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E. Existing industry partnerships such as those of the health care workforce and associations of manufacturers.

Sec. 12. 26 MRSA §3303, sub-§5, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 110, §30, is amended to read:

B. Recommended by the State Workforce Development Board established in section 2006; and

Sec. 13. 26 MRSA §3304, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 2017, c. 110, §32, is further amended to read:

B. Create an industry partnership to advise the collaborative, the State Workforce Development Board established in section 2006 and the boards of the local workforce investment areas designated pursuant to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Public Law 113-128 on aligning state policies and leveraging resources across systems, including workforce development, education and economic development;

Sec. 14. 26 MRSA §3308, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 368, Pt. FFFFF, §1, is amended to read:

§3308. Rulemaking

The Commissioner of Labor shall adopt rules for the operation of industry partnerships funded in whole or in part under this chapter. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are ~~major substantive~~ routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 15. 35-A MRSA §10104, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2019, c. 298, §22, is further amended to read:

9. Coordination with other entities. Consistent with the requirements of this chapter and other applicable laws, the board shall coordinate with the activities and programs of state agencies and authorities that relate to the purposes of this chapter in order to align such activities and programs with the plans and programs of the trust. For purposes of this subsection, activities and programs of state agencies and authorities that relate to the purposes of this chapter include but are not limited to energy efficiency programs relating to state facilities administered by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services, the adoption, amendment and maintenance of the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code by the Technical Building Codes and Standards Board, established in Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 5-A within the Department of Public Safety, energy efficiency or green energy workforce development activities of the Department of Labor or the State Workforce Development Board established in Title 26, section 2006, energy efficiency and weatherization programs administered by the Maine State Housing Authority and the activities of

the nonwires alternative coordinator established pursuant to section 1701, subsection 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 155

H.P. 137 - L.D. 214

An Act to Create a For-hire Charter Boat Operator License and to Require Individuals Recreationally Fishing for Halibut in Coastal Waters to Register with the Saltwater Recreational Fishing Registry

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6312, sub-§3, ¶B, as amended by PL 2011, c. 421, §2, is further amended to read:

B. A passenger on board a vessel captained by an individual who possesses a valid ~~recreational fishing for-hire charter boat~~ operator's license pursuant to ~~subsection 5~~ section 6313;

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6312, sub-§3, ¶H, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 421, §2, is amended to read:

H. A person who has employed the guiding services of an individual who possesses a current guide license for tidewater fishing as provided by rule pursuant to section 12853 and a valid ~~recreational fishing for-hire charter boat~~ operator's license pursuant to ~~subsection 5~~ section 6313;

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6312, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Registration required for fishing for halibut. Notwithstanding subsection 3, an individual fishing for halibut in the coastal waters of the State is required to register and obtain recreational halibut tags.

Sec. 4. 12 MRSA §6312, sub-§5, as amended by PL 2011, c. 421, §2, is further amended to read:

5. Recreational fishing operator's license. The following persons are eligible to hold a recreational fishing operator's license issued by the commissioner:

~~A. A captain of a vessel licensed to carry passengers for hire for saltwater recreational fishing;~~

B. A person operating a business that rents smelt fishing camps for saltwater recreational smelt fishing; and

C. A person who owns a private dock, pier or wharf and makes that wharf available to customers for the purpose of recreational fishing as part of a commercial enterprise; ~~and.~~

~~D. An individual who possesses a current guide license for tidewater fishing as provided by rule pursuant to section 12853.~~

A person who holds a recreational fishing operator's license shall collect data from persons who engage in saltwater recreational fishing and report the data to the commissioner as specified by the commissioner by rule.

There is no fee for a recreational fishing operator's license.

Sec. 5. 12 MRSA §6313 is enacted to read:

§6313. For-hire charter boat operator's license

1. License required. A person may not engage in the activities authorized under this section without a current for-hire charter boat operator's license.

2. Licensed activity. The holder of a for-hire charter boat operator's license may take paying passengers recreationally fishing for fish in the coastal waters of the State on the vessel identified on that for-hire charter boat operator's license. The license does not authorize the holder or the holder's passengers to sell any fish taken under this license.

3. Agent fees. A fee may not be charged for a for-hire charter boat operator's license under this section. A person seeking a license through an agent may be charged an agent fee of \$2. A person seeking a license through a publicly accessible online electronic system for licensing may be charged an agent fee of \$1. A person seeking a license at an office of the department from a department employee may be charged an agent fee of \$1.

4. Eligibility. A for-hire charter boat operator's license may be issued only to an individual. A for-hire charter boat operator's license may be issued to an individual only if the individual:

A. Possesses a valid United States merchant marine document issued by the United States Coast Guard for an operator of uninspected passenger vessel or master or mate captain's license; or

B. Holds a current guide license for tidewater fishing as provided by rule pursuant to section 12853.

5. Violation. A person who violates this section commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged.

Sec. 6. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

CHAPTER 156
H.P. 473 - L.D. 731

**An Act to Prohibit
Municipalities from Barring
the Creation of Homeless
Shelters**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4357-B is enacted to read:

§4357-B. Homeless shelters

1. Definition. As used in this section, "homeless shelter" means a housing facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary overnight accommodations to persons experiencing homelessness who are guests in either a dormitory-style or dwelling-unit-style arrangement or any combination of such arrangements.

2. Homeless shelters may not be prohibited. A municipality may not prohibit homeless shelters in the municipality. This prohibition does not limit a municipality's home rule authority to reasonably regulate homeless shelters.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 157
H.P. 516 - L.D. 809

**An Act to Allow a Motion to
Extend a Protection from
Abuse Order After Expiration
of the Original Order**

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

Sec. 1. 19-A MRSA §4110, sub-§5, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 647, Pt. A, §3 and affected by Pt. B, §65, is amended to read:

A. A final protection order issued under this chapter must be for a fixed period not to exceed 2 years, unless extended or reinstated by the court pursuant to section 4111.

Sec. 2. 19-A MRSA §4111, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Extension after expiration. The court may reinstate and extend a final protection order issued under this chapter after expiration, upon motion of the plaintiff, only if the court finds:

A. That the plaintiff has shown good cause for filing the motion to extend a final protection order after expiration of the order, which may include that the filing was not timely due to a dismissal of a