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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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

§378-B. Lottery winner identity; confidentiality

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

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

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CHAPTER 75

H.P. 418 - L.D. 650

An Act to Support Municipal Public Health

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §453 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§453. Local board of health

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CHAPTER 76

S.P. 629 - L.D. 1545

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

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

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

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

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

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

the value described in subsection 1, paragraph A, including the adjustment for inflation.

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CHAPTER 77

H.P. 147 - L.D. 224

An Act to Expand the Definition of "Terrorism" in the Laws Governing the Maine Emergency Management Agency

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §402, sub-§3, ¶L, as amended by PL 2003, c. 614, §1, is further amended to read:

L. Records describing security plans, security procedures or risk assessments prepared specifically for the purpose of preventing or preparing for acts of terrorism, but only to the extent that release of information contained in the record could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the physical safety of government personnel or the public. Information contained in records covered by this paragraph may be disclosed to the Legislature or, in the case of a political or administrative subdivision, to municipal officials or board members under conditions that protect the information from further disclosure. For purposes of this paragraph, "terrorism" ~~means conduct that is designed to cause serious bodily injury or substantial risk of bodily injury to multiple persons, substantial damage to multiple structures whether occupied or unoccupied or substantial physical damage sufficient to disrupt the normal functioning of a critical infrastructure has the same meaning as in Title 37-B, section 703, subsection 8;~~

Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §703, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Cyberattack. "Cyberattack" means activity targeting information and communications technology infrastructure, systems or services affecting the State or the State's critical infrastructure, whether physical or non-physical, for the purpose of disrupting, disabling, destroying or maliciously controlling such infrastructure, systems or services or destroying the integrity of the data or stealing the information residing thereon.

Sec. 3. 37-B MRSA §703, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 146, §6, is amended to read:

8. Terrorism. "Terrorism" means the unlawful use of force or violence against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government or civilian population. "Terrorism" includes conduct that is designed to cause serious bodily injury or substantial risk of bodily

injury to multiple persons, substantial damage to multiple structures whether occupied or unoccupied or substantial physical damage sufficient to disrupt the normal functioning of a critical infrastructure; or conduct that constitutes a cyberattack on information and communications technology infrastructure, systems or services affecting the State or the State's critical infrastructure, whether physical or non-physical.

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CHAPTER 78

S.P. 48 - L.D. 31

An Act Regarding School Enrollment for Military-connected Students

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §5205, sub-§12, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. If the parent of a military-connected student is transferred or pending transfer within the State, a school administrative unit shall:

- (1) Allow the student to continue attending the student's current school;
- (2) Allow the student to enroll in the student's prospective school prior to establishing residence; or
- (3) Allow the student to enroll at a school located where the student will reside with a non-custodial guardian.

Student transfers under this paragraph that take place during a student's final year of high school must conform with section 20107.

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CHAPTER 79

H.P. 75 - L.D. 110

An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §203-D is enacted to read:

§203-D. Reporting on funds received by direct share subdivisions pursuant to court settlement of opioid crisis litigation