# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# **LAWS**

### **OF THE**

# **STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

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Augusta, Maine 2025

- **9.** Contract payments. Except as provided in paragraphs A and B, contracts for capacity resources, related energy or, renewable energy credits or clean energy credits entered into pursuant to this section must provide that payments will be made only after contracted amounts of capacity resources, related energy or renewable energy credits have been provided.
  - A. Contracts with the Efficiency Maine Trust established in section 10103 for energy efficiency capacity resources and related energy entered into pursuant to this section may provide that up to 20% of the total payment be made at the start of the contract. Such contracts must provide that the remaining payments will be made only after the supplier has demonstrated, according to measurement and verification protocols specified in rules adopted by the Efficiency Maine Trust Board pursuant to section 10105, subsection 5, that physical installations have been completed and contracted amounts of capacity resources and related energy have been substantiated.
  - B. Contracts with any entity other than the Efficiency Maine Trust established in section 10103 for energy efficiency capacity resources and related energy must provide that payments will be made only after the supplier has demonstrated, according to measurement and verification protocols specified in rules adopted by the Efficiency Maine Trust Board pursuant to section 10105, subsection 5, that physical installations have been completed and contracted amounts of capacity resources and related energy have been substantiated.

**Sec. 22. 35-A MRSA §3212-B, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 40, §1, is amended to read:

- **1. Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
  - A. "Green power supply" means electricity or renewable energy credits or clean energy credits for electricity generated from renewable capacity resources as defined in section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph B-3, including electricity generated by community-based renewable energy projects as defined in section 3602, subsection 1.
  - A-1. "Clean energy credit" has the same meaning as in section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph A-5.
  - B. "Renewable energy credit" has the same meaning as in section 3210, subsection 2, paragraph B-2.

**Sec. 23. 35-A MRSA §3212-B, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 2021, c. 40, §1, is amended to read:

**2.** Certification; information in bill inserts. Information regarding the availability of the green power offer and of green power supply products and, renewable energy credit products and clean energy credit prod-

ucts that are certified by the commission may, at the option of the provider of the offer or the product and with the cooperation of the transmission and distribution utility, be presented through inserts in customer bills issued by transmission and distribution utilities. The costs of the inserts, including but not limited to printing and postage costs, are the responsibility of the provider of the offer or product. The commission may define the criteria for certification of green power supply products and, renewable energy credit products and clean energy <u>credit products</u> by order or by rule, and the commission may limit the criteria for certification for consumer protection and eligibility verification purposes. Rules adopted to implement this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 24. Public Utilities Commission; rules. The Public Utilities Commission may initiate rulemaking to amend its rule Chapter 316: Long-term Contracting and Resource Adequacy to implement the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3210-C. Notwithstanding Title 35-A, section 3210-C, subsection 10, rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

See title page for effective date.

## CHAPTER 387 H.P. 1248 - L.D. 1877

### An Act to Increase Penalties for Human Trafficking Offenses

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

**Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3360-I, first** ¶, as amended by PL 2023, c. 316, §1 and c. 412, Pt. GG, §1, is further amended to read:

As part of the sentence or fine imposed, the court shall impose an assessment of \$70 on any person convicted of murder, a Class A crime, a Class B crime or a Class C crime and \$40 on any person convicted of a Class D crime or a Class E crime, except that the court shall impose an assessment of \$2,000 \$6,000 on any person convicted of aggravated sex trafficking as described in Title 17-A, section 852, an assessment of \$1,000 \$3,000 on any person convicted of sex trafficking as described in Title 17-A, section 853, an assessment of \$1,000 on any person for the first conviction and \$2,000 for each subsequent conviction of engaging a person for prostitution as described in Title 17-A, section 853-B and an assessment of \$1,000 on any person for the first conviction and \$2,000 for each subsequent conviction of commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or commercial sexual exploitation of a person with a

mental disability as described in Title 17-A, section 855. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the court may not waive the imposition of the assessment required by this section. For purposes of collection and collection procedures, this assessment is considered part of the fine. At the time of commitment, the court shall inform the Department of Corrections or the county sheriff of any unpaid balances on assessments owed by the offender to the Victims' Compensation Fund. All funds collected as a result of these assessments accrue to the Victims' Compensation Fund.

See title page for effective date.

### CHAPTER 388 H.P. 132 - L.D. 210

An Act Making Unified
Appropriations and Allocations
from the General Fund and
Other Funds for the
Expenditures of State
Government and Changing
Certain Provisions of the Law
Necessary to the Proper
Operations of State
Government for the Fiscal
Years Ending June 30, 2025,
June 30, 2026 and June 30,
2027

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

### **PART A**

**Sec. A-1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

# ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

### **Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455**

Initiative: Continues one limited-period Public Service Manager II position, previously continued by Public Law 2023, chapter 17, through June 18, 2027.

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$166,185	\$173,044
All Other	\$6,441	\$6,447
ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE	\$172,626	\$179,491
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL		

#### Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455

Initiative: Provides funding to align allocations with projected expenditures and available resources.

RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$17,235,498	\$17,235,498
RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND TOTAL	\$17,235,498	\$17,235,498

#### Accident - Sickness - Health Insurance 0455

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Public Service Coordinator I position from range 25 to range 28.

ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$12,937	\$13,805
ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$12,937	\$13,805

### ACCIDENT - SICKNESS - HEALTH INSURANCE 0455

#### PROGRAM SUMMARY

RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$17,235,498	\$17,235,498
RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE FUND TOTAL	\$17,235,498	\$17,235,498
ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$179,122	\$186,849
All Other	\$6,441	\$6,447
ACCIDENT, SICKNESS AND HEALTH INSURANCE INTERNAL SERVICE FUND TOTAL	\$185,563	\$193,296

### Administration - Human Resources 0038

Initiative: Provides funding for the marketing and advertising of state job recruitment.

GENERAL FUND All Other	<b>2025-26</b> \$12,000	<b>2026-27</b> \$12,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,000	\$12,000

## ADMINISTRATION - HUMAN RESOURCES

### PROGRAM SUMMARY

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$12,000	\$12,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$12,000	\$12,000