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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 Militaryconnected 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 noncustodial 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

A direct share subdivision that receives funds pursuant to settlements described in section II.A of the Memoranda of Understanding shall submit a report to the Attorney General by January 15, 2026, and annually thereafter, detailing the amount of such funds received pursuant to section II.C.2 of each Memoranda of Understanding and expended in the prior calendar year, including a description of each such expenditure. The Attorney General shall compile these reports and submit them by February 15, 2026 and annually thereafter to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

As used in this section, "Memoranda of Understanding" has the same meaning as in section 203-C, subsection 1, paragraph C and "direct share subdivision" means a municipality or county that is a subdivision identified in Exhibit 3 of the Memoranda of Understanding.

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## CHAPTER 80 S.P. 77 - L.D. 141

An Act to Provide Limited Immunity to Maine Human Rights Commission Mediators

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA  $\S4612$ , sub- $\S1$ ,  $\PC$  is enacted to read:

C. The commission shall contract with impartial mediators for the 3rd-party neutral mediation program under paragraph A. For the purposes of this section, while carrying out their official duties, mediators are considered state employees and are entitled to the immunity provided to state employees under the Maine Tort Claims Act.

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### CHAPTER 81 H.P. 221 - L.D. 321

An Act to Make May Progressive Supranuclear Palsy 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. Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Month

The month of May of each year is designated as Progressive Supranuclear Palsy Month, and the Governor shall issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State to observe the month through appropriate activities.

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## CHAPTER 82 S.P. 80 - L.D. 144

#### An Act to Create a Limited Retail Seafood Harvester Certificate

**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 limited retail seafood harvester certificate, established in this legislation and attached to an already existing retail seafood license, would make it easier for shellfish harvesters, especially oyster growers, to sell their harvest directly to consumers without having the additional expense related to the operation of a fixed facility or selling their product through registered dealers; and

Whereas, it is important that this certificate be made available to seafood harvesters as soon as possible, so they may sell their harvest from a vehicle during the upcoming spring and summer seasons, including at farmers' markets; and

Whereas, the Department of Marine Resources has indicated that the department has the resources necessary to implement this certificate 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. 12 MRSA §6852,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 207, §§17 to 19, is further amended to read:

#### §6852. Retail seafood license

- 1. License required. A person may not engage in the activities authorized under subsection 2 without a retail seafood license or other license issued under this Part authorizing the activities.
- **2. License activity.** Except as provided in subsection subsections 2-A, 2-B and 2-C, the holder of a retail seafood license may, in the retail trade, buy, sell, transport, ship or serve: