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**§1726. Cooperation with law enforcement**

A hospital licensed under chapter 404 or 405 shall make a good faith effort to cooperate with law enforcement agencies as provided in this section.

**1. Service of protection from abuse order.** A law enforcement agency may request that a hospital provide access to a defendant who is receiving care in the hospital for the purpose of serving a protection from abuse order pursuant to Title 19-A, section 4006, subsection 6.

A. The hospital shall provide the law enforcement agency with an opportunity to serve the defendant personally with the order at a time the hospital determines is clinically appropriate with due consideration to the medical condition of the defendant.

B. A hospital may disclose that the defendant is a patient to facilitate service under this section regardless of patient consent.

**2. Notice of upcoming release.** A law enforcement agency may request that a hospital provide notice to the law enforcement agency that a person is to be released from the hospital so that the law enforcement agency may arrest the person.

A. The hospital shall provide notice that the person is to be released from the hospital if the person was transported or was caused to be transported to the hospital by the law enforcement agency.

B. The information contained in the notice provided by the hospital must be no more than the minimum amount necessary to satisfy the requirements of this subsection.

**3. Required consistency with federal requirements.** A hospital may provide access under subsection 1 and information under subsection 2 only if the request is consistent with the provisions of 45 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 164.512 (2015) and 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 2 (2015).

**4. Immunity; no cause of action.** A hospital, hospital agent, employee or other person who in good faith and without gross negligence provides access or information to a law enforcement agency as required by this section or cooperates in an investigation or a criminal or judicial proceeding related to the requirements of this section is immune from civil and criminal liability and professional licensure action arising out of or related to compliance with this section. This section does not create a cause of action against the hospital, hospital agent, employee or other person for failure to comply with this section.

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**CHAPTER 219**

**H.P. 100 - L.D. 142**

**An Act To Expand Deer Hunting Opportunities for Junior Hunters**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11152, sub-§5-A** is enacted to read:

**5-A. Permit transfer to junior hunter.** Notwithstanding subsection 5, a junior hunter may take an antlerless deer if another person who is 18 years of age or older and holds a valid antlerless deer permit transfers that permit to that junior hunter by identifying the name and address of the transferee on the permit as well as any other information reasonably requested by the commissioner and then returns the permit to the department at least 48 hours prior to the junior hunter's hunting antlerless deer. Upon transfer of the antlerless deer permit to a junior hunter, the transferor may not hunt an antlerless deer pursuant to the transferred permit but remains eligible, unless otherwise prohibited, to take a deer other than an antlerless deer in accordance with this Part.

The commissioner shall record a transfer under this subsection and return the permit to the transferee. A valid permit must be in the possession of the transferee in order for the transferee to take an antlerless deer.

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**CHAPTER 220**

**S.P. 205 - L.D. 589**

**An Act To Increase the Beneficial Reuse of Waste Materials**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3210, sub-§2, ¶B-3,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 542, §3, is amended to read:

B-3. "Renewable capacity resource" means a source of electrical generation:

(1) Whose total power production capacity does not exceed 100 megawatts and relies on one or more of the following:

- (a) Fuel cells;
- (b) Tidal power;
- (c) Solar arrays and installations;
- (d) Geothermal installations;

(e) Hydroelectric generators that meet all state and federal fish passage requirements applicable to the generator; ~~or~~

(f) Biomass generators that are fueled by wood ~~or~~, wood waste, or landfill gas ~~or anaerobic digestion of agricultural products, by products or wastes~~; or

(g) Anaerobic digestion of by-products of waste from animals or agricultural crops, food or vegetative material, algae or organic refuse; or

(2) That relies on wind power installations.

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**CHAPTER 221**

**S.P. 277 - L.D. 779**

**An Act To Increase the Minimum Population Requirement for a Municipality in Which the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations May Locate an Additional Agency Liquor Store**

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

**Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§2-A**, as amended by PL 2013, c. 253, §1, is further amended to read:

**2-A. Limitation on number of agency liquor stores.** Beginning July 1, 2009, the bureau may license up to 10 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 50,000; up to 8 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population over 20,000 but less than 50,001; up to 5 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 10,001 but less than 20,001; up to 4 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 5,001 but less than 10,001; ~~and~~ up to 3 agency liquor stores in a municipality with a population of at least 2,000 but less than 5,001. ~~In addition, the bureau may establish, and one agency liquor store in a municipality where the population is less than 2,000. The bureau may issue one additional liquor store license beyond those otherwise authorized by this subsection in a municipality with a population of less than 10,000.~~ The bureau may consider the impact of seasonal population or tourism and other related information provided by the municipality requesting an additional agency liquor store ~~location~~ license.

Nothing in this subsection may be construed to reduce the number of agency stores the bureau may license in a municipality as of June 30, 2009.

**Sec. 2. 28-A MRSA §453, sub-§2-D**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 269, Pt. A, §6, is amended to read:

**2-D. Exception.** If a retailer that is located in this State and has at least 5 locations licensed as an agency liquor store is sold or ownership is transferred to another company that will assume operation of some or all of the retailer's stores and that company submits an application for an agency liquor store license at some or all of those stores, the bureau may waive the requirement of subsection 2-C, paragraph A. The bureau may provide this waiver only if the applicant has held a license in another state to sell malt liquor and wine or spirits at retail for off-premises consumption, for at least one year prior to submitting the application, without a violation of the laws governing the sale of alcoholic beverages in that state and can provide the bureau with documentation of financial success as determined by the bureau. The bureau may not provide this waiver when issuing an additional liquor store license in a municipality with a population of less than 10,000 beyond the limit on the number of agency liquor stores authorized under subsection 2-A.

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**CHAPTER 222**

**H.P. 632 - L.D. 912**

**An Act To Allow the Establishment of Regional Municipal Utility Districts To Support Broadband Communications**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §2203, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

**9. Included powers.** Without limiting the powers, privileges or authority that may be jointly or cooperatively exercised pursuant to this chapter, any 2 or more parties may enter into an agreement to establish a regional municipal utility district for any or all of the following purposes:

A. To provide or, through public-private partnerships, to support or promote the provision of any of the following:

- (1) Broadband services; and
- (2) Internet services; and