

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2025**

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).

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 330

H.P. 575 - L.D. 889

### **An Act to Clarify the Release of Information by the Department of Health and Human Services in the Law Regarding Automatic Referrals**

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

**Whereas**, individuals who are eligible to enroll in certain state programs will be referred to other programs for which they are eligible through an automatic referral project created by Public Law 2023, chapter 412; and

**Whereas**, individuals must be able to opt out of information sharing, and establishing that ability requires a statutory change; and

**Whereas**, the Department of Health and Human Services and other state agencies, quasi-state agencies and other entities are currently developing and implementing the project, and this legislation must take effect immediately to avoid any delays; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3110, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. VV, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Authorization required.** Before providing any information pursuant to this section, the department must receive ~~express~~ authorization from the recipient of assistance agreeing to the release of that information in accordance with ~~federal and state law~~ this section. The department shall develop a simplified process to give the recipient of assistance the choice to opt out of authorizing ~~the~~ a release of information pursuant to this section at the time of application or recertification for assistance under this subtitle or at another time of the individual's choice.

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

Effective June 17, 2025.

## CHAPTER 331

H.P. 1137 - L.D. 1702

### **An Act to Amend Election Polling Place Candidate Restrictions**

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

**Whereas**, many municipalities in the State will hold elections in June; and

**Whereas**, this legislation makes changes to polling place restrictions on candidates, and those changes need to be in place prior to those elections; and

**Whereas**, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

**1-A. Definition.** For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "candidate" has the same meaning as in section 1, subsection 5 and includes a write-in candidate, as defined in section 1, subsection 51. "Candidate" includes a candidate of any party designation and a candidate that is not enrolled in a political party.

**Sec. 2. 21-A MRSA §682, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 109, §1, is further amended to read:

**2. Influence prohibited.** On public property within 250 feet of the entrance to the voting place as well as within the voting place itself, a person may not: