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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.

See title page for effective date.

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.

See title page for effective date.

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.

See title page for effective date.

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: