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rulemaking by the Supreme Judicial Court, which takes effect when approved.

Effective April 1, 2025, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 19

S.P. 201 - L.D. 466

An Act to Extend the Law Governing Electric Power and Service Residential Rates for Military Veterans' Organizations

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period to ensure the law governing electric power and service residential rates for military veterans' organizations remains effective; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3109, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 244, §1, is amended to read:

3. Repeal. This section is repealed ~~September 1, 2025~~ October 1, 2027.

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

Effective April 11, 2025.

CHAPTER 20

H.P. 587 - L.D. 922

An Act to Amend the Procedure for Filing a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights and Responsibilities

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §1658, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 340, §2, is amended to read:

1-A. Filing and contents of petition. A petition to terminate parental rights and responsibilities must be filed in the District Court ~~and in the same case as a prior~~

~~adjudication of parental rights and responsibilities, if any.~~ The petition must be sworn and must include at least the following:

- A. The name and date and place of birth of the child;
- B. The name and address of the petitioner and the nature of the petitioner's relationship to the child;
- C. The name of each of the child's parents;
- D. A summary statement of the alleged facts that the petitioner believes constitute grounds for termination under subsection 2;
- E. A statement of the effects of a termination order; and
- F. A statement that the parent whose rights and responsibilities are the subject of the petition to terminate parental rights and responsibilities is entitled to legal counsel in the termination proceedings and that, if the parent wants an attorney and is unable to afford one, the parent should contact the court as soon as possible to request appointed counsel.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 21

S.P. 299 - L.D. 683

An Act to Clarify the Law Governing the Minimum Indirect Financial Interest Disclosure Requirement for Liquor Licenses

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

Sec. 1. 28-A MRSA §651, sub-§2, ¶A-1, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 633, §2, is amended to read:

A-1. An applicant shall disclose any person that holds an indirect financial interest equal to or greater than 10% in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought. For the purposes of this paragraph, "indirect financial interest" means:

- (1) An option, warrant or other right to acquire an equity interest in the person for which a license or certificate of approval is sought; or
- (2) A right to payment of, or a right to payment based upon, all or any portion of revenues, profits or losses derived from the operations under a license or certificate of approval issued under this Title of the person for which

a license or certificate of approval is sought, including, but not limited to, profit sharing, revenue sharing or royalty payments.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 22

S.P. 269 - L.D. 586

An Act to Provide a Court Authority to Issue Proximity Restrictions in Protection from Abuse Orders

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4110, sub-§3, ¶E-1 is enacted to read:

E-1. Directing the defendant to refrain from knowingly being within a specified distance of the plaintiff or prohibiting the defendant from being present at a specific location;

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

CHAPTER 23

H.P. 310 - L.D. 481

An Act to Allow a Water District Created by Special Act of the Legislature to Borrow Money and Issue a Warrant Prior to a Default

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §6103, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Issuance of warrant prior to default; commission review. A district that makes a determination regarding the district's anticipated revenues under this section may borrow money and issue a warrant in accordance with this subsection.

A. Notwithstanding subsection 1, if, prior to a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on a note, bond or other evidence of indebtedness issued by the water district, the district makes a reasonable determination that the district's anticipated revenues from the normal payment of water charges for services rendered for the period beginning on the date of the determination and ending on the last day of the then-current fiscal year will not

be sufficient to pay the district's anticipated operating expenses for the same period, the district may borrow money in an amount sufficient to make the payment of principal and interest and other transaction costs related to the borrowing, and the trustees, directors or managing board of the district may issue the district's warrant immediately to those portions of the municipality or municipalities that constitute the district to repay the amount borrowed, plus interest.

When making the determination under this paragraph, the district shall include:

(1) In its anticipated revenues, all other cash or funds held by or on behalf of the district that are available to pay its anticipated operating expenses and other expected or obligated expenditures; and

(2) In its anticipated operating expenses, all other expected or obligated expenditures, including any obligation to replenish a reserve fund established with respect to the note, bond or other evidence of indebtedness.

B. Within 30 days of the date the trustees, directors or managing board of the district issues the district's warrant pursuant to paragraph A, the district shall prepare and submit a financial management plan to the commission and each municipality that constitutes the district. The commission shall provide an opportunity for affected municipalities to provide input on the financial management plan, and the commission may in its discretion commence a proceeding to examine the financial management plan.

C. This subsection applies to a district when the municipality or municipalities that constitute the district have previously approved this section or former Title 35, section 3211. For any other district, this subsection applies when approval pursuant to subsection 6 is obtained.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 24

S.P. 120 - L.D. 254

An Act to Designate November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

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

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

§150-V. Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month