, §10, is corrected to read:

§1203. Assessments

When any sanitary district formed under this chapter has constructed and completed a common sewer, the trustees may, if they so determine, in order to defray a portion of the expense thereof, determine what lots or parcels of land are benefited by such sewer, and estimate and assess upon such lots and parcels of land, and against the owner thereof, or person in possession or against whom taxes thereon are assessed, whether ~~said~~ the person to whom the assessment is so made ~~shall be~~ is the owner, tenant, lessee or agent, and whether the same is occupied or not, except that in the case of a sanitary district encompassing unorganized territory, such assessments made on lots or parcels of land in such unorganized territory ~~shall~~ must be made by the trustees against the party in possession thereof, such sum not exceeding such benefit as they may ~~deem~~ consider just and equitable towards defraying the expense of constructing and completing such sewer, together with such sewage disposal units and appurtenances as may be necessary, the whole of such assessments not to exceed 1/2 of the cost of such sewer and sewage disposal units. The trustees shall file with the clerk of the district the location of such sewer and sewage disposal unit, with a profile description of the same, and a statement of the amount assessed upon each lot or parcel of land so assessed, a description of each lot or parcel, and the name of the owner of such lots or parcels of land or person

against whom said assessment ~~shall~~ must be made, and the clerk of such district shall record the same in a book kept for that purpose, and within 10 days after such filing, each person so assessed ~~shall~~ must be notified of such assessment by having an authentic copy of ~~said~~ the assessment, with an order of notice signed by the clerk of ~~said~~ the district, stating the time and place for a hearing upon the subject matter of ~~said~~ the assessments, given to each person so assessed or left at ~~his~~ the person's usual place of abode in ~~said~~ the district; if ~~he~~ a person so assessed has no place of abode in ~~said~~ the district, then such notice ~~shall~~ must be given or left at the abode of ~~his~~ that person's tenant or lessee if ~~he~~ that person has one in ~~said~~ the district; if ~~he~~ that person has no such tenant or lessee in ~~said~~ the district, then by posting said notice in some conspicuous place in the vicinity of the lot or parcel of land so assessed, at least 30 days before ~~said~~ the hearing, or such notice may be given by publishing the same once a week for 3 successive weeks in any newspaper of general circulation in ~~said~~ the district, the first publication to be at least 30 days before ~~said~~ the hearing; a return made upon a copy of such notice by any constable in any municipality within the district or by any sheriff or deputy sheriff or the production of the newspaper containing such notice ~~shall be~~ is conclusive evidence that ~~said~~ the notice has been given, and upon such hearing the trustees ~~shall~~ have power to revise, increase or diminish any of such assessments, and all such revisions, increases or diminutions ~~shall~~ must be in writing and recorded by the clerk of the district.

Sec. B-280. 38 MRSA §1205, as amended by PL 1979, c. 541, Pt. A, §274, is corrected to read:

§1205. Lien for unpaid assessments

All assessments made under section 1203 ~~shall~~ create a lien upon each and every lot or parcel of land so assessed and the buildings upon the same, ~~which~~ The lien ~~shall take~~ takes effect when the trustees file with the clerk of the district the completed assessment, and ~~shall continue~~ continues for one year thereafter. Within 10 days after the date of hearing on ~~said~~ the assessment, the clerk of the district shall make out a list of all such assessments, the amount of each, and the name of the person against whom the same is assessed, and ~~he~~ the clerk of the district shall certify the list and deliver it to the treasurer of ~~said~~ the district. If ~~said assessments are~~ an assessment is not paid within 3 months from the date thereof, the treasurer may bring a civil action for the collection of ~~said~~ that assessment in the name of the district against the person against whom ~~said~~ the assessment is made and for the enforcement of ~~said~~ the lien. The complaint in such action ~~shall~~ must contain a statement of such assessment, a description of the real estate against which the assessment is made, and an allegation that a lien is claimed on ~~said~~ that real estate to secure the payment of the assessment. If ~~no~~ service is not made upon the defendant or it ~~shall appear~~ appears that any other persons are interested in such real estate, the court shall order such further notice of such action as appears

proper, and shall allow such other persons to become parties thereto. If it ~~shall appear~~ appears upon trial of such action that such assessment was legally made against ~~said~~ the real estate, and is unpaid, and that there is an existing lien on ~~said~~ that real estate for the payment of such assessment, judgment ~~shall~~ must be rendered for such assessment, interest and costs of suit against the defendants and against the real estate upon which the assessment was made, and execution ~~shall~~ must issue thereon to be enforced by sale of such estate in the manner provided for a sale on execution of real estate attached on original process; ~~provided that in.~~ In making ~~said~~ such a sale the officer shall follow the procedure in selling and conveying, and there ~~shall be~~ are the same rights of redemption, as provided in Title 36, section 941.

Sec. B-281. 38 MRSA §1303-C, sub-§28, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 585, Pt. E, §4, is corrected to read:

28. Site. "Site" means the same or geographically contiguous property which may be divided by a public or private right-of-way, ~~provided that as long as~~ the entrance and exit between the properties is at a crossroads intersection and access is by crossing as opposed to going along the right-of-way. Noncontiguous properties owned by the same person but connected by a right-of-way ~~which he~~ that that person controls and to which the public does not have access is also considered site property.

Sec. B-282. 38 MRSA §1303-C, sub-§45, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 585, Pt. E, §4, is corrected to read:

45. Waste resulting from agricultural activities. "Waste resulting from agricultural activities" means wastes ~~which~~ that result from agricultural activities as defined in section 361-A, subsection 1-B, ~~which and that~~ are returned to the soils as fertilizers and includes waste pesticides when generated by a farmer in ~~his~~ the ~~farmer's~~ farmer's own use, ~~provided that he~~ as long as the farmer triple rinses each emptied pesticide container in accordance with departmental rules and disposes of the pesticide residues in a manner consistent with the disposal instructions on the pesticide label.

Sec. B-283. 38 MRSA §1304, sub-§12, ¶A, as amended by PL 1987, c. 192, §25, is corrected to read:

A. Whenever, after investigation, the commissioner determines that there is or has been an unauthorized discharge of hazardous waste, constituents of hazardous waste, or waste oil into the environment where there is a reasonable basis to believe that the discharge is endangering or causing damage to public health or the environment or that any person has violated or is in violation of any requirement of this subchapter, including rules adopted thereunder, relating to hazardous waste or

waste oil activities, ~~he~~ the commissioner may issue an order requiring compliance immediately or within a specified time period or requiring corrective action or other response measures as necessary to protect the public health and safety or the environment.

The commissioner may require assurance of financial ability for completing corrective action and may require, where necessary, that corrective action be taken beyond a facility or site to remove the danger to the public health or the environment unless the person to whom the order is directed demonstrates to the commissioner that, despite that person's best efforts, ~~he~~ that person was unable to obtain the necessary permission to undertake such actions.

Sec. B-284. 38 MRSA §1310, first ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1981, c. 430, §19, is corrected to read:

If the commissioner finds, after investigation, that any waste, whether or not hazardous waste, is being handled, transported or otherwise dealt with in a manner ~~which~~ that may create a danger to public health or safety, ~~he~~ the commissioner may order any person handling, transporting or otherwise dealing with the waste to immediately cease or prevent that activity and to take such action as may be necessary to terminate or mitigate the danger or likelihood of danger. ~~He~~ The commissioner may also order any person contributing to the danger or likelihood of danger to cease or prevent that contribution.

Sec. B-285. 38 MRSA §1310-B, sub-§6, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 699, §17, is corrected to read:

C. Any person who knowingly discloses designated information, knowing that ~~he~~ the person is not authorized to do so, is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000.

Sec. B-286. 38 MRSA §1319-H, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 478, §7, is corrected to read:

B. A refund of 50% of the fee ~~shall~~ must be returned to an applicant who withdraws ~~his~~ an application within 30 days of its submission.

Sec. B-287. 38 MRSA §1367, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 569, §1, is corrected to read:

A person who would otherwise be a responsible party ~~shall~~ is not be subject to liability under this section, if ~~he~~ the person can establish by a preponderance of the evidence that threats or hazards posed or potentially posed by an uncontrolled site, for which threats or hazards ~~he~~ the person would otherwise be responsible, were caused solely by:

Sec. B-288. 38 MRSA §1368, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 569, §1, is corrected to read:

Whenever the commissioner determines that an emergency exists as the result of a threat or hazard posed by an uncontrolled site, the commissioner shall immediately notify the Governor. The Governor may declare an emergency and, in addition to whatever action is necessary and available to ~~him~~ the Governor under law, may authorize the Commissioner of Environmental Protection in conjunction with the Commissioner of Public Safety to:

Sec. B-289. 38 MRSA §1369, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 569, §1, is corrected to read:

§1369. Immunity

Notwithstanding the provisions of Title 14, chapter 741, neither the State nor any agency or employee thereof engaged in any abatement, clean up or mitigation activity, while complying with or attempting to comply with this chapter, or with any rule ~~promulgated~~ adopted or directive issued in the implementation of this chapter, may be liable for the death of or injury to persons, or damage to property, as a result of that activity. This section ~~shall~~ does not affect the right of any person to receive benefits to which ~~he~~ the person would otherwise be entitled under the workers' compensation law or any other pension law, nor the right of any person to receive benefits or compensation under any act of Congress.

Sec. B-290. 38 MRSA §1724, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 820, §2, is corrected to read:

3. Vacancy. Any vacancy on the board of directors ~~shall~~ must be filled within 30 days after the vacancy occurs by appointment of the municipal officers of the municipality ~~which he~~ that the appointee is to represent. An appointee to a vacancy ~~shall serve~~ serves until the expiration of the term of the representative to whose position the appointment was made and may be reappointed.

Sec. B-291. 38 MRSA §1725, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 820, §2, is corrected to read:

The directors shall organize by election from their own members a ~~chairman chair~~, a ~~vice-chairman vice-chair~~, a treasurer and a clerk, each of whom ~~shall hold~~ holds office for one year and until ~~his~~ a successor is duly elected and qualified, and choose, employ and fix the compensation of any other necessary officers and agents who ~~shall~~ serve at their pleasure, and they shall adopt a corporate seal. Prior to the election of the officers, each director ~~shall~~ must be sworn to the faithful performance of ~~his~~ the director's duties by the respective municipal clerk. For the election of ~~chairman chair~~, ~~vice-chairman vice-chair~~, treasurer and clerk, each director shall cast one vote regardless of the population of the municipality ~~which he~~ that the director represents.

Sec. B-292. 38 MRSA §1725, 5th ¶, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 820, §2, is corrected to read:

After the original organizational meeting, the directors shall meet annually at a time determined by their bylaws for the purpose of electing from among the members a ~~chairman chair~~, ~~vice-chairman vice-chair~~, treasurer and clerk to serve until the next annual election and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The treasurer shall furnish bond in such sum and with such sureties as the directors ~~shall~~ approve, but not less than 50% of the anticipated annual revenues of the district, the cost to be paid by the district. The ~~chairman chair~~, ~~vice-chairman vice-chair~~, treasurer and clerk may receive such compensation for serving in these capacities as the directors ~~shall~~ determine. This compensation ~~shall be~~ is in addition to the compensation payable to them as directors. The directors shall make and publish an annual report, including a report of the treasurer.

Sec. B-293. 38 MRSA §1725, 7th ¶, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 820, §2, is corrected to read:

~~No~~ A member of the board of directors may ~~not~~ not be employed for compensation as an employee or in any other capacity by the district of which ~~he~~ the member is a director.

Sec. B-294. 38 MRSA §1740, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 820, §2, is corrected to read:

§1740. Annual audit

Each year an audit ~~shall~~ must be made of the accounts of the district, and for this purpose authorized agents of a certified public accounting firm appointed by the directors ~~shall~~ must have access to all necessary papers, books and records. Upon the completion of each audit, a report ~~shall~~ must be made to the ~~chairman chair~~ of the district board of directors and a copy ~~shall~~ must be sent to the municipal officers of each member municipality.

Sec. B-295. 38 MRSA §1751, sub-§3, as amended by PL 1985, c. 337, §5, is corrected to read:

3. Maturity; interest; form; temporary bonds. The bonds issued under this chapter ~~shall~~ must be dated, ~~shall~~ must mature ~~at such time or times not exceeding~~ no later than 40 years from their date or dates and ~~shall~~ must bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the board of directors or determined pursuant to a formula approved by the board of directors or by a 3rd party rate-setting agent selected by the board of directors, and may be made redeemable before maturity, at the option of the district, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the board of directors prior to the issuance of the bonds. The board of directors shall determine the form of the bonds, including any interest coupons to be attached, and the manner of execution of the bonds, and shall fix the denomination or denominations of the bonds and the place or places of payment of principal and interest, which may be at any financial institution having trust powers within or without the State. Bonds ~~shall~~ must be executed in the name of the district by the manual or

facsimile signature of such officer or officers as may be authorized in the resolution to execute the bonds, but at least one signature on each bond ~~shall~~ must be a manual signature. Coupons, if any, attached to the bonds ~~shall~~ must be executed with the facsimile signature of the officer or officers of the district designated in the resolution. In case any officer, whose signature or facsimile signature appears on any bonds or coupons, ceases to hold that office before the delivery of the bonds, the signature or its facsimile ~~shall~~ is nevertheless ~~be~~ valid and sufficient for all purposes, as if ~~he~~ the officer had remained in office until the delivery. Notwithstanding any of the other provisions of this chapter or any recitals in any bonds issued under this chapter, all such bonds ~~shall~~ be ~~are~~ deemed to be negotiable instruments under the laws of this State. The bonds may be issued in coupon or registered form, or both, as the board of directors may determine, and provision may be made for the registration of any coupon bonds as to principal alone and as to both principal and interest, and for the reconversion into coupon bonds of any bonds registered as to both principal and interest. The board of directors may sell the bonds in the manner, either at public or private sale, and for such price as they may determine to be for the best interests of the district. The proceeds of the bonds of each issue ~~shall~~ must be used solely for the purpose for which those bonds have been authorized and ~~shall~~ must be disbursed in such manner and under such restrictions as the board of directors may provide in the resolution authorizing the issuance of the bonds or in the trust agreement securing the bonds. The resolution providing for the issuance of bonds, and any trust agreement securing the bonds, may contain such limitations upon the issuance of additional bonds as the board of directors may ~~deem~~ consider proper, and these additional bonds ~~shall~~ must be issued under such restrictions and limitations as may be prescribed by that resolution or trust agreement. Prior to the preparation of definitive bonds, the board of directors may, under like restrictions, issue interim receipts or temporary bonds, with or without coupons, exchangeable for definitive bonds when those bonds are executed and are available for delivery. The board of directors may provide for the replacement of any bond ~~which~~ that is mutilated, destroyed or lost.

Sec. B-296. 38 MRSA §1753, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 820, §2, is corrected to read:

§1753. Collection of unpaid charges

The treasurer of the district may collect the rates, tolls, assessments, rents, tipping fees, transportation charges and other charges established by the district and those charges ~~shall~~ must be committed to ~~him~~ the treasurer. The treasurer may, after demand for payment, sue in the name of the district in a civil action for any rate, toll, rent, assessment, tipping fee, transportation charge or other charges remaining unpaid in any court of competent jurisdiction. In addition, the

treasurer may order the termination of service for non-payment of any amount owed to the district.

Sec. B-297. 38 MRSA §1901, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 794, Pt. A, §11, is corrected to read:

The Legislature finds that Maine's coastal barriers and the adjacent wetlands, marshes, estuaries, inlets and nearshore waters contain resources of extraordinary scenic, scientific, recreational, natural, historic, archeological and economic importance that may be irretrievably damaged and lost due to development on and adjacent to those barriers; that Maine's coastal barriers provide habitats for migratory birds and other wildlife and habitats ~~which~~ that are essential spawning, nursery, nesting and feeding areas for commercially and recreationally important species of finfish and shellfish, as well as other aquatic organisms; that Maine's coastal barriers serve as natural storm protective buffers and are generally unsuitable for development because they are vulnerable to hurricane and other storm damage and because natural shoreline recession and the movement of unstable sediments undermine ~~manmade~~ human-made structures; and that the United States Congress has recognized the importance of coastal barriers through the United States Coastal Barrier Resources Act of 1982, United States Code, Title 16, Section 3509, established a detailed process to identify coastal barriers and prohibited the expenditure of federal funds that support activities incompatible with the ability of these fragile areas to accommodate those activities.

Sec. B-298. 38 MRSA §2005, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 711, is corrected to read:

~~They~~ The trustees shall organize by election from their own members a ~~chairman chair, a vice chairman vice-chair,~~ a treasurer and a clerk and choose, employ and fix the compensation of other necessary officers and agents who ~~shall~~ serve at their pleasure and they shall adopt a corporate seal. Prior to the election of the officers, each trustee ~~shall~~ must be sworn to the faithful performance of the trustee's duties.

Sec. B-299. 38 MRSA §2005, 6th ¶, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 711, is corrected to read:

After the original organizational meeting, the trustees shall meet annually at a time determined by their bylaws for the purpose of electing from among the members a ~~chairman chair, vice chairman vice-chair,~~ treasurer and clerk to serve until the next annual election and until their successors are elected and qualified. The treasurer shall furnish bond in such sum and with such sureties as the trustees approve, the cost of the bond to be paid by the district. The ~~chairman chair, vice chairman vice-chair,~~ treasurer and clerk may receive compensation for serving in these capacities as the trustees determine. This compensation ~~shall be~~ is in

addition to the compensation payable to them as trustees. The trustees shall make and publish an annual report including a report of the treasurer.

Sec. B-300. 38 MRSA §2008, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 711, is corrected to read:

3. Quorum; meeting rules. Each person whose name appears on the district voting list may attend and vote at a district budget meeting. Twenty-five registered voters constitute a quorum. When a quorum of voters is present, the ~~chairman~~ **chair** of the trustees shall open the meeting by calling for the election of a moderator, receiving and counting votes for moderator and swearing in the moderator. As soon as a moderator has been elected and sworn, the moderator shall preside at the meeting. The secretary of the district shall record accurately all votes of the meeting.

EXPLANATION

Pursuant to Public Law 2019, chapter 475, section 52, this Part corrects gender-specific references within statutory units in the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 12, 22, 29-A and 38 and incorporates certain administrative changes and corrections to those statutory units authorized under Title 1, section 93.



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**JOINT RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE
OUTRAGE OF THE MAINE
LEGISLATURE
REGARDING THE
DECISION BY WHOLE
FOODS MARKET, BLUE
APRON HOLDINGS AND
HELLOFRESH GROUP TO
DISCONTINUE SELLING
MAINE LOBSTER**

S.P. 12

WHEREAS, Whole Foods Market has announced that it will stop selling Gulf of Maine lobster in its more than 500 stores nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Blue Apron Holdings and HelloFresh Group have made similar announcements; and

WHEREAS, the announcements were in response to a statement by the London-based Marine Stewardship Council that it is suspending the certification of sustainability for the Gulf of Maine lobster fishery, due to concerns over harm to the North Atlantic right whale; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the statement by the Marine Stewardship Council, there has never been a North Atlantic right whale death attributed to Maine lobster gear; and

WHEREAS, Maine lobster harvesters have a 150-year history of sustainability, and Maine's lobstering community has consistently demonstrated its commitment to protecting North Atlantic right whales; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative has stated that the Marine Stewardship Council's suspension of the Gulf of Maine lobster fishery's certification of sustainability is due to flaws with the National Marine Fisheries Service's regulatory plan and not due to actions by the lobster harvesters themselves; and

WHEREAS, the suspension of the lobster fishery's certification of sustainability and the refusal of Whole Foods Market, Blue Apron Holdings and HelloFresh Group to continue to sell Gulf of Maine lobster harm the livelihoods of hard-working men and women up and down Maine's coast; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to express our disappointment over the outrageous decision by Whole Foods Market, Blue Apron Holdings and HelloFresh

Group to discontinue the sale of Gulf of Maine lobster; our belief that the Marine Stewardship Council, Whole Foods Market, Blue Apron Holdings and HelloFresh Group are following misguided recommendations rather than science; our hope that the Marine Stewardship Council, Whole Foods Market, Blue Apron Holdings and HelloFresh Group will reconsider their potentially devastating decision; and our hope that the public will refuse to patronize Whole Foods Market, Blue Apron Holdings and HelloFresh Group until those retailers recognize that their concerns regarding the danger of Maine lobstering to the North Atlantic right whale are unfounded and flawed and that their refusal to sell lobster from the Gulf of Maine based on these unfounded and flawed concerns maligns the men and women in Maine engaged in the lobster industry and Whole Foods Market, Blue Apron Holdings and HelloFresh Group resume selling lobster from the Gulf of Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the corporate offices of Whole Foods Market, Blue Apron Holdings and HelloFresh Group and to the Marine Stewardship Council.

**Read and adopted by the Senate December 7, 2022
and the House of Representatives December 7,
2022.**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY
2023 AS 211 MONTH**

S.P. 243

WHEREAS, 211 Maine is a Maine-based health and human services and emergency preparedness and response helpline that provides Maine people free and confidential referrals to needed resources; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine provides around-the-clock service statewide, offering efficient and effective responses from people employed in Maine to questions arising from the growing complexities in health, financial and human services and the needs of Maine people; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, 211 Maine call specialists have assisted with requests for information regarding topics ranging from substance use and recovery services to housing support and food resources, in 2022 fielding over 85,000 calls, text messages and e-mails from people looking for help; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine has supported the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the people of Maine by fielding general questions about

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COVID-19 since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, including questions regarding how people can best protect themselves, the common symptoms of COVID-19, travel advisories and the latest information on testing, and in this support role has fielded over 97,000 contacts; and

WHEREAS, during this past year, 211 Maine directed over 20,000 Maine people to heating and electric utility assistance services, which may have prevented their contacting the wrong agency for heating assistance, prevented utility shut-offs and saved people from spending winter nights without fuel; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine handles a number of specialized services and partnerships, including the opiate helpline and the gambling helpline and serving as the centralized access point for the Help Me Grow Maine program, helping families with children from birth to 8 years of age get connected to needed services, and is also a resource for finding information about needs such as tax preparation, mental health services and browntail moth caterpillar prevention, mitigation and treatment; and

WHEREAS, 211 Maine provides a powerful example of how the government and nonprofit and private sectors can work together to improve the quality of life of the people of Maine; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize February 2023 as 211 Month.

Read and adopted by the Senate February 14, 2023 and the House of Representatives February 16, 2023.

**JOINT RESOLUTION TO
RECOGNIZE THE LIVES
AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF BLACK MAINE
CITIZENS REUBEN RUBY,
GEORGE THOMPSON
RUBY, MARY DALY
DICKSON AND LOIS ANN
DICKSON RICE DURING
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

H.P. 373

WHEREAS, Maine's Black history and the story of Maine's Black citizens and their accomplishments and contributions are barely remembered today; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Ruby, a Black man, was born in Gray in 1798; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruby was the first person in the State to have a taxi, then known as a "hack," and one of

his riders was William Lloyd Garrison, who was given a tour of Portland by Mr. Ruby before the Boston abolitionist joined Portland's Black leaders at Mr. Ruby's home for dinner; and

WHEREAS, in the place where Mr. Ruby's hack stand was located, on the corner of Temple Street and Federal Street, there is placed, as part of the Portland Freedom Trail, a stone monument recognizing the business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruby was only 29 years of age when he became an agent for Freedom's Journal, the first Black-owned newspaper in the country. In October 1834, he was the only Black person among those representing the City of Portland at the forming of the Maine Anti-Slavery Society in Augusta; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruby was one of 2 Black persons sent to represent Maine at the Fifth Annual Convention for the Improvement of the Free People of Color, held in Philadelphia in 1835. The convention elected Mr. Ruby as its president; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruby was elected a vice-president of the American Moral Reform Society, a national group led by James Forten, a Black abolitionist from Philadelphia. In 1840, Mr. Ruby was elected president of the Manhattan Anti-Slavery Society in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Reuben Ruby's son, George Thompson Ruby, was the first Black graduate of Portland High School; and

WHEREAS, George Thompson Ruby was elected to the Texas state Senate during Reconstruction and was a delegate to the 1868 Republican National Convention in Chicago and the party's convention in Philadelphia 4 years later; and

WHEREAS, Lois Ann Dickson Rice, a Black woman, was born in Portland and went on to become valedictorian at Portland High School in 1950 and class president of Radcliffe College in 1954. She became national vice president of the College Board and is considered "the Mother of the Pell Grant," a federal financial aid program that benefits millions of students each year; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, her mother, Mary Daly Dickson, was named Maine Mother of the Year, becoming the first Black woman to gain that honor; and

WHEREAS, Lois Ann Dickson Rice's legacy of achievement continues in her daughter Susan Rice, who was United States Ambassador to the United Nations and then National Security Advisor in the administration of President Barack Obama and has been tapped to run the Domestic Policy Council under President Joe Biden; and

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WHEREAS, Maine's Black citizens have a long history of accomplishments that should be remembered and celebrated; and

WHEREAS, from the Revolutionary War through the abolitionist movement, to marches from Selma to Montgomery and across America today, and in this State, African Americans in Maine have remained devoted to the proposition that all of us are created equal, even when their own rights were denied; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is officially celebrated as Black History Month, which dates back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson set aside a special period of time in February to recognize the heritage and achievements of African Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to honor during Black History Month the contributions of African Americans in Maine's and the nation's history and encourage all people in the State to learn more about the past and to better understand the experiences that have shaped the State and the nation.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives
February 14, 2023 and the Senate February 16,
2023.**

the First Regular Session, on behalf of the people we represent, take this opportunity to recognize the inherent dignity and rights of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik and the Penobscot Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That We recognize March 16, 2023 as a historic State of the Tribes address at the Legislature.

**Read and adopted by the House of Representatives
March 16, 2023 and the Senate March 21, 2023.**

**JOINT RESOLUTION
COMMEMORATING THE
2023 STATE OF THE TRIBES**

H.P. 771

WHEREAS, the Wabanaki People, People of the Dawnland, including the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Mi'kmaq Nation, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik and the Penobscot Nation, have lived in present-day Maine since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Wabanaki People have been the stewards of the land and natural resources, while making significant economic, social and cultural contributions, including the participation of representatives to the Legislature since statehood; and

WHEREAS, the Wabanaki tribal nations addressed the Legislature in a historic State of the Tribes address on March 11, 2002; and

WHEREAS, this State of the Tribes address builds upon that work and serves as an opportunity to gain critical understanding of the continuing efforts to achieve a more just and equitable relationship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Legislature now assembled in

**STATE OF THE BUDGET ADDRESS
OF
GOVERNOR JANET T. MILLS
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

Governor Mills' 2023 State of the Budget Address

Introduction

Mr. President, Madam Speaker, Mr. Associate Justice, Mr. Attorney General, Madam Secretary of State, Mr. Treasurer, Members of my extraordinary Cabinet, Members of the 131st Legislature, esteemed guests –

We come together for the annual, time-honored tradition of a Governor's Address to you, the peoples' representatives, on the same day as another time-honored tradition – Valentine's Day.

I know one of these time-honored traditions is more fun than the other, but I am grateful for your willingness to be here this evening. And I know that you do it out of a sense of duty and responsibility for our state.

And I am grateful for the love you have for the people of Maine and for the honorable pursuit of public service that, despite our varied ideological beliefs, unites us in pursuit of a common, noble cause: to improve the lives and livelihoods of Maine people.

As my Valentine's Day gift to you, when you leave the Chamber you will find chocolate lobster treats from our friends at Wilbur's of Maine in Freeport – a treat I hope that tastes that much sweeter in the wake of our victory in Congress to pause the unfair right whale regulations imposed by the Federal government on our lobster industry.

So, we raise a chocolate lobster toast to our lobster fishermen. Right, Billy Bob?

Okay, so –

"As we look to the future, it is my pleasure to report that Maine's budget is in a stable and secure position. We have taken a cautious approach to budgeting during these uncertain times and have made investments in key areas, such as education, infrastructure, and healthcare, to support economic growth and stability."

Well, at least that's what ChatGPT tells me I should say.

In all seriousness, though, that's not far off from my own words.

State of the Budget

Our state stands on a solid fiscal footing, and we are prepared to weather whatever economic challenges may come. The state of our budget is strong.

Fiscal Outlook

We approach the end of the 2023 Fiscal Year in the black, with a substantial surplus. Like surpluses before it, with your bipartisan support last month, we are returning money to the people of Maine to provide some small measure of relief from high energy prices. Those checks are in the mail now, and by the end of next month, every eligible Maine taxpayer should receive one.

Looking forward, our revenue outlook for the next two fiscal years is also strong.

According to the independent, nonpartisan Revenue Forecasting Committee – comprised of experts in the economy – the State can anticipate a total of \$10.5 billion in revenue over the next two years.

That is \$1.1 billion more than the current baseline budget.

On top of that, for the following two Fiscal Years – 2026 and 2027 – the Revenue Forecasting Committee projects approximately \$11.6 billion in revenue.

These strong revenue projections did not just happen by themselves.

They are the direct result of a strong economy, created by Federal support and deliberate policy and financial choices we have made in State government to fuel our recovery from the pandemic and create the conditions necessary for sustained economic growth.

The Economy

And today, despite years of pandemic-driven turmoil and even with the possibility of a recession still on the horizon, our economy remains strong.

Since 2019, our Gross Domestic Product – an important measure of economic growth – grew by 10.1 percent, the 9th best growth rate in the nation and the best in New England. In fact, Maine has experienced more

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economic growth over the last four years than it did in the entire preceding fifteen years.

Wages are up substantially. Even when adjusting for inflation, Maine people are earning about eight percent more than they were just a few years ago. Nationally, new businesses are starting at some of the fastest rates on record. Last year alone, nearly 14,000 new businesses registered with the Maine Secretary of State's office.

Our unemployment rate stands at 3.8 percent, down from 4.1 percent a year ago.

Our State's credit ratings are in good shape, reaffirmed during the pandemic when other states experienced downgrades.

Our Unemployment Trust Fund remains solvent, while other states had to borrow from the Federal government and then repay that money with interest.

And, with your help, we built up Maine's Rainy Day Fund to a record high of more than \$900 million.

We have become a top destination for people relocating in New England. Between July 2019 and July 2021, we boasted the 7th highest in-migration rate in the nation.

In 2021, we experienced the largest population gain from net migration since the 1950s. In the last two years, a net 34,237 people moved here – about 31,000 coming from other U.S. states.

This is all welcome news, but Maine is not without its challenges – even with our strong influx of new people, we face an alarming shortage of workers and high costs.

Right now, as elsewhere across the nation, there are two job openings for every unemployed person in Maine.

"Help Wanted" signs hang in the front window of shops and factories across the state – and the shortage is taking its toll.

Some schools have canceled classes because too many teachers and bus drivers are out sick. Police and firefighters are working extra shifts to fill gaps in coverage. Shops and restaurants are closing early, some closing altogether, because of staff shortages.

How do we address it?

Well, my guiding belief as Governor is that the foundation of Maine's economy is our people.

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And I firmly believe that if we are to build a stronger, more prosperous state where opportunity is available to all, then we must invest in the people of Maine.

That is why my budgets and my Jobs Plan have focused on investing in health and education and in the infrastructure working people need – including housing, child care and broadband.

Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan

Two years ago you enacted my Maine Jobs & Recovery Plan, investing nearly \$1 billion in Federal American Rescue Plan funds to improve the lives of Maine people and families, to help businesses create and fill good-paying jobs, and to build an economy poised for future prosperity.

Since that bill took effect, we have delivered direct economic relief to nearly 1,000 small businesses and we have supported more than 100 infrastructure projects around the state to create jobs and revitalize communities.

We have invested \$300 million to support our workforce, in everything from job training, to business supports, to housing, to child care. These critical investments are helping tens of thousands of people acquire skills and find good paying careers in health care, in the trades, in teaching, and in paid apprenticeships for all sorts of employers so that people with skills may quickly enter and remain in our workforce.

Our investments are also connecting 6,000 high school students with paid, hands-on work experience with Maine employers through the Maine Career Exploration Program. Since last fall, more than 2,000 young people have signed up to gain skills and mentoring so they can discover good careers right here in Maine – and provide some extra help to Maine businesses at the same time.

There are more slots available. So, if there is a teenager in your family who would like to explore a career, please ask your school about this program.

In addition to job training, the Jobs Plan has invested in child care, housing and reliable broadband – the things people tell us they need to enter and remain in the workforce.

Previous Budget

The new biennial budget proposal complements the budgets we enacted in the last legislative session. Lest

anybody forget, we actually got a lot done in those budgets, you and I! –

We achieved 55 percent state funding for education for the first time in Maine history, putting funds directly into classrooms to benefit Maine kids regardless of their zip code.

We became the second state in the nation to provide universal free food in the public schools, erasing the shameful divide between the have's and have not's.

We delivered two-years free community college to recent high school graduates, driving enrollment up by a record 12 percent and restoring the dreams of higher education that so many young people gave up on during the pandemic.

We fully restored municipal revenue sharing to five percent, sending nearly \$700 million of our revenues to the towns to reduce the property tax burden and to fund services like fire and police.

We provided significant tax relief, reducing income taxes for retirees and property taxes for seniors.

Bipartisan progress on issues critical to Maine people became the foundation for the biennial budget proposal before you now.

Health Care

I have long said that we cannot have a healthy economy if we do not have healthy people.

It's pretty hard to hold a job, support a family, or pay attention at school if you are sick or suffering.

Having health care enables you to shape your future and contribute to your community and to our economy – as it did for one woman who approached me at the polls last November to tell me that MaineCare expansion allowed her to get much needed heart surgery that saved her life.

Over 100,000 more Maine people receive treatment for accidents and illnesses, prescriptions and procedures, and – now – dental care just through the Medicaid expansion.

And now, independent of Medicaid, we're also providing dental care to hundreds of Maine veterans who could not otherwise afford to see a dentist through a partnership between my administration and Northeast Delta Dental, supported by members of Maine Masonic

Lodges and others. If you know a veteran who could benefit, please contact the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services.

We established CoverME.gov to help 63,000 people get health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. – People like Pamela Gray of Gorham, a cancer survivor who is now getting the health care she needs thanks to affordable coverage through CoverME.gov.

Together, we have reduced our uninsured rate from 8 percent in 2019 to 5.7 percent in 2021 – the largest decline of any state in the nation.

And we have made sure Maine people will not be charged more or be denied coverage based on a pre-existing condition.

But there is more we can do to make Maine a healthier state. I propose we focus on some of our most vulnerable – and valued – residents.

Last year, I signed an Executive Order creating the Cabinet on Aging to mobilize State government to keep making strides in taking care of older Mainers.

This year, I am proposing \$144 million in federal and state dollars combined to expand and improve services that will allow older Mainers to age safely in their homes and communities, with home-delivered meals, and with programs that reduce abuse, neglect and exploitation.

We are also investing in the health and wellbeing of people with disabilities.

I am the grandmother of a beautiful, loving child with autism. I understand the difficulty that parents of children with disabilities face on a day to day basis, especially when it comes to finding consistent help to support the needs and strengths of their child.

My budget proposes \$84 million in state and federal funds to improve access to services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including those in urgent need of comprehensive residential care through "Section 21," and eliminating the waitlist for day and work support services, known as MaineCare Section 29.

Maine can do better by people with disabilities. Many of the individuals on the waitlist are children whose parents have reserved a spot years in advance, anticipating the more intensive services those children will need as they grow into adulthood.

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When it comes time to move these children into adult services, our system of care right now leaves these families with abrupt and burdensome transitions.

Carrie Woodcock, Executive Director of the Maine Parent Federation, described her experience of caring for her child with a developmental disability as "episodic," saying that it was so much work to keep up with her child's case that she became fluent in filling out eligibility paperwork.

That's not right. And it's why my budget proposes a fundamental reform in how we deliver these services.

We are proposing a "lifespan waiver" that flips the system to focus on the services individuals need, not on the bureaucracy that provides those services. With a lifespan waiver, people can get services that are tailored to their preferences, age, and needs, along with help finding a suitable job and a plan for their future that can be updated as circumstances change.

I ask you to approve this initiative. Individuals with disabilities and their caregivers deserve the peace of mind of a system of adaptable and individualized supports.

Education

Education remains a central piece of this budget. We recognize that education is a great equalizer in our society and that every child, regardless of where they live, deserves a world-class education that will prepare them for a successful adulthood. And we recognize, and applaud, the talented support staff and the educators who step into the classroom every day with our students.

Two years ago, we met the state's obligation to pay 55 percent of local education costs – for the first time since the voters told us to do so in 2004. My budget proposal includes \$101 million to continue this commitment, investing directly in our schools, teachers, and staff and helping our communities hold the line on property taxes.

Two years ago, you passed – and I signed – nation-leading legislation spearheaded by Senate President Jackson to ensure that no child in Maine goes hungry during the school day. My budget continues this crucial program to ensure that no child has to try to learn on an empty stomach.

Last year, we worked together to make two years of Community College free for recent high school graduates impacted by the pandemic. We believed that it

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would not only help students pursue higher education debt-free but that it would make ready a trained workforce in much needed sectors of our economy.

Students like Elisabeth "Tip" Ackerman, who was able to go back to school because of this initiative. Tip will soon graduate with a degree in early childhood education and will help fill our need for more child care workers.

And students like Zim Cunningham, who says that while he struggled academically in high school, he is now excelling at Washington County Community College and will soon enter the workforce, without college debt, trained to become a powersports and small engine technician.

And students like Margarida Celestino, who last year told her advisor that she would have to drop out because she needed to earn money. Free community college has allowed her not only to stay in school, but to enroll full time, instead of just picking up one or two classes whenever she had enough saved up.

Because of our initiative, Maine's Community Colleges experienced record enrollment last year and, now, students like these can spend less time worrying about how to pay for college, and more time focused on earning the credential or degree they need to succeed in Maine's workforce.

Free community college is working. Let's keep it up for another two years!

My budget also includes \$71 million for the University System, the Maine Community College System, and Maine Maritime Academy, which includes a 4.5 percent across the board increase – along with \$10 million to boost the Maine State Grant Program, increasing the maximum grant award to \$3,000 to help more Maine students afford the cost of college.

If you approve that increase, we will have doubled the Maine State grant award over the past four years.

Transportation & Infrastructure

This biennial budget also proposes one of the largest investments in our roads, bridges, and other multimodal infrastructure in history.

For years, we have been playing catch-up when it comes to upgrading the critical infrastructure on which Maine people rely every day to go to work, to go to school, or just to get around.

A lack of resources has forced the Maine Department of Transportation to operate in what Commissioner Van Note calls "MacGyver Mode" – stretching each dollar as far as it can go to fix problems when and as they arise.

MaineDOT – and all of state government – should always aim to get the most value out of every dollar. But addressing problems only when they become critical costs us more over the long term and makes our roads, bridges, and highways – and the people who travel over them – much less safe.

In 2020, the American Society of Engineers gave Maine a "C-" for our infrastructure, and a "D" for our roads. The *average* age of our bridges is about 55 years!

That's unacceptable. And it's dangerous. And it's costing all of us in repairs and wear and tear on our cars and trucks each year.

The good news is, in 2021, the United States Congress – with the support of our Congressional Delegation – passed and President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which makes available historic levels of federal funding for infrastructure projects.

Now, much of this new funding requires a matching contribution from the state, so my budget proposes making \$400 million available to MaineDOT to leverage hundreds of millions of additional dollars in federal funds to make long-term investments in our roads, bridges, highways, and in our iconic villages and downtowns, making them safer for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists as well.

If you approve my proposal, these federal dollars, along with our state match, will allow MaineDOT to pave more than 3,000 miles of road, reconstruct 271 miles of highway, and fix 302 bridges – on top of many other worthy multimodal projects.

Pothole season will be here soon. So, as my friend Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan likes to say, "let's fix the damn roads."

The Environment

Protecting our environment is always a priority. And I am especially proud of the important, bipartisan progress we have made over the past four years.

Together, we have reinvigorated the Land for Maine's Future Program, which has already conserved 37 new projects, preserving working farmland, working

waterfront, working forests and the largest deer wintering areas ever.

We have led the nation in combating PFAS contamination, which is devastating many communities in Maine – forcing some schools to switch to bottled water, leaving farmers in financial shambles, and fishermen and hunters questioning whether the wildlife they harvest might be contaminated.

In all, with your help, we have dedicated more than \$100 million over the past two years to address PFAS – funding environmental testing and remediation, creating a Trust Fund to assist farmers, installing more than 300 drinking water treatment systems, and establishing temporary standards to protect drinking water.

Now I am asking you to approve an additional \$6 million in State and Federal funds to further strengthen our ability to detect and mitigate PFAS, including sampling and continued testing of wells, soils and wildlife.

Climate Change

Of course, one of – if not the – greatest threat to our environment is climate change, which United Nations scientists have called "a code red for humanity."

In 2019, I stood before the United Nations General Assembly and told the world that Maine will not wait to act.

Our environment, our people, and our infrastructure remain at serious risk from climate change – and it is our communities that are on the frontlines of this battle.

Communities that are reeling from storms that are growing more severe and more frequent, damaging more infrastructure and threatening our safety.

Just two days before Christmas, a winter storm battered our coast, with heavy rains and high winds that caused extensive flooding and power outages.

We have to make our communities more resilient to the impacts of storms like these.

So our Community Resilience Partnership is providing grants and assistance to more than 130 communities across Maine to reduce their carbon emissions, transition them to clean energy, and protect them from rising seas and extreme weather events.

For example –

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We provided \$41,000 to the Town of Paris to install a solar array on the roof of the police station, with the goal of integrating battery storage and ensuring that the police station remains operational during power outages.

The City of Rockland is using a \$50,000 grant to redesign the piers and seawall of its downtown waterfront which is increasingly vulnerable to more powerful storm surges.

I am proposing \$3 million more to continue this important work and ensure that our communities are better prepared to protect our people from the impacts of climate change.

Energy Prices

Fighting climate change also requires us to embrace clean sources of energy, which will also help us rein in outrageous energy prices.

Whether it is the cost of heating fuel or electricity, the price of energy in Maine is getting to be simply unaffordable and it discourages people from staying here and businesses from coming here.

We know what the problem is: it's the stranglehold that fossil fuel companies have on our state and on our people.

We are the most heating oil dependent state in the nation, with nearly sixty percent of our homes relying on heating oil or kerosene to stay warm. The national average? Just four percent.

The electricity from our grid, which we share with the rest of New England, is overly reliant on natural gas – and the price of natural gas has shot through the roof, in large part as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Every year, Maine people send more than \$4 billion out-of-state to line the pockets and the profits of big fossil fuel companies, money that could be better spent here at home, while our families and our environment remain at their mercy.

Enough is enough.

We are making unprecedented strides to embrace renewable energy; to weatherize more homes and businesses; and to install more efficient heating and cooling technologies, like heat pumps.

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And it is working. Maine is now among the nation's leaders in energy efficiency. In 2019, I set a goal of installing 100,000 new heat pumps by 2025. Today, we are well on our way, with more than 82,000 new heat pumps installed.

Maine people are recognizing the value of these measures – not only for their wallets, but for our environment and for our economy.

The Washington Post recently asked a woman named Marianna from Freeport if she missed her propane furnace after installing a heat pump. Her response?

"Oh, hell no."

She went on to say that her heat pump is comfortable, quiet, and a really good system.

"I'm excited our state is so forward thinking," she said, "and we have to be, because we live in a drop-dead gorgeous part of this country and we're invested in keeping it that way."

To that I say, hell yeah, Marianna!

To bring down the cost of electricity for Maine people, to protect our environment from harmful carbon emissions, and to create new and exciting jobs that attract young people to Maine, we have to loosen the stranglehold fossil fuel has on our state.

We must diversify our energy sources.

In 2019, I signed into law a bipartisan bill requiring our state to achieve 80 percent of our electricity from renewable sources by 2030. The resulting low-cost energy contracts saved Maine ratepayers more than \$68 million last year.

Today, 48 percent of our electricity comes from renewable sources. We expect that to be 53 percent by the end of this year.

The time has come to be bolder: I am announcing tonight that I am directing my Energy Office to draft legislation requiring that 100 percent of our electricity come from clean energy by 2040.

By accelerating our pace toward 100 percent clean energy, we will reduce costs for Maine people, create new jobs and career opportunities that strengthen our economy, and protect us from the ravages of climate change.

Housing

Something else that has become unaffordable is housing: it's just too scarce and too high priced for too many.

More competition within the housing market has driven up rents and home prices, here and around the country.

When combined with higher interest rates, home affordability has soared out of reach for far too many.

The problem cuts across nearly every facet of our society, contributing to homelessness and limiting our ability to expand our workforce.

Bath Iron Works, one of the largest employers in Maine, recently said that their main problem is not actually finding workers, but, instead, finding those skilled workers places to live.

The company hired 400 people in 2021 and 2022 who needed to relocate to take the jobs. When all was said and done, a quarter of those people – 100 of them – could not take the job because they were unable to find housing.

That is unacceptable. But it is all too common a story I hear when traveling the state.

MaineHousing has told us that we need more than 20,000 new housing units to meet demand.

That's why we've made the largest investments in housing in our state's history: signing the long-overdue senior housing bond; enacting the affordable housing tax credit; renewing the historic rehabilitation tax credit, and committing \$50 million to housing through my Jobs Plan. All combined, these actions have resulted in more than 1,500 new residential units that are built or on their way to being built, with hundreds more in the pipeline.

But we have our work cut out for us.

In my budget I propose an additional \$30 million to build more housing, especially in rural Maine.

\$15 million of that funding would recapitalize the Rural Rental Program established in my Jobs Plan.

In 2021, we dedicated \$20 million to that very popular program – and now there are more than 130 units of affordable housing being built in towns from Norway to Madison to Presque Isle.

The other \$15 million will build on another Jobs Plan program to leverage matching Federal housing tax

credits. With the money we have provided already through the Jobs Plan, we have added more than 325 affordable housing units in communities from Hartland to South Portland to Bridgton.

I ask you tonight to approve this funding so we can continue to ensure that Maine people are adequately housed.

I also understand there is a bill before the Legislature that espouses the concept of "housing first." Housing First has proven to be a very successful and cost effective approach to addressing the needs of people experiencing chronic homelessness, many of whom are struggling for stability while suffering from acute mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

This bill would create a path to ending chronic homelessness in Maine by expanding the Housing First model statewide.

Under this legislation, Maine would provide permanent supportive housing for hundreds of Maine's citizens, providing communities across Maine with a desperately needed resource to address chronic homelessness and reduce health care and public safety costs.

The time for this legislation has come. Tonight, I call on the Legislature to send that bill to my desk. I will sign it.

I am also aware that Senate President Jackson and Speaker Talbot Ross and this Legislature have established a Joint Select Committee on Housing.

My Administration will work closely with Committee Chairs Senator Pierce, Representative Gere, along with Republican Leads Senator Pouliot and Representative Bradstreet, as you work to address homelessness, build and preserve workforce and affordable housing, and support reasonable zoning and land use changes that will expand housing opportunities across our state.

Housing is not a partisan issue. It is an issue that cuts to the core of our identity, because a home is not simply where we live. A home is where my late husband, Stan, and I raised our five daughters, where we gathered for holidays and sat around the table with loved ones, where we laid our heads to rest at night, knowing we were safe and together.

We can and will work together across the aisle to make sure that every person in our state has a safe, secure and affordable place to call home.

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The Opioid Crisis

Many of those who are unhoused are struggling with substance use disorder.

The scourge of addiction continues to reach into every corner of our state – rural and urban – robbing us of friends, family and loved ones, diminishing our sense of community, our workforce, and our future.

Since 2019, we have taken significant actions to respond to this crisis, addressing the three legged stool of prevention, interdiction, and treatment. We began by expanding Medicaid, which has provided substance use disorder treatment to more than 25,000 individuals in Maine, leading them back into productive lives.

We sharply increased access to the life-saving overdose medication naloxone, distributing more than 276,000 doses, which have been used to reverse more than 7,100 overdoses that otherwise would have been fatal.

We increased access to treatment and recovery, adding 140 residential treatment beds and detox beds. And I have directed the Department of Health and Human Services to invest another \$2 million to further increase the availability of those beds across Maine.

In the Maine State Prison System, we provided substance use disorder treatment to more than 2,200 incarcerated individuals, a nationally-recognized strategy that has reduced assaults, self-harm, and overdoses – and a strategy that should be expanded to every county jail in Maine.

And last year, working closely with Democrats and Republicans, we enacted one of the best Good Samaritan laws in the country to encourage people to call for help if they witness an overdose.

This work is good. It is important. It is necessary. But it is not enough.

Last year alone, there were more than 10,000 overdoses in Maine. Out of those, 716 were fatal.

In December alone, there were 928 overdoses, with 75 people dying – the highest number of deaths of any month on record.

This is a crisis.

And, right now, it's driven by the ever-increasing prevalence of fentanyl, the highly lethal and highly addictive synthetic opioid often mixed with heroin, cocaine,

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methamphetamines and pills consumed by unknowing users.

In Maine, as in the rest of the nation, fentanyl is now not only the leading cause of overdose. It is responsible for nearly 80 percent of all drug deaths.

Eighty percent.

Last year law enforcement officers seized more than 36 pounds of fentanyl in Maine, nearly 60 percent more than in 2021. That's "pounds!" – It's enough fentanyl to kill every man, woman and child in the State of Maine and then some!

The prevalence of fentanyl, along with methamphetamines and now xylazine, contributes to deadly traffic accidents, police involved shootings and the health, safety and academic performance of our children. It is sneaking into every community and stealing the lives and livelihoods of valued citizens.

What can we do?

First of all, I am announcing tonight that we will increase the State's purchase and distribution of naloxone by 25 percent – a strategy that has contributed to a 93 percent survival rate among those who experience an overdose. We start by saving lives, pure and simple.

Then, with non-taxpayer funds committed by Attorney General Aaron Frey, we will double the number of trained individuals who join law enforcement on calls related to substance use and who can lead people to treatment and recovery services.

Last December alone, these "OPTIONS liaisons" responded to dozens of calls with law enforcement officers and got nearly 100 people into treatment.

"OPTIONS" is working and by expanding it we will save more lives.

Attorney General Frey, thank you for helping us provide this life-saving program to more people.

As part of this budget, I am also proposing an historic \$237 million in combined State and Federal funding for substance use disorder and mental health services, to include an increase in rates paid to providers.

This will allow, for example, a 48 percent increase for methadone treatment and an 8.2 percent increase for intensive outpatient services, to complement an increase in recovery residences and a 24/7 drop-in center.

And recognizing that the pandemic has taken a toll on the mental health of Maine people – including our children – our budget strengthens Maine's mental health system, proposing rate increases starting at 15 percent in crisis residential services, 30 percent in school and community-based services, and other improvements as part of our commitment to end the 30-year old AMHI consent decree.

I ask you, please, approve all these much-needed investments.

Look, there is not a person in this room who has not been touched by the scourge of substance abuse disorder. People like:

The family of Hannah Flaherty of Eustis, only 14 years old, a straight A-student who had no history of drug use and who was loved by her community, who died after ingesting what Hannah evidently thought was cocaine. It was pure fentanyl.

Then there was the 11-month old baby girl in Corinna who overdosed on some fentanyl that her parents had lying around. She was saved by naloxone and by the heroism of first responders. Police found traces of fentanyl in her crib and on her teddy bear.

And, then, of course, there was three-year old Hailey Goding of Old Town, whose mother is serving 19 years in prison for the fentanyl overdose death of that little child.

Child Welfare

We must acknowledge that the drug epidemic is jeopardizing the safety, security and welfare of our youngest children as well as our adults, our families and our workforce. Prevention programs in our schools and communities are also key. But we must protect children at risk, first and foremost. Substance use disorder is identified as a risk factor in 53 percent of cases when a child is removed from the home.

To improve the safety of our children, we must recognize that Maine's drug epidemic is a grave threat to the safety of our children.

And tonight I am announcing a series of new actions to address both.

First, we will partner with the Maine Child Welfare Action Network to develop a new, comprehensive plan to keep children safe by keeping families strong – by ensuring kids have healthy food, safe housing, and child

care, and by supporting parents with job training and education, and mental health and substance use services.

If we keep families healthy, then we can keep children safe.

Second, I am directing the Department of Health and Human Services to embed a clinical expert in substance use disorder in every child welfare district in Maine to better recognize the influence of substance use, to navigate the risks to children, and to steer parents into treatment.

We know this strategy works because we have done it before, providing experts in domestic violence to help caseworkers identify and confront abuse in the home and combat its profound effects on children in particular.

Third, I have directed the Department of Health and Human Services to engage recovery coaches with lived experience to assist parents struggling with substance use disorder.

Remembering that "the opposite of addiction is not (simply) sobriety but connections," these people can share their own experiences with parents and walk with them along the road to recovery, while making sure the children are protected.

Lastly, I want to expand the number of Family Recovery Courts in Maine. These specialty courts work with families whose children are at risk because their parents are struggling with substance use disorder. I will engage with the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, and others to expand these courts and promote them aggressively as an effective means to get parents into treatment, to closely monitor their progress, and, ultimately, to reunite them with their children only when it is appropriate to do so.

This approach recognizes that the safety of our children is deeply intertwined with the safety of our families and our communities – and that each of these is threatened by the growing prevalence of dangerous drugs.

It also complements the significant action undertaken by my Administration and the last Legislature to improve the child welfare system – enacting bipartisan legislation to strengthen the Office of the Child Welfare Ombudsman; investing more than \$30 million to bridge the gaps in the child welfare workforce; and improving our policies and practices in child welfare.

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To date, we have increased caseworker positions by 29 percent, we have increased the number of resource (or foster) homes by 31 percent, and we have replaced an outdated child welfare information system.

We have created a new unit to respond 24/7 to emergency reports of suspected abuse or neglect. And we improved our intake systems for reports of abuse and neglect, including launching an online reporting system for school personnel, medical professionals and law enforcement who suspect a child is at risk.

Tonight I also ask the Legislature to approve my request for nearly \$15 million for foster care and adoption assistance so that we can support those who care for children in state custody.

I welcome the Legislature's continued oversight of child welfare. Every death of a child in any way connected to the child welfare system should be scrutinized for ways to improve and strengthen our system while preserving the ability of the state to put behind bars anyone who caused that child's death.

As we talk about ways to improve our child welfare system, we must also have a robust debate about all the ways we can improve the overall wellbeing of all children and families.

I pledge to you that my Administration will not shy away from any good, effective idea to ensure that every child in Maine is happy and healthy. We cannot and shall not rest in this fight.

Court System

To that same end, we need the assistance of the courts who are facing an unprecedented backlog of cases stemming from the disruption of the pandemic.

In this budget, I am proposing \$15 million to allow the courts to hire additional marshals and clerks, which will enable the courts to operate safely and more efficiently.

To build on this investment, I am also announcing that I will also propose an additional four district court judgeships to relieve the backlog of cases and to allow the courts to prioritize the most urgent matters such as domestic violence, serious crimes and child protection cases and intensive but effective specialty courts such as Family Recovery Courts.

And I know the Legislature is concerned about our Constitutional obligation to provide legal counsel to low-income Maine people.

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I am too.

I have proposed funding for ten new public defenders, building on the five positions established during the last legislative session. I ask you to approve these positions.

And to complement this effort, I have written to dozens of law firms around the state asking them to designate one or more attorneys to join the roster of counsel available to accept indigent legal cases. It is good for the firms, good for the courts, and good for the people.

This problem will require a comprehensive effort, inside and outside of government, including, first and foremost, reducing the backlog in our courts, as the rising number of cases discourages many lawyers from accepting court appointed matters.

I look forward to working with the Legislature throughout the budget writing process to discuss what steps we can take to strengthen our legal system and the delivery of justice to all Maine citizens.

Conclusion

My friends, this budget proposal is strong. It is balanced. It lives within our means. It does not raise taxes. It makes meaningful investments in the things people rely on every day – while maintaining our record high Rainy Day Fund to protect us against an economic downturn.

18-time baseball All-Star Yogi Berra said, "If you don't know where you're going, you might not get there."

Well, we know where we are going – and this budget is our blueprint to get there.

You know, I have never wavered in my fundamental belief that the people of Maine are our greatest asset.

We have weathered long winters, terrible storms, wars, floods, famines, recessions, and, yes, pandemics.

We've taken to deep coastal waters to haul lobsters; we've worked the fields of the County to harvest potatoes; and we've ventured far into the Maine woods to fell trees.

Some have traveled "from away," braving the daunting prospect of change and, in some circumstances, even risking life and limb – to come to this beautiful place we call home.

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In each of these acts is unshakeable courage, a spirit of independence and self reliance, a fortitude that is as fearless as it is inexhaustible.

That is the inherent character of Maine people.

Our job, our responsibility, is to foster that character. If we provide the human infrastructure – a strong health care system, good schools, housing, roads, child care, broadband – then the people of Maine will do the rest.

And that is what this budget does – it carries forward what we promised to the people of Maine. With it, we will unlock our vast potential.

I look forward to working with all of you in the coming months to enact a strong, bipartisan budget that is worthy of the people we serve and that addresses our most pressing needs.

It is always a privilege to be here in this historic chamber with you.

Happy Valentine's Day, from me to all of you!

Thank you.

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**Presented by Chief Justice
Valerie Stanfill
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Governor Mills, President Jackson, Speaker Talbot Ross, distinguished Members and guests of the 131st Maine Legislature, and people of the State of Maine:

I am honored to be here and bring you some updates on the state of the Judiciary, Maine's third branch of government. Now that we have all learned to protect against some of the dangers of COVID transmission, I am particularly delighted to be able to address you in person this year, for the first time, as I tell you about how the Judicial Branch has weathered the pandemic and how we are moving forward.

Before I begin, however, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce and thank members of the Judicial Branch who have accompanied me here today:

Foremost, Senior Associate Justice Andrew Mead, who has appeared in front of you in my stead as recently as last week, as well as in his role as Acting Chief Justice before my appointment to this position. We owe him our deepest gratitude for steering us in the darkest days of COVID.

My colleagues and members of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court: Associate Justices Andrew Mark Horton, Catherine Connors, and Rick Lawrence. And our newest member, Justice Wayne Douglas, appearing for the first time in his new role. Justice Joseph Jabar was unable to be here today as he is in Vienna on a trip that was cancelled and rescheduled more than once due to COVID. And I confess, Rene Jabar has more pull with him than I do.

I would also like to introduce the Chiefs of the Trial Courts: Chief Justice Robert Mullen of the Superior

Court, and Chief Judge Brent Davis and Deputy Chief Judge Lea-Anne Sutton of the District Court.

Key members of our administrative team are here as well. First and foremost, our State Court Administrator, Amy Quinlan. With her are two people many of you know: Barbara Cardone, our Director of Legal Affairs and Public Relations, and Julie Finn, our Legislative Analyst. Judges are often the public face of the Judicial Branch, but we cannot function without the talented and critical members of our administrative office.

I specifically want to recognize a few people who are not here:

- Dave Packard, our Chief Information Officer, and the whole information technology team. They have had to respond to an ever-changing explosion of technology needs and have kept us all working.
- Sue Bement, the Clerk of Lewison District Court, and Michele Lumbert, the Clerk of the combined Augusta District and Kennebec Superior Courts. Both helped to navigate their teams through the unprecedented changes in the last few years, as did all of our clerks, and both are retiring in the next few weeks after more than 4 decades of service to the people of Maine. They will be missed.
- Ted Ross, our Judicial Marshal, and his team of Deputy Marshals. They have kept all of us safe while the pandemic tasked them with the need to screen for COVID symptoms and figure out Zoom while appropriately responding to an increasingly agitated and frustrated public.

And finally, I want to recognize and thank all of the women and men who comprise the Judicial Branch – far too numerous to name – for their hard work, dedication and willingness to serve the interests of justice. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by extraordinary people every day working to serve the people of this State.

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In this address, I would like to discuss with you the following topics:

- *First*, case backlogs, staffing, and other resource pressures on the courts as we emerge from the pandemic;
- *Next*, what we are asking you to do;
- *Third*, the status of implementation of Maine eCourts and Odyssey, our new case management system; and
- *Finally*, I would like to end on a high note and discuss successes we have had despite the pandemic hardships and shortage of resources.

Backlogs and Shortage of Resources

I have been a judge for 16 years. And during my years in particular on the District Court, before COVID and coronavirus were part of our lexicon, it certainly felt like I was working harder and longer, that there was less breathing room, that it was increasingly difficult to get to cases in a timely fashion. We seemed to be running faster all the time and yet struggling to keep up. And I knew that the numbers of cases filed were flat or even down, which seemed inconsistent with my perception. But I also knew that many others, judges and clerks, felt the same way. And indeed, as Chief Justice, I am digging into the data, and it backs up my experience.

The state court system never closed during the pandemic, but there were about 15 months where some dockets, especially jury trials, were significantly curtailed to comply with emergency orders and CDC recommendations concerning distancing and capacity. This led to a buildup of cases that we are still trying to address.

When we talk about backlogs, there really are two issues: an increase in the numbers of cases pending as well as the length of time a case takes. Both of those measures increased dramatically since the beginning of the pandemic, but it turns out that the increases in the number of cases pending as well as the time they take actually started before that, despite overall decreases in filings.

I would like to dive in a little deeper in some areas with you.

Criminal dockets

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- We have about 65% more cases pending now than before the pandemic primarily because of our inability to hold any jury trials for a significant period of time. Even though most cases resolve without actually having a trial, it generally does not happen until the trial is scheduled. Without trials being scheduled, far fewer cases are resolved.
- That increase in pending cases fluctuates a little but has held steady for about 2 years now.
- Significantly, the caseload is not evenly distributed across the types of cases. Although the caseload is up 65% overall,
 - Civil violations are actually down about 35%;
 - Misdemeanors are up about 60%;
 - Most importantly, the most serious cases – felonies – are up about 87%.

Obviously more serious felonies tend to take longer both to prepare for trial and to try. They may have more court events. They contribute more heavily to the backlog.

But, again, this trend started before the pandemic: despite modest decreases in overall criminal filings, felonies were an increasing portion of the cases filed before the pandemic. Failures to appear and continuance rates were increasing before the pandemic, again especially in felonies. Judges, prosecutors, and defense attorneys have been working hard to come up with fair and creative ways to dispose of cases, but additional conferences and appearances take additional judge and clerk time.

And it is not just felonies that have become more time consuming. Think of a typical OUI prosecution. When I started as a lawyer, the evidence consisted of a one-page report together with the results of a breath test. Now the reports are many pages, and with the use of body and cruiser cameras by law enforcement it takes far longer for prosecutors and defense counsel to review the evidence. It also takes longer to present the evidence in pretrial motions, with the judge now reviewing all the video. The trial takes longer because hours of video may be played for the jury – what used to be a half-day trial now takes one or one and a half days. Multiply that out by every case filed!

Other factors in complexity and delay include high rates of mental health and substance use disorders. The opioid epidemic and substance use disorders drive not only drug crimes but also crimes involving property and violence. Unless a full range of treatment resources are available both in the community and during incarceration, the cycle simply continues to repeat itself.

Significant mental health disorders are also adding to the complexity of the cases. Judges ordered three times as many mental health examinations in 2022 as we did in 2014. This means a longer pretrial wait while the evaluation is being done, and then additional proceedings once we have the result. Findings that defendants are incompetent to stand trial have more than tripled, even for misdemeanors.

A couple of other docket trends

The number of child protective cases brought by the Department of Health and Human Services was fairly flat between 2010 and 2017. Then, in 2018-2019 – before the pandemic – protective custody filings nearly doubled. The increased volume of protective custody cases has led to a 50% increase in the number of pending cases, and the amount of court time devoted to child protective cases, which has always been significant, is now about 75% higher than in 2010.

The average time to disposition in family cases was modestly increasing before the pandemic but has significantly increased since the pandemic. This leads to increasing numbers of cases pending, and families with children being left to wait longer periods of time for resolution of their living situations.

Numerous other changes have affected the time devoted to cases. Just a few examples: as a result of the foreclosure crisis, foreclosure cases typically now require trials, which may be short but must occur. Changed statutory procedures for debt-buyer cases require a judge to review every case upon filing. Electronic processes and remote proceedings are efficient for court users but not necessarily for the courts: it takes court clerks about 5 times as long to schedule mediation to be held remotely as for an in-person mediation.

Finally, one of our most pressing struggles is with the scarcity of constitutionally required counsel. All of us care deeply that the constitutional rights of the people

who come before us are protected as they face criminal charges or the loss of their children. I know that you recognize the problem. It also affects Maine's court operations in many ways. Our clerks are spending hours and hours trying to find lawyers in cases rather than making a single phone call. Our trial courts shift operations on a regular basis to accommodate the needs of attorneys strained by their case load and spread out through many counties. This means increased use of Zoom, even when it is not otherwise effective. It means cases are continued, whether formally through motions or informally, because there is just too much for the attorneys to handle.

While this crisis is not directly "the court's problem," we are all interconnected in this justice system. The problem is multi-factorial, including an aging bar, shrinking rural practices, and not enough new attorneys entering the practice of law. And the lack of lawyers is felt not only in cases where attorneys are constitutionally required, but also in civil cases as well. Our civil legal services providers do what they can, but many people struggle to represent themselves in cases involving their families, housing, protection orders, and other critical needs. Indeed, in most family cases at least one of the parties is self-represented.

Budget Requests

I have gone into some detail to try to explain how the increased number of cases and the lengthier times to disposition were not created solely by the pandemic. Rather, the pandemic was the tipping point that unmasked the reality that even before 2020, the courts and judicial system were straining to keep up with the demand of cases. We are still struggling to provide appropriate security leading to courthouse closures. We continue to wrestle with the pandemic backlog. Courts are facing progressively complicated cases, new technology demands, overburdened and decreasing numbers of counsel to handle the caseload, and an increasingly frustrated public who also continue to struggle with the fallout from the pandemic.

Together with Amy Quinlan, our State Court Administrator, I have traveled around the state, from Fort Kent to York and Calais to South Paris, visiting our courthouses and the people who work there. I have talked with the judge so discouraged because she cannot make

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headway regardless of how many cases she jams into dockets or how late she works. I have seen that our clerks are working nights and weekends to try to catch up. I have listened to judges tell me how the light has gone out of the job for them, leading to some early retirements. Our technology folks are working day and night to respond to demand. I witness the marshals calmly responding to increasing agitation and mental health issues at entry screening. Judicial Branch employees are feeling the weightiness of a realization that no matter what we do, we cannot address the backlog. Frankly, it hurts my heart. For folks whose goal is public service and helping others, that is a crisis of confidence.

So what are we asking from you, the 131st Legislature? Our budget requests have focused on resources to address long-term staffing needs.

The Governor's budget includes a substantial number of new positions for the Judicial Branch, as well as general funding for some other existing positions. I should tell you that we actually proposed more new positions to try to stabilize operations. Specifically, our budget request is focused on operations: judges, clerks, marshals, electronic filing specialists, court technology assistants and the like. It also includes funding for increased facility operations, technology, and licensing costs.

With the support of the Governor, I am proposing to add four new judges, three in the District Court and one in the Superior Court, to allow us to handle more cases in a timely manner. Along with each judicial position, we must also add one clerk and one judicial marshal, because we can't move cases along in a courtroom without a clerk and a marshal working with the judge.

These requests were carefully thought out; they were not plucked from thin air. In addition to working hard internally to identify our greatest needs, last fall we asked the National Center for State Courts to collect data and analyze the work loads of our clerks and judges. They have reported that we are significantly under-resourced. We do not have the final written report, but their preliminary data shows that we actually need substantially more judges and clerks than we requested to staff our court system adequately. And that is just to continue at the pace we are going, without

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regard to the extra work we need to do to clear the backlog.

One other important point to mention about resources. Maine judges are among the lowest paid judges in the nation and have been for years. Maine ranks 51st in judicial salaries, when corrected for the cost of living – 48th in raw numbers. The 3% cost of living adjustment currently in statute is not enough to change that or even keep pace with inflation. I am asking for a modest salary increase for Maine judges to lift them from the bottom. Even with such an increase, Maine's judicial salaries will remain well below our peers in New England. This is a matter of equity for Maine's judges, but it is also necessary because of the salary compression we are experiencing across all positions. Our employees at every level are paid too little for their hard work, and this has led to significant problems with hiring and retaining qualified people, which puts additional strain on the system.

There are many important issues, and we can't do everything at once. Our requests go a long way toward addressing our most pressing needs. I am immeasurably grateful that the Governor has recognized the position the Judicial Branch has been in and has supported these requests, and I hope you will as well.

Odyssey

I would next like to update you on the status of Maine eCourts, the system known as Odyssey. Odyssey is a fully integrated electronic system for filing, docketing, and case management. Users can file electronically, be notified of court orders, and access documents remotely. In addition, it will be integrated with law enforcement systems, as our current system is, for bail, protection orders and the like.

Odyssey is an "off the shelf" product but one that, critically, can be configured to our needs and processes. Toward the end of 2020, we began accepting electronic filings for all civil and family matters cases except for protection order and civil violation cases in the Bangor District and Superior Courts and in the statewide Business and Consumer Docket. We had previously gone live in the Violations Bureau for all traffic cases statewide.

Unfortunately, the Bangor and Business Court implementation happened during the pandemic, which created even more obstacles to the already complex implementation process. Our IT Department was nothing short of heroic, trying to implement Maine eCourts while also trying to implement new technologies to equip us for remote hearings during the pandemic. Frankly, there were more hitches and issues than expected, and it was much harder on the clerks and judges than anyone anticipated. I cannot thank them enough for how hard they have been working on this project.

In any event, when I became Chief Justice, I became concerned about the number of problems we were encountering, and I wanted to make sure the implementation of Maine eCourts would succeed. At my urging we hired BerryDunn's justice systems consulting group to conduct a Point in Time Assessment of the Maine eCourts project. While work continued behind the scenes on programming, troubleshooting, integrations and the like, we paused any further roll-out or extension of the project in 2022 while we conducted the assessment. That has led to a governance reorganization, and we also hired BerryDunn to continue to work with the Judicial Branch as consultants on the project. In other words, we are setting the stage to maximize success in the next phases of the advancement of Odyssey.

As an aside, I can't help but note that we sometimes underestimate obstacles that aren't obvious. An example: Maine is the only court system in the country working on an Apple system – I work on a Mac laptop. The switch to Odyssey also means switching out all the hardware to PCs, and many of our courthouses simply don't have the wiring or physical space to support running 2 systems while we transition. I promise you no other state faced that problem in implementing electronic filing and case management systems!

So, where are we going? We have been working with the Department of Public Safety to ensure a smooth integration of Odyssey with the Metro switch, the system that moves protection orders, bail, warrants and the like out to law enforcement. Public Safety has expressed concern that they cannot be ready with their end of the integrated software, so we are focusing on implementing Odyssey for civil and family cases in additional courts. Our intent is to bring the family and civil case type package to Lewiston/Auburn later this year and

then move to other implementations. We will keep the public informed of the changes to the system and provide information to help system users to navigate the system.

Successes

And now I want to highlight some successes, because it is far from being all gloom and doom. Some accomplishments to celebrate:

- For too long people who have walked into our courtrooms have felt excluded because they look different than the portraits on the walls. We are working hard at increasing diversity and inclusion and decreasing implicit bias in the Judicial Branch through educational programming and outreach. For example, we have a new initiative which started in Lewiston to hire court interns born in Somalia. **(Our first intern, Amran Osman, is with us today and I ask that she stand and be recognized.)** There is now a standing court committee to address these issues; we expect to engage more broadly with our justice partners to expand efforts out into the communities we serve and to try to become a much more diverse and inclusive organization.
- We have increased training for our judges in the use of problem-solving courts, such as treatment courts and veterans' courts, to help address the root of the problems that have resulted in the criminal activity.
- We have expanded the use of mental health dockets, to try to better address the significant mental health challenges in our criminal dockets.
- We have improved public court access using Zoom and hybrid appearances, language access, physical access, accommodations for those with hearing loss or other disabilities, and improvement of forms that make document preparation easier.
- We are now using the ShareFile platform for email transmission of filings in criminal cases and are prepared to use it to provide remote access to jury questionnaires.
- We developed a system of email processes for protection orders so that people in need of

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protection need not make their way to the courthouse.

- Our Violations Bureau is now on a 100% Zoom platform, with the presiding judges based in Lewiston, so that those wishing to challenge a civil traffic violation can do so remotely without having to travel to court.
- We partnered with The Opportunity Alliance to develop and offer information sessions for parents involved in the child welfare system; sessions led by a parent with experience in the child welfare system.
- We continued through the pandemic to offer an annual educational conference to professionals who work in the child welfare system. The 2022 conference focused on trauma-informed practices. Next week will be the first in-person conference since 2020; the focus is on fostering a deeper understanding of the communities the child welfare system aims to serve.
- We are developing resources, practices, and policies to better support self-represented litigants and court users and facilitate their engagement in their court proceedings. New materials include videos about the court process and handouts that explain how to start certain common case types.
- In August 2022, in partnership with Home to Home and the Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, we were awarded a Justice for Families federal grant of \$550,000 to expand the availability of affordable supervised visitation services in Maine and to provide domestic violence training to court-based and court-related personnel who work with families with a history of domestic and sexual violence.
- And, last but far from least: the new York Judicial Center in Biddeford brings the District Courts in Springvale, York, and Biddeford as well as the Superior Court in Alfred all together to one location. It is a modern, fully accessible, and energy efficient facility that will help us realize operational efficiency by not having to duplicate clerk's offices, facility operations, and security screening. We expect to open the building for court business during the month of May, and to have a grand opening for

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the public in the beginning of June. I hope to see many of you there. And, most importantly, words not often said: the project is on time and on budget.

Conclusion

I could go on, but from what I have said I hope it is apparent that we are working hard to stabilize Maine's court system and increase transparency, communication, and collaboration with our justice partners. And that is perhaps the most hopeful message of all: working together, we can improve the essential services we offer to our citizens. We can stop the erosion of public trust in our institutions. Together, we can ensure that everyone has confidence that our justice system will serve the public interest, protect individual rights, and provide meaningful access to justice for all of Maine's people.

Thank you.

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1	231			NEW	PL 88		1	4	805-A	2	C	RP	PL 141		1
1	403-B	2		AMD	PL 158		1	4	805-A	2	D	NEW	PL 141		2
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3	601			AFF	PL 369	A	2, 5	5	86		9th	AMD	PL 304	B	4
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1989	148	5	NEW	PL	2023	369	A3	2021	483	EE1	AMD	PL	2023	3	C2
2011	304	F2	RP	PL	2023	57	2	2021	483	KK4	AMD	PL	2023	3	C3
2019	650	20	AMD	PL	2023	405	A145	2021	528	10	AMD	PL	2023	405	A146
2021	52	21	AMD	PL	2023	207	20	2021	635	OO	RP	PL	2023	412	QQQ4
2021	151	2	RP	PL	2023	215	4	2021	688	3	AMD	PL	2023	405	A147
2021	356	3	AMD	PL	2023	167	16	2021	692	2	COR	RR	2021	2	A137
2021	356	3/1	AMD	PL	2023	167	17	2021	738	2	COR	RR	2021	2	A138
2021	398	M1	AMD	PL	2023	3	D1	2023	1	B5-A	NEW	PL	2023	3	E1
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2021	398	UUUU7	AMD	PL	2023	304	A37	2023	17	T1	AMD	PL	2023	412	XXXX1
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