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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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offer service. The commission shall encourage entities based in this State that are not otherwise either a standard-offer service provider or its affiliate to participate in supplying cost-effective demand response or energy efficiency pursuant to this subsection.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3212, sub-§4-C, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 677, Pt. B, §2, is amended to read:

4-C. Authority to establish various contract lengths and terms. For the purpose of providing over a reasonable time period the lowest price for standard-offer service to residential and small commercial customers, the commission, with respect to residential and small commercial standard-offer service, may, in addition to incorporating cost-effective demand response, including the use of time-of-use pricing, and energy efficiency pursuant to subsection 4-B and to the extent authorized in section 3210-C, incorporating the energy portion of any contracts entered into pursuant to section 3210-C, establish various standard-offer service contract lengths and terms.

Sec. 3. Public Utilities Commission; time-of-use rates updates. The Public Utilities Commission shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities and energy matters that describes the process for participation in a commission proceeding and includes any other relevant information as determined by the commission:

1. Upon issuance of a report, if a report is issued, in Public Utilities Commission Docket No. 2024-00231; and

2. Prior to the initiation of an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3212.

If the Public Utilities Commission submits a report in accordance with subsection 2 prior to the initiation of an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service, the report must include a description of how the Public Utilities Commission will consider the potential effects of time-of-use rates on the types of residential customers described in section 4.

Sec. 4. Considerations; time-of-use rates proceeding. In an adjudicatory proceeding to establish time-of-use rates for the provision of standard-offer service pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3212, the Public Utilities Commission shall consider the impact of time-of-use rates and seek to avoid negative impacts of time-of-use rates on:

1. Residential customers who rely on life support systems;

2. Residential customers who receive assistance from the State due to a medical condition and are participants in Central Maine Power's Electricity Lifeline

Program or Versant Power's LifeLight Program or successor programs;

3. Residential customers who are senior citizens; and

4. Economically vulnerable residential customers.

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CHAPTER 197

S.P. 108 - L.D. 242

An Act to Extend the Maximum Time Period for Certain School Construction Bonds

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1311, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

B. If the proceeds of an issue of bonds are used in whole or in part to fund temporary notes, the period during which the issue of bonds ~~shall be~~ is outstanding plus the period of the loan represented by the temporary notes or renewals ~~shall~~ may not exceed ~~25~~ 30 years.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1490, sub-§3, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. XXXX, §13, is amended to read:

B. If the proceeds of an issue of bonds are used in whole or in part to fund temporary notes, the period during which the issue of bonds is outstanding plus the period of the loan represented by the temporary notes or renewal notes may not exceed ~~25~~ 30 years.

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CHAPTER 198

H.P. 201 - L.D. 301

An Act to Allow the Public Utilities Commission to Use Quantitative Metrics and Rate- adjustment Mechanisms in a Proceeding for a General Rate Increase

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §307, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. General increase in rates; rate-adjustment mechanisms; quantitative metrics. The commission

may establish or authorize rate-adjustment mechanisms or quantitative metrics pertaining to a public utility's operations and activities in a proceeding for a general increase in rates.

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CHAPTER 199
H.P. 212 - L.D. 312

**An Act Regarding the Rates of
Speed at Which School Buses
Travel**

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

C. Twenty-five miles per hour in a business or residential district or built-up portion unless otherwise posted; and

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2005, c. 577, §30, is further amended to read:

D. Forty-five miles per hour on all other public ways unless otherwise posted; ~~and~~.

Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2074, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2009, c. 9, §1, is repealed.

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CHAPTER 200
H.P. 262 - L.D. 408

**An Act to Allow
Unaccompanied and
Emancipated Minors to Access
Their Vital Records At No Cost**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2706, sub-§5-B is enacted to read:

5-B. Disclosure of records regarding certain minors. Certified or noncertified copies of vital records of an unaccompanied minor or emancipated minor must be made available to the minor and other individuals in accordance with the requirements of subsection 5 or, with the written permission of the minor, to the director of an emergency shelter program, runaway or homeless youth services organization or continuum of care agency at which the minor is a client, or the director's designee, or to a social worker, school administrator or

teacher providing services to the minor. The state registrar shall make available the vital records of an unaccompanied minor or emancipated minor to the minor at no cost. For the purposes of this subsection, "unaccompanied minor" means a person who has not attained 18 years of age who is not accompanied by a parent or guardian at the time that the minor makes the request to obtain the minor's vital records or gives written permission for a person authorized under this subsection to receive the records on the minor's behalf. For the purposes of this subsection, "emancipated minor" means an individual ordered emancipated in accordance with Title 15, section 3506-A.

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CHAPTER 201
S.P. 237 - L.D. 558

**An Act to Strengthen
Consumer Protections by
Prohibiting the Report of
Medical Debt on Consumer
Reports**

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1308, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Debt buyer. "Debt buyer" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 11002, subsection 5-A.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1308, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:

3-B. Debt collector. "Debt collector" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 11002, subsection 6.

Sec. 3. 10 MRSA §1308, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Medical creditor. "Medical creditor" means an entity that provides health care services and to whom a consumer incurs medical debt or an entity that provided health care services to a consumer and to whom the consumer previously owed medical debt if the medical debt has been purchased by one or more debt buyers.

Sec. 4. 10 MRSA §1308, sub-§4-B is enacted to read:

4-B. Medical debt. "Medical debt" has the same meaning as in Title 32, section 11002, subsection 7-A.

Sec. 5. 10 MRSA §1310-H, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 77, §2, is amended to read:

4. Reporting of medical expenses debt on a consumer report. Notwithstanding any provision of federal law, a consumer reporting agency shall comply