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Augusta, Maine
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Effective January 5, 2026.

CHAPTER 368
H.P. 430 - L.D. 662

**An Act to Support Survivors of
Military Sexual Trauma and
Active Duty Military Members
Transitioning to Civilian Life**

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

Whereas, veterans have made significant sacrifices to protect our country and ensure our freedom, and many of those veterans in Maine may face challenges transitioning back to civilian life; and

Whereas, the Legislature remains committed to supporting efforts that assist military service members and their families as they separate from military service and transition back to civilian life by helping them find stable employment, access health care and housing and find their place in society; and

Whereas, it is particularly important to support those veterans who have sacrificed more than others because they have experienced military sexual trauma while serving their country in the military; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to provide desperately needed funding to organizations that support veterans and their families; 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. 5 MRSA §13056-K is enacted to read:

§13056-K. Active Duty Military Transition to Civilian Life Fund and Program

1. Fund established; purpose. The Active Duty Military Transition to Civilian Life Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department as an Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purpose of receiving funds for the program.

2. Program established; purpose. The Active Duty Military Transition to Civilian Life Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the department to support organizations in the

State conducting outreach and providing support services to active duty military members and their families who are transitioning to civilian life.

3. Fund sources; administration. The fund consists of money appropriated or allocated to the fund or received from public or private sources. Through agreements or cooperative arrangements, the department may receive, administer and disburse any funds or contributions from a state or federal agency, person, firm or corporation, either independently or in conjunction with state funds appropriated or allocated to the fund for the purposes of this section.

4. Funds held separate; interest credited; nonlapsing. The funds in the fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Interest earned by the fund must be credited to the fund. Any unexpended balances remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year do not lapse and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2430, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2021, c. 181, Pt. A, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2430, sub-§3-A is enacted to read:

3-A. Uses of fund. As allocated by the Legislature, the fund may be used for:

A. Expenses of the department to administer this chapter;

B. Grants for research regarding cannabis for medical use in accordance with subsection 5;

C. Grants to organizations in the State conducting outreach and providing support services to active duty military members and their families who are transitioning to civilian life. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before September 30, 2025, and by every September 30th thereafter, the State Controller shall transfer \$200,000 from the fund to the Active Duty Military Transition to Civilian Life Fund established within the Department of Economic and Community Development under Title 5, section 13056-K to administer grants issued pursuant to this paragraph; and

D. Grants to organizations in the State providing housing and support services for unhoused veterans and their children and for survivors of military sexual trauma. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before September 30, 2025, and by every September 30th thereafter, the State Controller shall transfer \$285,000 from the fund to the Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Fund under section 3971 to administer grants issued pursuant to this paragraph.

Sec. 4. 22 MRSA c. 1069 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 1069

SURVIVORS OF MILITARY SEXUAL TRAUMA FUND AND PROGRAM

§3971. Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Fund and Program

1. Fund established; purpose. The Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department. The fund may receive money from any available state, federal or private source. The fund may not lapse but must be carried forward to carry out the purposes of this section.

2. Program established; purpose. The Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the department to assist organizations in the State that provide housing and support services for unhoused veterans and their children and for survivors of military sexual trauma.

3. Uses of fund. The fund may be used to support the program.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Active Duty Military Transition to Civilian Life Fund N525

Initiative: Provides ongoing allocations to support organizations in the State conducting outreach and providing support services to active duty military members and their families who are transitioning to civilian life.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$200,000	\$200,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$200,000	\$200,000

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
	\$200,000	\$200,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$200,000	\$200,000

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Fund N535

Initiative: Provides ongoing allocations to support organizations in the State providing housing and support

services for unhoused veterans and their children and for survivors of military sexual trauma.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$285,000	\$285,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$285,000	\$285,000

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
	\$285,000	\$285,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$285,000	\$285,000

SECTION TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$485,000	\$485,000
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$485,000	\$485,000

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

Effective June 19, 2025.

CHAPTER 369

S.P. 376 - L.D. 843

An Act to Continue Funding for the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4326, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 522, §1, is amended to read:

4. Report. The operator of the consumer assistance program shall report to the Attorney General, according to the requirements of the contract under subsection 4 3, on aggregate data relevant to the services provided by and activities of the consumer assistance program, and annually, by January 15th 31st, the Attorney General shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health insurance matters on the aggregate data.

Sec. 2. Transfers from available fiscal year 2025-26 and fiscal year 2026-27 Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance Other Special Revenue Funds bal-