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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

Provisional approval under this section is valid only through December 31, 2025 or until such time as municipal approval is received or denied, whichever is sooner. A facility operating under provisional approval shall cease all operations related to this provisional approval on December 31, 2025 or on the date upon which a municipality denies that facility's application for the sale of pari-mutuel pools or common pari-mutuel pools at that facility if the denial occurs prior to December 31, 2025.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 12, 2025.

CHAPTER 282

H.P. 806 - L.D. 1231

An Act to Require Legislative Approval of Proposed Permanent Changes to the Overnight Docking of State Ferries on Islands

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4408 is enacted to read:

§4408. Overnight docking of ferries; legislative approval

1. Change to existing overnight docking practice. The Department of Transportation may not without legislative approval change the existing overnight docking practices of a state-owned ferry vessel that docks overnight on an island served by the Maine State Ferry Service. The department shall seek legislative approval to change the existing overnight docking practice of a ferry vessel that docks on an island served by the Maine State Ferry Service by submitting legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters prior to the change. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the suggested legislation.

2. Exceptions. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the Department of Transportation may require a ferry vessel to temporarily dock at a mainland port or an alternative island port for an emergency situation or another significant operational need. The department does not need to seek legislative approval pursuant to subsection 1 for a temporary change to docking practices pursuant to this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, "temporary change" means a change in the overnight docking of a state-owned ferry vessel that docks on an island served by the Maine State Ferry Service that does

not change the common docking practice of that ferry vessel.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 283

H.P. 816 - L.D. 1241

An Act to Establish the Make Change for Wildlife Program to Support the Maine Endangered and Nongame Wildlife Fund

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10253, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 and affected by c. 614, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §10253, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Make Change for Wildlife program. The Make Change for Wildlife program is established to encourage voluntary support for the fund from businesses that collect voluntary customer contributions at the point of sale. Businesses shall deposit contributions collected under this subsection with the Treasurer of State and designate those contributions for deposit in the fund. The Treasurer of State shall credit all contributions to the fund and all money generated pursuant to this subsection must be used only for the purposes described in subsection 1.

Sec. 3. Report. The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife shall submit a report regarding the Make Change for Wildlife program, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 12, section 10253, subsection 6, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife no later than January 1, 2026. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 284

S.P. 526 - L.D. 1296

An Act to Amend the Law Governing Watercraft Franchisor Warranty Reimbursements

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and