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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

Sec. 5. 30-A MRSA §5158, sub-§5-A is enacted to read:

5-A. Agreements with private parties. To enter into agreements with a private entity or person to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. If an agreement under this subsection is for the acquisition of property, the municipality in which the property is located or, if the property is located in an unorganized or deorganized township of the State, the Maine Land Use Planning Commission must consent to the acquisition;

Sec. 6. 30-A MRSA §5158, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 664, §3, is amended to read:

6. Assistance. To provide assistance, by request, to entities in the State engaged in redevelopment activities ~~by using the best practices adopted by the Development Ready Advisory Committee under section 5161;~~

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 121
S.P. 37 - L.D. 23**

An Act to Extend the Period of Time a Dentist May Operate the Practice of a Deceased or Incapacitated Dentist

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Maine is experiencing a shortage of dentists; and

Whereas, this legislation extends the time by which the operations of a dental practice may continue after the death or incapacitation of a dentist; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect prior to the 90-day period to provide additional time for dental practices to be sold after the death or incapacitation of a dentist; 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. 13 MRSA §732, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. C, §26 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is further amended to read:

5. Legal guardian or personal representative of deceased or incapacitated dentist. For the purposes

of this chapter, the legal guardian or personal representative of a dentist licensed under Title 32, chapter 143 may contract with another dentist to continue the operations of the practice of the deceased or incapacitated dentist for a period of up to 24 48 months after the death or incapacitation of the dentist or until the practice is sold, whichever occurs first. For purposes of this subsection, "personal representative" has the same meaning as in Title 18-C, section 1-201, subsection 40.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective May 29, 2025.

**CHAPTER 122
H.P. 151 - L.D. 228**

An Act to Allow Coastal Seawalls to Be Raised by up to 2 Feet in Order to Accommodate Predicted Sea Level Rise

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 State in 2023 and 2024 experienced multiple significant storm events causing widespread and devastating floods and damaging public and private infrastructure across the State with particular impact along the coast, which experienced historically high and dangerous tides; and

Whereas, with an ever-increasing frequency of such storm events and a projected rise in sea levels and the associated risks to persons, property and resources, the citizens of the State must be able to enhance the resilience of public and private infrastructure to the effects of these storms; and

Whereas, the changes to the Natural Resources Protection Act proposed in this legislation must take effect immediately to facilitate the timely development of certain coastal resiliency projects; 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. 38 MRSA §480-E, sub-§15, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 97, §1, is amended to read:

15. Coastal sand dune system restoration projects; stabilization materials. The department