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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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Sec. 2. Retroactivity. This Act applies retroactively to June 29, 2023.

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

Effective May 16, 2025.

CHAPTER 72

S.P. 138 - L.D. 379

An Act Regarding Confidential Information Gathered for Forest Fire Emergency Response and Planning

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §8904, sub-§1 is enacted to read:

1. Confidentiality. Emergency plans of action that contain any of the following information are confidential and exempt from public records requirements pursuant to Title 1, chapter 13:

- A. Personal contact information;
- B. Information related to gaining access to gates, locks or roads;
- C. Proprietary information of a landowner; or
- D. Emergency response information acquired by the director through forest fire preparedness and planning activities.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §8904, sub-§2 is enacted to read:

2. Disclosure of confidential information. The director may disclose information that is considered confidential under subsection 1 to another state agency for the purposes of emergency incident response and planning.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 73

S.P. 167 - L.D. 386

An Act Regarding Information That May Be Shared by Law Enforcement Entities with a School Superintendent or a Principal

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

Sec. 1. 15 MRSA §3301-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 190, §1, is amended to read:

1. Sharing information. ~~Nothing in this Part precludes~~ does not preclude a law enforcement officer or criminal justice agency from sharing information with a school superintendent or principal, whether or not the information is contained in records, pertaining to a juvenile when the information is credible and indicates a substantial danger with the use of a firearm as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 12-A or dangerous weapon as defined in Title 17-A, section 2, subsection 9 or an imminent danger to the safety of students or school personnel on school grounds or at a school function. The superintendent or principal may disseminate this information only to the extent necessary to protect students and school personnel and as governed by subsection 2.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1055, sub-§11, as amended by PL 2019, c. 525, §35, is further amended to read:

11. Notification teams. Within 10 days after receiving notice from a district attorney of an alleged juvenile offense or juvenile offense, pursuant to Title 15, section 3308-B, subsection 1 or after receiving notice from a law enforcement officer of credible information ~~that indicates an imminent danger to~~ regarding the safety of students or school personnel pursuant to Title 15, section 3301-A, the superintendent shall convene a notification team. The notification team must consist of the administrator of the school building or the administrator's designee, at least one classroom teacher to whom the student is assigned, a parent or guardian of the student and a guidance counselor. The notification team is entitled to receive the information described in Title 15, section 3308-B, subsection 1, paragraphs A to F and in Title 15, section 3301-A. The notification team shall also determine on the basis of need which school employees are entitled to receive that information.

Confidentiality of this criminal justice information regarding juveniles must be ensured at all times, and the information may be released only under the conditions of this subsection. The superintendent shall ensure that confidentiality training is provided to all school employees who have access to the information.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 74

H.P. 258 - L.D. 404

An Act Regarding the Confidentiality of Certain Lottery Winner Identities

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §378-B is enacted to read:

§378-B. Lottery winner identity; confidentiality

The identity of a person awarded a prize of \$100,000 or more and the identity of a person who is a participant in the Address Confidentiality Program under Title 5, section 90-B awarded a prize of any amount are confidential unless the person awarded such a prize provides written authorization to the bureau allowing the disclosure of that person's identity. The bureau may disclose the identity of the person to another state agency solely for purposes authorized under state and federal law, and that state agency is prohibited from further disclosing the person's identity.

Information designated as confidential under this section is not a public record as defined in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 75

H.P. 418 - L.D. 650

An Act to Support Municipal Public Health

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §453 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§453. Local board of health

1. Membership; administration. A municipality may appoint a local board of health consisting of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 7 members besides the local health officer appointed pursuant to section 451, one of whom must be a physician, an advanced practice nurse or a physician assistant, if available in the community. Appointees must have knowledge, education and experience in medicine or public health, including but not limited to community mental health, public health nursing, public and community health, social work and communications. To the extent possible, the board must be representative of the population served. When first appointed, members of the board must be appointed one for one year, one for 2 years and one for 3 years. Subsequent appointments must be for 3-year terms. The local health officer is secretary ex officio of the local board of health and shall keep a record of all proceedings. The local board of health constitutes an advisory body to the local health officer.

2. Authorities of board. A local board of health shall prioritize activities overseen by the local health officer and may:

A. In consultation with the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention, educate the public

about health issues as long as those educational activities do not conflict with law, ordinance, bylaw or any fire, health or safety rule and are based in scientific approaches;

B. Propose ordinances to the local legislative body for the promotion of general health as long as those ordinances do not conflict with other law, ordinance, bylaw or any fire, health or safety rule;

C. Advise local select boards, council and staff on public health issues outside of the expertise of the local health officer, but shall prioritize activities overseen by the local health officer;

D. Advise other municipal departments, volunteer boards and commissions; and

E. Collaborate with nonprofit organizations, businesses and other entities to support local public health work.

A local board of health may not direct the work of the local health officer or any other employee or appointed official of the municipality.

3. Funding. A local board of health may request permission from the municipality to apply for outside funding. All outside funding received by a local board of health is subject to municipal financial processes and procedures.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 76

S.P. 629 - L.D. 1545

An Act to Clarify the Maximum Value That a Small Estate May Be Under the Maine Uniform Probate Code to Permit Collection of Personal Property by Affidavit

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

Sec. 1. 18-C MRSA §3-1201, sub-§1, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

A. The value of the entire estate, wherever located, less liens and encumbrances, does not exceed \$40,000, adjusted for inflation pursuant to section 1-108;

Sec. 2. 18-C MRSA §3-1201, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Publication. A county probate court shall annually publish on the court's publicly accessible website