

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 4, 2024 to March 21, 2025

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
March 25, 2025 to June 25, 2025

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS
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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2025

ances to Department of Attorney General. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on November 1, 2025 and on July 1, 2026, the State Controller shall transfer \$300,000 from available balances in the Bureau of Insurance Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation to the Department of the Attorney General, Administration - Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account.

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE

Administration - Attorney General 0310

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation to contract with a designated nonprofit, independent health insurance consumer assistance entity to continue to operate the Health Insurance Consumer Assistance Program, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A, section 4326.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$300,000	\$300,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$300,000	\$300,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 370

H.P. 716 - L.D. 1094

An Act to Prohibit a Person from Obtaining an Elver Dealer's License for a Minimum of 5 Years in Cases of Repeat Violations of License Conditions

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6406, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 151, §6, is further amended to read:

1. Prohibited acts. It is unlawful for any person whose license or right to obtain a license is under suspension to:

- A. Engage in any licensed activity;
- B. Give another person permission to raise, lift, transfer or possess lobster traps or cars marked with the suspended person's lobster and crab fishing license number or lobster traps with buoys that carry the color design on file with the suspended license;
- C. Assist a holder of a Class II lobster and crab fishing license as a crew member; ~~or~~

E. For any violation occurring on or after the effective date of this paragraph, assist any license holder as a crew member in any activity authorized by the suspended license-; or

F. Hold a direct and substantial financial interest in any business that buys, possesses, transports or sells elvers if that person has had that person's license or right to obtain a license issued under section 6864 suspended or revoked.

Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6864, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2013, c. 492, §15, is further amended to read:

1-A. Limits on issuance after February 1st. The department may not issue an elver dealer's license or a supplemental license after February 1st of the current licensing year.

Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6864, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Limits on issuance to same person. The department may not issue an elver dealer's license or a supplemental license to a person using the same business address as a person who has violated section 6404-K, subsection 1 for at least 5 years following the violation.

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CHAPTER 371

H.P. 724 - L.D. 1105

An Act Concerning Displaced Civilian Federal Firefighters in Maine

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

Sec. 1. 26 MRSA §1407 is enacted to read:

§1407. Displaced civilian federal firefighters database

The department shall establish and maintain a database of the names of civilian federal firefighters who have been displaced by a layoff or reduction in force at or closure of a federal installation in this State, including, but not limited to, a naval shipyard, a military base or a facility of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, pursuant to this section.

1. Application. A civilian federal firefighter may apply for inclusion in the database by providing a copy of the notice that the firefighter's position has been terminated due to a reduction in force at or closure of a federal installation in this State.

2. Distribution. The department shall distribute or make available from the database a list of displaced civilian federal firefighters to municipalities that maintain

a municipal fire department pursuant to Title 30-A, chapter 153.

3. Term. The name of a displaced civilian federal firefighter in the database must be maintained for no less than 4 years unless the department is notified that the firefighter has requested to be removed from the database.

4. Consultation. The department may consult with organizations that represent the interests of civilian federal firefighters when establishing the database.

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CHAPTER 372

S.P. 658 - L.D. 1664

An Act to Amend the Dirigo Business Incentives Program

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-AAA, sub-§1, ¶I, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. J, §13, is amended to read:

I. "Layoff" means a reduction in workforce at a qualified business with 20 or more persons employed during any one of the preceding 4 quarters that results in an employment loss for at least 2 consecutive months within the same tax year of at least 20% of the qualified business's employees in this State. "Layoff" does not mean a reduction in workforce due to a catastrophic event or due to a restriction on the weight or passage of any vehicle over any way by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Title 29-A, section 2395.

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CHAPTER 373

H.P. 197 - L.D. 297

An Act Regarding the Management of Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge at the State-owned Landfill

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §1310-N, sub-§5-A, ¶B, as amended by PL 2023, c. 517, §5, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) A solid waste processing facility that generates residue requiring disposal shall recycle or process into fuel for combustion through

methods other than chemical plastic processing all waste accepted at the facility to the maximum extent practicable, but in no case at a rate less than 50%. For purposes of this subsection, "recycle" does not include chemical plastic processing and does include, but is not limited to, plastic-to-plastic recycling; the reuse of waste generated within the State as defined in section 1303-C, subsection 40-A, paragraph C; the recovery of metals from waste; the use of waste or waste-derived product as material substitutes in construction; and the use of waste as boiler fuel substitutes.

At least 50% of the waste that a solid waste processing facility characterizes as recycled under this subparagraph must have been reused or recycled by the facility through methods other than placement of the waste in a solid waste landfill, except that a solid waste processing facility that was in operation during calendar year 2018, that accepts exclusively construction and demolition debris and that accepted more than 200,000 tons of such debris in calendar year 2018 shall:

- (a) Reuse or recycle at least 15% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2024~~ 2026;
- (b) Reuse or recycle at least 20% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027;
- (c) Reuse or recycle at least 30% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2026~~ 2028;
- (d) Reuse or recycle at least 40% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2027~~ 2029; and
- (e) Reuse or recycle at least 50% of such debris through methods other than placement in a solid waste landfill by July 1, ~~2028~~ 2030.

Sec. 2. PL 2023, c. 283, §2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. Temporary allowance for disposal or placement of oversized bulky waste in landfill. Notwithstanding any provision of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 1303-C, subsection 40-A to the contrary, for the period beginning ~~on the effective date of this Act~~ June 23, 2023 and ending July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027:

1. If in any 12-month period the total weight of the residue generated by a solid waste processing facility and disposed of or otherwise placed in a solid waste