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CHAPTER 207
H.P. 696 - L.D. 1074

**An Act to Remove the Limit on
the Length of Probation That
May Be Served for Aggravated
Attempted Murder**

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §152-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. C, §58, is further amended to read:

2. Aggravated attempted murder is a Class A crime except that, notwithstanding section 1604, subsection 1, paragraph A, the sentence for aggravated attempted murder is imprisonment for life or a definite period of imprisonment for any term of years. The existence of an aggravating circumstance serves only as a precondition for the court to consider a life sentence. The court also may impose as part of the sentence a period of probation of any term of years pursuant to section 1804, subsection 4-A.

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1804, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

1. Limit on length of probation. Except as provided in subsections 2, 3, 4, 4-A, 5 and 6, the period of probation for a person may not exceed:

- A. For a Class A crime, 4 years;
- B. For a Class B crime, 3 years;
- C. For a Class C crime, 2 years; and
- D. For a Class D or Class E crime, one year.

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1804, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 113, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

4. Exception to limits when person sentenced as repeat sexual assault offender. The period of probation for a person sentenced as a repeat sexual assault offender pursuant to section 253-A, subsection 1 ~~is~~ may be any term of years.

Sec. 4. 17-A MRSA §1804, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Exception to limits when person sentenced for aggravated attempted murder. The period of probation for a person sentenced for aggravated attempted murder pursuant to section 152-A, subsection 2 may be any term of years.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 208
S.P. 466 - L.D. 1103

**An Act Regarding Unallocated
Balances in a School
Administrative Unit School
Budget**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15689-B, sub-§6, as amended by PL 2021, c. 213, §1, is further amended to read:

6. Balance of allocations. Notwithstanding any other law, general operating fund balances at the end of a school administrative unit's fiscal year must be carried forward to meet the unit's needs in the next year or over a period not to exceed 3 years. ~~Unallocated balances in excess of 5% of the previous fiscal year's school budget must be used to reduce the state and local share of the total allocation for the purpose of computing state subsidy. School boards may carry forward unallocated balances in excess of 5% of the previous year's school budget and disburse these funds in the next year or over a period not to exceed 3 years. For fiscal years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 only, unallocated balances in excess of 9% of the previous fiscal year's school budget must be used to reduce the state and local share of the total allocation for the purpose of computing state subsidy and school. School boards may carry forward unallocated balances in excess of 9% of the previous fiscal year's school budget and disburse these funds in the next year or over a period not to exceed 3 years.~~

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CHAPTER 209
H.P. 764 - L.D. 1159

**An Act to Prohibit
Governmental Entities That
Charge a Fee for In-person
Credit Card Purchases from
Refusing to Accept Cash**

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 239 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 239
PAYMENT BY CASH

§1500-Y. Payment by cash

A municipality or other governmental entity offering goods or services for sale at retail that charges a customer a fee on purchases made by credit card may not