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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.

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**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.

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**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' Associa-~~

~~tion's Code of Ethics or a finding by the National Athletic Trainers' Association's Board of Certification's Professional Practice and Discipline Committee of a violation of the Board of Certification's Standards of Professional Practice the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer of a violation of that board's practice standards and code of professional responsibility or findings by successor or other organizations with respect to codes of ethics approved by the department.~~

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**CHAPTER 212**

**S.P. 532 - L.D. 1302**

**An Act Regarding the Number of Voters of a Municipality Required to Petition for Deorganization of That Municipality**

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

**Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §7202, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 297, §1, is further amended to read:

The voters of any municipality may petition for consideration of deorganization of the municipality by following the petition procedure of section 2528, subsection 5. On the written petition of a number of voters equal to at least 50% of the number of votes cast in the municipality at the last gubernatorial election, ~~but in no case less than 10~~, requesting a municipal meeting for the purpose of discussing and determining whether the municipality should deorganize, the municipal officers shall call and hold a special meeting in the manner provided for the calling and holding of town meetings or city elections to discuss deorganization of the municipality and to decide whether to develop a deorganization procedure.

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**CHAPTER 213**

**S.P. 540 - L.D. 1310**

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Insurance Coverage of Preventive and Primary Health Services**

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

**Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4320-A, sub-§3-B**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 638, §3, is amended to read:

**3-B. Parity in cost sharing for primary care and behavioral health office visits; group health plan.** A group health plan, other than a small group health plan subject to subsection 3-A, with an effective date on or after January 1, 2023 must provide coverage without cost sharing for the first primary care office visit and first behavioral health office visit in each plan year. After the first behavioral health office visit, a health plan may not apply a copayment amount to a behavioral health office visit that is greater than the copayment for a primary care office visit. For the purposes of this subsection, "behavioral health office visit" means an office visit to address mental health and substance use conditions. This subsection does not apply to a plan offered for use with a health savings account unless the federal Internal Revenue Service determines that the benefits required by this section are permissible benefits in a high deductible health plan as defined in the federal Internal Revenue Code, Section 223(c)(2) or to a health plan that has no deductible, no coinsurance and out-of-pocket limits that meet the applicable federal requirements. The superintendent may adopt rules as necessary to address the coordination of the requirements of this subsection for coverage without cost sharing for the first primary care visit and the requirements of this section with respect to coverage of an annual well visit. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

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**CHAPTER 214**

**H.P. 934 - L.D. 1412**

**An Act to Increase Contingency Reserves for Maine's Consumer-owned Electric Transmission and Distribution Utilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3503, sub-§5, ¶C**, as amended by PL 1999, c. 398, Pt. A, §87 and affected by §§104 and 105, is further amended by amending subparagraph (3) to read:

(3) To provide for a contingency reserve fund, 1/2 of which may be used for capital purposes, to reflect up to a ~~25%~~ 35% addition to yearly revenues over the amount required to operate the utility, ~~not including purchased power supply costs, if any.~~ The commission may authorize a utility to establish rates to provide for a contingency reserve fund to reflect an amount greater than a 35% addition to yearly revenues over the amount required to operate the utility. Any surplus in excess of this ~~25%~~ 35% or the