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~~Title 29-A, section 521 and owned by the person with the permanent disability.~~

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CHAPTER 104

S.P. 413 - L.D. 983

An Act Regarding Service of Notice of Restricted Person Status to Hospitalized Patients

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1727, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Service of notice of restricted person status. A law enforcement agency may request that a hospital provide access to a person who is receiving care in the hospital for the purpose of notifying the person that the person is a restricted person as defined in Title 34-B, section 3862-A, subsection 1, paragraph K.

A. The hospital shall provide the law enforcement agency with an opportunity to notify the person under this subsection at a time the hospital determines is clinically appropriate with due consideration to the medical condition of the person.

B. A hospital may disclose that the person is a patient to facilitate notice under this subsection regardless of patient consent or confidentiality restrictions under hospital policy.

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CHAPTER 105

H.P. 749 - L.D. 1130

An Act to Advance Energy Storage Within the State

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3145, as amended by PL 2023, c. 374, §1, is further amended to read:

§3145. State energy storage policy goals

The state goal for energy storage system development is at least 300 megawatts of installed capacity located within the State by December 31, 2025 and at least 400 megawatts of installed capacity located within the State by December 31, 2030. Beginning January 4, 2024 15, 2027, and every 2 years thereafter, when updating the state energy plan in accordance with Title 2, section 9, subsection 3, paragraph C, the Governor's Energy Office established in Title 2, section 9 ~~may~~ shall reevaluate and may increase the state goal for energy

storage system development and shall, in the state energy plan, report ~~that any increase to the goal to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utilities matters.~~ For the purposes of this section, "energy storage system" has the same meaning as in section 3481, subsection 6.

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CHAPTER 106

S.P. 496 - L.D. 1207

An Act to Amend the Site Location of Development Laws to Require a 100-foot Buffer Between Solar Energy Developments and Rivers, Streams and Brooks

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §484, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Special provision: solar energy development. In the case of a proposed solar energy development, the development will not be constructed within 100 feet of a river, stream or brook. This subsection does not apply to vegetation removal activities necessary for shade management or road or utility line crossings within 100 feet of a river, stream or brook.

As used in this subsection, "solar energy development" means a development that uses a solar energy system consisting of ground-mounted solar panels to convert solar energy to electrical energy and includes generating facilities and associated facilities.

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CHAPTER 107

H.P. 851 - L.D. 1276

An Act to Align Intrastate Commercial Motor Vehicle Insurance Requirements with Federal Standards

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §1611, sub-§2, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. For intrastate commercial motor vehicles, there is a combined single limit of \$750,000.

Sec. 2. Application. This Act applies to all commercial motor vehicle liability insurance policies ex-

cuted, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2026. For purposes of this Act, all policies are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

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CHAPTER 108 H.P. 985 - L.D. 1501

An Act to Extend the Time Frame for a Chiropractic Intern License

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §561, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 187, §2, is amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

The board may issue a nonrenewable temporary license, not to exceed ~~6~~ 9 months, to practice chiropractic to an applicant meeting all of the conditions of this subsection. The temporary license must describe the place or setting where chiropractic services are provided. An applicant failing to provide documentation of the requirements of this subsection may not be granted a temporary license by the board. The board may by rule establish other requirements for temporary licensure of chiropractic interns.

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CHAPTER 109 H.P. 1092 - L.D. 1651

An Act to Remove the Term "Alleged" When Referring to Victims of Sexual Assault in the Provisions of the Maine Revised Statutes Pertaining to Forensic Examinations

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3360-M, as amended by PL 2017, c. 156, §1, is further amended to read:

§3360-M. Payment for forensic examinations for ~~alleged~~ victims of sexual assault

1. Payment. The board shall pay the costs of forensic examiner training as well as the costs of forensic examinations for ~~alleged~~ victims of sexual assault from the Victims' Compensation Fund. The board shall track expenditures for forensic examinations separately from all other expenditures. Forensic examination payments are not subject to any other provision of this chapter.

For the purposes of this section, "sexual assault" means any crime enumerated in Title 17-A, chapter 11.

2. Forensic examination; forensic examiner training and education. The board shall determine by rule what a forensic examination may include for purposes of payment. An examination must include at least all services directly related to the gathering of forensic evidence and related testing and treatment for pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. The board shall pay a licensed hospital or licensed health care practitioner the actual cost of the forensic examination up to a maximum of \$750.

The cost of sexual assault forensic examiner training and education provided by the sexual assault forensic examiner program must be paid from the Victims' Compensation Fund in an amount that may not exceed \$50,000 per year.

3. Process for payment. A licensed hospital or licensed health care practitioner that performs forensic examinations for ~~alleged~~ victims of sexual assault shall submit a bill to the Victims' Compensation Board directly for payment of the forensic examinations. The hospital or health care practitioner that performs a forensic examination shall take steps necessary to ensure the confidentiality of the ~~alleged~~ victim's identity. The bill submitted by the hospital or health care practitioner may not identify the ~~alleged~~ victim by name but must be assigned a tracking number assigned by the manufacturer of the forensic examination kit. The hospital or health care practitioner that performs the examination may not bill the ~~alleged~~ victim or the ~~alleged~~ victim's insurer, nonprofit hospital or medical service organization or health maintenance organization for payment of the examination. The ~~alleged~~ victim is not required to report the ~~alleged~~ offense to a law enforcement agency.

4. Other reimbursement. The fact that forensic examinations are paid for separately through the Victims' Compensation Fund does not preclude ~~alleged~~ victims of sexual assault from seeking reimbursement for expenses other than those for the forensic examination. A victim seeking reimbursement from the Victims' Compensation Fund for expenses other than the forensic examination is subject to all other provisions of this chapter.

5. Rules. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 2. 24 MRSA §2905-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 92, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Examination on unconscious ~~alleged~~ victim of sexual assault. The health care practitioner is authorized to perform the examination pursuant to section 2986, subsection 5; or