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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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amended by enacting after the 3rd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

If the party named on the tax lien mortgage has sold or otherwise conveyed the property to another person and provides proof of payment of that party's own pro rata share of taxes due, the municipal treasurer or the treasurer's designee of record shall prepare and record a discharge of the tax lien mortgage against that party in the same manner as is now provided for the discharge of real estate mortgages, except that a facsimile signature of the treasurer or treasurer's assignee may be used. The discharge under this paragraph is only for the seller. The discharge of the tax lien must include a statement that the assignee, following the release of the property, did not owe property taxes as to the released property. The assignee of the discharge is responsible for the cost of recording the discharge. The assignee of the discharge must be limited to the seller of the property that is the subject of the tax lien mortgage.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 352

H.P. 9 - L.D. 45

An Act Allowing the Department of Corrections to Offset Some of the Costs of Technology Provided to Residents of Correctional Facilities

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

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1220 is enacted to read:

§1220. Resident Technology Fund

The Resident Technology Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established in the department as a nonlapsing fund for the purpose of offsetting the cost of technology provided to residents of correctional facilities.

1. Funds. All funds collected from any fees established by the commissioner pursuant to section 1403, subsection 14 must be deposited into the fund. The department may accept money for deposit into the fund from other sources.

2. Use. The fund may be used by the department to offset the cost of buying and maintaining technology provided to residents of correctional facilities.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §1403, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

14. Technology fee. The commissioner may establish a reasonable fee, as provided in this subsection, for the use of technology, including, but not limited to,

computers, laptop computers and external storage devices, that is provided to residents of correctional facilities in connection with educational or vocational programs, remote work or other purposes. For each calendar month in which the technology is used by a resident, as defined in section 3015, subsection 1, paragraph B, the fee charged may not exceed 7% of the resident's earnings during the month after any deductions for court-ordered or statutory obligations, including, but not limited to, child support, court filing fees, victim restitution, fines, facility restitution, facility monetary sanctions, medical and dental services fees and room and board, or \$35, whichever is less. The commissioner may not charge a fee under this subsection for:

A. Technology that is provided to a resident for the purpose of research related to a criminal case or civil lawsuit in which the resident is involved; or

B. Technology that is provided to a resident who has earnings of less than \$100 during the calendar month after any deductions that are provided for in this subsection.

Money received by the resident and directly deposited into a telephone call account established by the department under section 3039, subsection 4 for the sole purpose of paying for use of the department's client telephone system is not subject to this subsection. Money received by the resident as a credit improvement loan in accordance with section 3039, subsection 6 is not subject to this subsection.

A correctional facility shall collect any fees received under this subsection and deposit them into the Resident Technology Fund established in section 1220.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Resident Technology Fund N383

Initiative: Establishes the Resident Technology Fund.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$38,598	\$38,598
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$38,598	\$38,598

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CHAPTER 353

H.P. 89 - L.D. 156

An Act to Improve Notifications Related to Substance-exposed Infants

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4002, sub-§5-D is enacted to read:

5-D. Family care plan. "Family care plan" means a plan of safe care as described in the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4004-B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 342, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §4004-C is enacted to read:

§4004-C. Infants born affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder

The department shall:

1. Receive notifications. Receive notifications from health care providers, or their designees, regarding infants who are identified as having been born affected by substance abuse or having withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or who have a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder;

2. Develop family care plan. For each infant for whom the department receives a notification under subsection 1, develop, with the assistance of any health care provider involved in the infant's caregiver's or the infant's medical or mental health care, a family care plan, including any appropriate referrals for services for the child or caregiver. This subsection may not be construed as limiting a health care provider's ability to develop a family care plan for any family who could benefit from one;

3. Collect data. Collect data for reporting in a manner that complies with the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act;

4. Comply with section 4004. For any infant about whom the department receives a report of abuse or neglect, comply with section 4004, subsection 2; and

5. Adopt rules. Adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

For the purposes of this section, "health care provider" means a person described in section 4011-A, subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) to (10), (15), (17) to (20) and (22) or any person who assists in the delivery or birth of a child for compensation, including, but not limited to, a midwife.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §4011-B, as amended by PL 2019, c. 342, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §4011-C is enacted to read:

§4011-C. Notification regarding infants affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder

1. Notification regarding infants affected by substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. A health care provider involved in the delivery or care of an infant the provider identifies as having been born affected by substance abuse, as having withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure or as having a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder shall notify the department of that condition in the infant.

A. This section, and any notification made pursuant to this section, may not be construed to establish a definition of "abuse" or "neglect."

B. This section, and any notification made pursuant to this section, may not be construed to require prosecution for any illegal action, including, but not limited to, the act of exposing a fetus to drugs or other substances.

2. Report. When a health care provider suspects that an infant has been abused or neglected, the provider shall report to the department in accordance with section 4011-A, subsection 1, paragraph A. If the infant has a family care plan developed under section 4004-C, subsection 2, a copy of the family care plan must accompany the report.

3. Definition. For purposes of this section, "health care provider" means a person described in section 4011-A, subsection 1, paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) to (10), (15), (17) to (20) and (22) or any person who assists in the delivery or birth of a child for compensation, including, but not limited to, a midwife.

4. Rulemaking. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 354

S.P. 403 - L.D. 913

An Act to Amend the Law Regulating the Resale of Tickets

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA c. 37, as amended, is amended to read:

CHAPTER 37

SALE AND RESALE OF TICKETS

§1301. **Resale** Sale and resale of tickets