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# **LAWS**

### **OF THE**

# **STATE OF MAINE**

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Augusta, Maine 2025

- 2. Engage with stakeholders, including members of the interconnection working group established pursuant to Public Law 2023, chapter 307, section 8;
- 3. Identify any barriers to adopting flexible interconnection options;
- 4. Identify ways in which customers seeking connection might benefit from flexible interconnection processes; and
- 5. Determine whether the costs of flexible interconnection may affect noninterconnecting customers and how that may be mitigated.

By February 15, 2026, the commission shall submit an initial report summarizing the commission's activities under this section to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. After reviewing the initial report, the committee may report out a bill relating to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. By February 15, 2027, the commission shall submit a final report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy and utility matters that includes the commission's evaluation of flexible interconnection options, along with any recommendations. After reviewing the final report, the committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

**Sec. 8. Effective date.** Those sections of this Act that enact the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3147, subsection 1, paragraphs A-1 and B-1 and that amend Title 35-A, section 3147, subsection 4 take effect February 1, 2026.

See title page for effective date, unless otherwise indicated.

## CHAPTER 294 H.P. 1154 - L.D. 1727

An Act to Ensure Transparency in Consumer Transactions Involving Artificial Intelligence

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**

#### COMMUNICATIONS WITH CONSUMERS VIA ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- §1500-Y. Required disclosure of use of artificial intelligence chatbot to engage in trade and commerce
- 1. **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

- A. "Artificial intelligence chatbot" means a software application, web interface or computer program that simulates human conversation and interaction through textual or aural communications.
- B. "Trade" and "commerce" have the same meaning as in Title 5, section 206, subsection 3.
- 2. Required disclosure of use of artificial intelligence chatbot to engage in trade and commerce. A person may not use an artificial intelligence chatbot or any other computer technology to engage in trade and commerce with a consumer in a manner that may mislead or deceive a reasonable consumer into believing that the consumer is engaging with a human being unless the consumer is notified in a clear and conspicuous manner that the consumer is not engaging with a human being.
- **3. Violation.** A violation of subsection 2 is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

See title page for effective date.

### CHAPTER 295 H.P. 1196 - L.D. 1785

An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Contact Information for Employees Responsible for Negotiating Health Care Provider Contracts

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

- **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4303, sub-§18, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 2013, c. 399, §1, is amended to read:
  - B. Upon the provider's request at the time a contract for a preferred provider arrangement is offered, the following must be provided to a provider for review:
    - (1) The fee schedule or, if there is not a fee schedule for one or more of the services covered under the contract, the terms under which payment is determined. A carrier may require a provider to execute a nondisclosure agreement covering the information provided under this subparagraph; and
    - (2) The identity of all carriers for which the provider is agreeing to provide services to health plan enrollees-; and
    - (3) Contact information for the carrier's employee responsible for negotiating all contract terms with the provider, including, but not limited to, the fee schedule. Contact information provided under this subparagraph must include, at a minimum, the position title of the