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PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED, TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine 2025

- 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
 - A. "Child care facility" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph B.
 - B. "Family child care provider" has the same meaning as in Title 22, section 8301-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph C.
- 2. Location of child care. A child care facility or a family child care provider is a permitted use in a municipal area that is zoned for residential purposes, subject to the same requirements for other residential property.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 289 H.P. 939 - L.D. 1430

An Act Regarding the Transfer of Moose Permits to Disabled Veterans

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

- Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§5, as repealed and replaced by PL 2017, c. 427, §14 and affected by §19, is amended to read:
- **5. Eligibility.** Except as provided in this subsection, a resident or nonresident who is eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license or who will be eligible to obtain a Maine hunting license by the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit. A person who has obtained a moose hunting permit is ineligible to obtain another permit until the 4th calendar year after the issuance of the last permit. This limitation does not apply to subpermittees under subsection 7 or transferors and transferees under subsection 16. A person under 10 years of age on the opening day of the open moose season is eligible to apply for a moose hunting permit and may accrue points under subsection 8 but is ineligible to receive a moose hunting permit.
- **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §11154, sub-§16,** as enacted by PL 2019, c. 191, §1, is amended to read:
- 16. Moose permit transfer; disabled veterans. A person who holds a valid moose permit may transfer, in accordance with this subsection, that permit to a disabled veteran who meets the eligibility and permit requirements under this section and section 10853, subsection 4 and who is not otherwise prohibited from holding a moose permit. The commissioner may authorize a permit holder to transfer the moose permit to a disabled veteran identified by the permit holder or the

permit holder may return the permit to the department, which, in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner, shall provide for the transfer of the permit to a disabled veteran. A transferor and a transferee of the permit are subject to the elimination of any accumulated points under subsection 8 and the 3 year ineligibility period under subsection 5. Rules adopted under this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

CHAPTER 290 S.P. 626 - L.D. 1542

An Act to Amend the Membership of the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §900-B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 23, §1, is further amended to read:

§900-B. Advisory committee

There is established the Washington County Budget Advisory Committee as provided in this section.

- 1. Municipal officers; election; term. The Except as provided in subsections 2 and 2-A, the municipal officers from each county commissioner district shall choose the budget advisory committee members by the following procedure.
 - A. No later than 100 days before the end of the county's fiscal year, the county commissioners shall notify all municipal officers in the county to caucus by county commissioner districts at a specified date, time and place for the purpose of electing at least one municipal officer from each district as a member of the budget advisory committee; except that, in 1992, at least 3 municipal officers must be selected from each district unless the municipal officers of a district decide that another person from that district would be better qualified. A municipality may not be represented by more than one officer at a time. The county commissioner shall serve as nonvoting moderator for that district caucus. Nominations must be received from the floor. The nominee receiving the most votes is approved as a budget advisory committee member except that, in 1992, each caucus shall elect 3 members. The names of those elected by the caucus must be recorded and forwarded to the county commission-