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2 successive terms. The incorporators shall elect a chair, a vice-chair and a treasurer from among the board of directors. The board of directors shall appoint a president of the Maine Development Foundation. The president may not be appointed from among the other directors. Upon appointment, the president becomes a director and the chief executive officer of the Maine Development Foundation.

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CHAPTER 326

H.P. 889 - L.D. 1366

An Act to Amend Certain Provisions of the Drug Laws Related to Cocaine Base

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1107-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 308, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) Cocaine and the quantity possessed is more than 14 grams; or

Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1107-A, sub-§1, ¶A, as amended by PL 2015, c. 308, §1, is further amended by repealing subparagraph (2).

Sec. 3. 17-A MRSA §1118-A, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 485, §3, is amended to read:

C. At the time of the offense, the person illegally imports cocaine in a quantity of 112 grams or more ~~or cocaine in the form of cocaine base in a quantity of 32 grams or more.~~ Violation of this paragraph is a Class A crime;

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CHAPTER 327

H.P. 751 - L.D. 1146

An Act Regarding the Required State of Mind Relating to Robbery

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

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §651, sub-§1, ¶B, as amended by PL 2017, c. 157, §1, is further amended to read:

B. The actor intentionally or knowingly threatens to use force against any person present or otherwise ~~intentionally or knowingly~~ places any person present in fear of the imminent use of force with the intent:

(1) To prevent or overcome resistance to the taking of the property, or to the retention of the property immediately after the taking; or

(2) To compel the person in control of the property to give it up or to engage in other conduct that aids in the taking or carrying away of the property.

Violation of this paragraph is a Class B crime;

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CHAPTER 328

S.P. 144 - L.D. 358

An Act to Increase Fees Paid to Registers of Deeds

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

Sec. 1. 33 MRSA §604, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 710, §1, is amended to read:

Registers shall ~~photocopy each warranty or quit-claim deed~~ send an electronic or paper copy of transfers received ~~and send the copy~~ to the assessors of the appropriate municipality in the format requested by the assessors within 30 days of recordation. ~~They~~ Registers may charge a reasonable fee for such service a paper copy provided pursuant to this paragraph.

Sec. 2. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2013, c. 370, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Instruments generally. Receiving, recording and indexing any instrument that may be recorded and for which a specific fee is not set forth in this section or in any other section, ~~the sum of \$19 for the first record page and \$2 for each additional record page or portion of an additional record page. In addition, if more than 4 names are to be indexed, a fee of \$1 must be paid for each additional name, counting all grantors and grantees; a flat fee charged as follows:~~

A. Twenty-five dollars per instrument recorded at the request of the State or a municipality; and

B. Thirty-five dollars per instrument recorded at the request of all other persons.

Sec. 3. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§9, as amended by PL 2013, c. 370, §2, is further amended to read:

9. Plans. Recording, indexing and preserving plans, the sum of ~~\$24~~ \$45;

Sec. 4. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§13-A, as amended by PL 2005, c. 246, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14-B, ¶A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 370, §3, is further amended to read:

A. ~~Five~~ Ten dollars per page for paper copies of plans; and

Sec. 6. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14-D, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 370, §4, is amended to read:

14-D. Downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images ~~or electronic abstracts~~ from a county registry of deeds. Acquiring downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images ~~or electronic abstracts~~ from a county registry of deeds that is equipped to and voluntarily agrees to provide downloads of 1,000 or more consecutive electronic images ~~or electronic abstracts~~ pursuant to a written agreement with the person requesting the downloads, ~~5¢~~ 25¢ per image ~~or electronic abstract~~;

Sec. 7. 33 MRSA §751, sub-§14-E, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 370, §5, is amended to read:

14-E. Electronic images, or printed images ~~or electronic abstracts~~ from a county registry of deeds website. Acquiring electronic images, or printed images ~~or electronic abstracts~~ from a county registry of deeds website as follows:

A. No charge for the first ~~500~~ 400 electronic images ~~or electronic abstracts, or a combination of the first 500 images and electronic abstracts~~, acquired by a person in a calendar year; ~~and~~

B. Fifty cents per electronic image ~~or electronic abstract~~ for each subsequent image ~~or electronic abstract~~ after ~~500~~ 400 electronic images acquired under paragraph A in the same calendar year, except that a municipality may not be charged a fee under this paragraph for acquisition of any number of electronic images from a county registry of deeds website; and

C. One dollar per printed image acquired, not including any applicable postage rates set by the county; and

Sec. 8. 33 MRSA §752, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2017, c. 116, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Surcharge. In addition to any other fees required by law, a register of deeds may collect a surcharge of ~~\$3~~ \$5 per document for all records that are recorded in the registry of deeds, except those recorded by agencies of State Government, including quasi-independent state entities as defined in Title 5, section 12021, subsection 5, and municipalities.

Sec. 9. 33 MRSA §753, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 370, §6, is repealed.

Sec. 10. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

Effective January 1, 2026.

CHAPTER 329

S.P. 74 - L.D. 138

An Act Regarding the Permitting of Projects Affecting Public-use Airports Under the Natural Resources Protection Act and the Site Location of Development Laws

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §480-E, sub-§19 is enacted to read:

19. Public-use airports. Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, the department may not include in any permit issued pursuant to this article any conditions that, as determined by the department, would decrease safety within the air operations area at a public-use airport.

As used in this subsection, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Air operations area" has the same meaning as in 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 153.3, except that, for a public-use airport that does not have an airport security program, "air operations area" means those portions of the public-use airport that, as determined by the department, are substantially similar to those portions of an airport described in 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 153.3, including aircraft movement areas, aircraft parking areas, loading ramps and safety areas for use by aircraft and any adjacent areas not separated by adequate security systems, measures or procedures.

B. "Airport security program" means a security program approved by the United States Transportation Services Administration under 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1542.101.

C. "Public-use airport" has the same meaning as in 49 United States Code, Section 47102(22).

Sec. 2. 38 MRSA §485-A, sub-§1-E is enacted to read:

1-E. Public-use airports. Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, the department may not include in any permit issued pursuant to this article any conditions that, as determined by the department, would decrease safety within the air operations area at a public-use airport.

As used in this subsection, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Air operations area" has the same meaning as in 14 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 153.3, except that, for a public-use airport that does not