

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

Marine Resources	Working Waterfront Advisory Council	Not Authorized	5 MRSA §3208
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Sec. 4. Working Waterfront Advisory Council initial membership appointments. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3208, subsection 2, in making the initial membership appointments to the Working Waterfront Advisory Council established pursuant to Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 57-I, the Director of the Maine Office of Community Affairs shall make the initial membership appointment terms staggered so that approximately 1/3 of the members are appointed for a term of 3 years, approximately 1/3 of the members are appointed for a term of 2 years and approximately 1/3 of the members are appointed for a term of one year.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

MAINE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Working Waterfront Information and Technical Assistance Fund N542

Initiative: Provides ongoing allocations to establish the Working Waterfront Information and Technical Assistance Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$500	\$500
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$500	\$500
FUNDS TOTAL		

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 266

H.P. 823 - L.D. 1248

An Act Regarding Physical Escort and Restraint and Seclusion of Students in Schools

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4014, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 453, §1, is amended to read:

D. "Physical escort" means the temporary, ~~voluntary~~ touching or holding of the hand, wrist, arm, shoulder or back to induce a student to walk to a safe location.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4014, sub-§1, ¶G-1 is enacted to read:

G-1. "Serious physical injury" means any impairment of the physical condition of a person, whether

self-inflicted or inflicted by someone else, that requires a medical practitioner, including, but not limited to, a school nurse, to evaluate or treat the person.

This paragraph is repealed August 1, 2029.

Sec. 3. Report. The Department of Education shall, no later than January 1, 2029, submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters related to the use of physical restraint and seclusion in schools under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 4014. The report must include, but is not limited to, data on the use of physical restraint and seclusion in schools in the State prior to October 15, 2025 and after that date and include a summary of any changes to the use of physical restraint and seclusion between calendar years 2021 and 2028. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out a bill to the 134th Legislature in 2029.

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CHAPTER 267

H.P. 1077 - L.D. 1623

An Act to Amend Certain Fish and Wildlife Laws Related to Landowner Representation Regarding Abandoned Property

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10652, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 54, §2, is further amended to read:

A. A person may not:

- (1) Tear down or destroy any fence or wall on another person's land;
- (2) Leave open any gate or bars on another person's land;
- (3) Trample or destroy any crop on another person's land;
- (4) Damage or destroy a tree on another person's land by inserting into that tree any metallic or ceramic object to be used as, or as part of, a ladder or observation stand unless the person has the permission of the landowner or the landowner's representative;
- (5) Erect or use either a portable or permanent ladder or observation stand on the land of another person unless:
 - (a) That person has obtained oral or written authorization to erect and use a ladder