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of that sum, if a fractional division necessitates that addition and if they demonstrate that necessity in the record of that apportionment. The county commissioners shall establish the date <u>or dates</u> for the payment of the tax. The date may not be earlier than the first day of the following September.

No later than the 15th of July preceding the date established for payment of the tax, the county commissioners shall issue their warrant to the assessors of the municipalities and other places and to the State Tax Assessor for the unorganized territory within that county. Those officers shall assess the sum apportioned to their tax jurisdiction and commit their assessment for collection in the same manner as other amounts to be raised by the property tax during the tax year to which the county tax warrant applies.

If a municipality or place or the State Tax Assessor must make a supplemental assessment due to failure by the county commissioners to issue their warrant by July 15th, the county must bear the costs of that supplemental assessment. Those costs may be recovered by the tax jurisdiction through an offset against the county tax that the tax jurisdiction would otherwise be required to pay over to the county.

The county may collect delinquent county taxes and charge interest on delinquent county taxes as provided under Title 36, sections 891 and 892-A.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 101 S.P. 169 - L.D. 388

An Act to Provide Access to Quality Family Child Care for Military Personnel by Exempting Certain Military Child Care Providers from State Licensing Requirements

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8301-A, sub-§10 is enacted to read:

10. Exemption from duplicative licensure. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a child care facility or family child care provider on a military installation or a facility licensed or certified as a family child care provider by the United States Department of Defense or by the United States Coast Guard that provides care only for children of parents or guardians who are active duty military members is exempt from the requirements of this chapter.

See title page for effective date.

### CHAPTER 102 S.P. 388 - L.D. 899

#### An Act to Strengthen the Requirements for Medical Payments Coverage

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2910-A, sub-§4, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 182, §1, is amended to read:

B. Medical payments coverage in a casualty insurance policy is assignable only by <u>written</u> agreement between the insured and the casualty insurer <u>on a form prescribed or approved by the superintendent</u>. Benefits under medical payments coverage must be applied as directed by the insured.

See title page for effective date.

### CHAPTER 103 S.P. 396 - L.D. 907

An Act to Amend the Law Governing Zoning Ordinance Variances for Persons with Permanent Disabilities

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4353, sub-§4-A, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2009, c. 342, §1, is amended to read:

B. If authorized by the zoning ordinance establishing the board, the board may grant a variance to an owner of a dwelling who resides in the dwelling and who is responsible to transport a person with a permanent disability for the construction of a place of storage and parking for a noncommercial vehicle owned by that person and no other purpose used to transport a person with a permanent disability. The width and length of the structure may not be larger than 2 times the width and length of the noncommercial vehicle. The owner shall submit proposed plans for the structure with the request for the variance pursuant to this paragraph to the board.

The person with the permanent disability shall prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the person's disability is permanent.

For purposes of this paragraph, "noncommercial vehicle" means a motor vehicle as defined in Title 29 A, section 101, subsection 42 with a gross vehicle weight of no more than 6,000 pounds, bearing a disability registration plate issued pursuant to