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

Augusta, Maine
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under this section, and the disposition, including a suspension, for that juvenile crime in Title 15, section 3314, subsection 3 ~~3-C~~, except as otherwise provided or except where the context clearly requires otherwise.

Sec. 28. 34-A MRSA §1001, sub-§11, as amended by PL 2017, c. 148, §6, is further amended to read:

11. Juvenile client. "Juvenile client" means a juvenile committed to a juvenile correctional facility who is either residing at the facility or is on community reintegration status, or ordered confined in a juvenile correctional facility pursuant to ~~Title 12, section 6004, 8004 or 10608; Title 15, section 3314, subsection 1, paragraph H; Title 15, section 3314, subsection 7; or Title 29-A, section 115.~~

Sec. 29. 34-A MRSA §3802, sub-§1, ¶G, as amended by PL 2007, c. 686, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 30. Application. The changes made by this Act have no effect on any charges, adjudications or dispositions for conduct committed prior to the effective date of this Act.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 432

H.P. 12 - L.D. 48

An Act to Update References to the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 Contained in the Maine Revised Statutes

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

Whereas, state tax law needs to be updated to conform to federal law before the 90-day period expires to avoid delay in the processing of income tax returns for 2024; and

Whereas, legislative action is immediately necessary to ensure continued and efficient administration of the state income tax and certain other state taxes; 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. 36 MRSA §111, sub-§1-A, as amended by PL 2023, c. 619, §1 and affected by §2, is further amended to read:

1-A. Code. "Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and amendments to that Code as of December 31, ~~2023~~ 2024.

Sec. 2. Application. This Act applies to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2024 and to any prior tax year as specifically provided by the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and amendments to that Code as of December 31, 2024.

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

Effective July 1, 2025.

CHAPTER 433

H.P. 46 - L.D. 82

An Act to Amend the Workers' Compensation Laws by Extending Indefinitely the Presumption Applying to Law Enforcement Officers, Corrections Officers, E-9-1-1 Dispatchers, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Persons Diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder

Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

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

Whereas, the presumption applying to law enforcement officers, corrections officers, E-9-1-1 dispatchers, firefighters and emergency medical services persons diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder in the workers' compensation laws is necessary for the recruitment and retention of professionals employed in these career fields; and

Whereas, the presumption is set to expire on October 1, 2025, which may be before the 90-day period has ended; 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. 39-A MRSA §201, sub-§3-A, ¶B, as amended by PL 2023, c. 405, Pt. A, §143, is further amended by repealing the last blocked paragraph.

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

Effective July 1, 2025.

CHAPTER 434

S.P. 794 - L.D. 1986

An Act to Fund Collective Bargaining Agreements with Judicial Branch Employees

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

Whereas, the Judicial Department is in the process of renegotiating collective bargaining agreements with the 4 bargaining units representing Judicial Department employees; and

Whereas, this legislation authorizes funding of any agreements ratified by December 31, 2025; and

Whereas, it is the responsibility of the Legislature to act upon those portions of collective bargaining agreements negotiated by the judicial branch that require legislative action; and

Whereas, the judicial branch and the Legislature share a desire to address in a timely manner the needs of certain state employees excluded from collective bargaining units; 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. Adjustment of salary schedules for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27. The salaries and stipends for the Judicial Department employees in the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory services bargaining unit, the law enforcement bargaining unit and the professional services bargaining unit and employees referred to in section 2 must be adjusted consistent with the terms of any agreements ratified by December 31, 2025.

Sec. 2. Other employees; similar and equitable treatment. The State Court Administrator is

authorized to grant similar and equitable treatment consistent with this Act for employees of the Judicial Department who are excluded from collective bargaining pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1282, subsection 5, paragraphs C, D, E and F.

Sec. 3. Costs to General Fund. Costs to the General Fund must be provided in the Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services up to a \$10,000,000.00 combined total for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 and the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 to implement the economic terms of the collective bargaining agreements made between the Judicial Department and the Maine Service Employees Association for the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory services bargaining unit and the professional services bargaining unit; made between the Judicial Department and the Maine State Law Enforcement Association for the law enforcement bargaining unit; and for the costs of those Judicial Department employees referred to in section 2 who are excluded from collective bargaining pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 1282, subsection 5, paragraphs C, D, E and F.

Sec. 4. Contingent effective date. This Act takes effect only upon the ratification by December 31, 2025 of collective bargaining agreements made between the Judicial Department and the Maine Service Employees Association for the administrative services bargaining unit, the supervisory services bargaining unit and the professional services bargaining unit and between the Judicial Department and the Maine State Law Enforcement Association for the law enforcement bargaining unit.

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

Effective July 1, 2025, unless otherwise indicated.

CHAPTER 435

H.P. 1336 - L.D. 1988

An Act to Address Funding Needs for State Employees Affected by Federal Funding Disruptions

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

Whereas, uncertainty and lack of clarity surrounds the distribution of federal funding to state agencies; and