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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

refuse payment in the form of cash for the goods or services.

For purposes of this section, "sale at retail" means any retail transaction conducted in person and does not include a transaction conducted remotely by telephone, mail or the Internet.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 210

H.P. 809 - L.D. 1234

An Act Regarding Cellular Telephones in Public Schools

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§23 is enacted to read:

23. Cellular telephone policy. By August 1, 2026, a school board shall adopt and implement a policy related to use of personal electronic devices during the school day. The policy must include, but is not limited to, provisions related to student use of cellular telephones and wearable electronic devices with Internet or cellular network connectivity capabilities.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 211

S.P. 520 - L.D. 1290

An Act to Update the Laws Regarding Athletic Trainers

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §14352, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer. "Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer" means the national credentialing organization for the entry-level athletic training profession or its successor organization approved by the department.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §14356, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 275, §1, is amended to read:

2. Student athletic trainer Athletic training student. A person fulfilling the requirements for licensure or pursuing a supervised course of study leading to a degree or certificate in athletic training at an accredited or approved educational program if the person is designated by a title that indicates that person's status as a student or trainee;

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §14356, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 275, §1, is amended to read:

4. Visiting team. A person performing athletic training services in the State for an out-of-state team that is in the State for competition at which an athletic trainer licensed under this chapter or a physician is available if these services are performed for no more than 4 14 days at a time or for no more than 30 days a year.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §14357, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. JJ, §§4 and 5, is further amended to read:

1. Qualifications. To qualify for a license as an athletic trainer an applicant must:

A. Demonstrate that the applicant is trustworthy and competent to engage in practice as an athletic trainer in a manner that safeguards the interests of the public;

~~B. Be a graduate of a college or university approved by the department and have successfully completed that college's or university's curriculum in athletic training or other curricula acceptable to the department and have completed an athletic training education program approved by the National Athletic Trainers' Association or its successor or other organization approved by the department or a program of practical training in athletic training acceptable to the department; and~~

~~C. Have passed the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification examination or be currently certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association or its successor or other organization approved by the department.~~

D. Have passed the examination of the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer; and

E. Hold a current credential from the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §14359, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. JJ, §7, is further amended to read:

For the purposes of satisfying the continuing education requirements, each application for license renewal must include current certification by the ~~National Athletic Trainers' Association or its successor or other organization approved by the department~~ Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer.

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §14360, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. JJ, §8, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §14361-A, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. JJ, §10, is amended to read:

4. Unethical conduct. A finding by the ~~National Athletic Trainers' Association's Ethics Committee of a violation of the National Athletic Trainers' Association's~~