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CHAPTER 450 H.P. 184 - L.D. 284

An Act to Update Major Policy-influencing Positions Within the Maine Human Rights Commission

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

- **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §941, sub-§1, ¶B,** as enacted by PL 1983, c. 729, §4, is repealed.
- Sec. 2. 5 MRSA $\S941$, sub- $\S1$, \PC is enacted to read:

C. Commission Counsel.

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

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, MAINE

Human Rights Commission - Regulation 0150

Initiative: Reclassifies one Public Service Coordinator III position to a major policy-influencing position.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$2,976	\$10,447
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,976	\$10,447

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 451 H.P. 196 - L.D. 296

An Act to Appropriate Funds to the Department of Environmental Protection, Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF

Lake Water Quality Restoration and Protection Fund Z385

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for projects that meet specific criteria and improve or maintain the quality of lake waters in the State.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL

\$50,000

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CHAPTER 452 S.P. 158 - L.D. 366

An Act to Ensure Consistency of Income Tax Deductions for Retired Members of the Uniformed Services

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

- **Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5122, sub-§2, ¶M-2,** as amended by PL 2023, c. 523, Pt. B, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2), division (c) to read:
 - (c) "Military retirement plan" means retirement plan benefits received as a result of service in the active or reserve components of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or Space Force. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2026, "military retirement plan" means retirement plan benefits received as a result of service in the active or reserve components of the uniformed services of the United States as defined in 37 United States Code, Section 101(3).

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 453 S.P. 150 - L.D. 384

An Act to Prevent Student Homelessness

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 223, sub-c. 12 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 12

STUDENT HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

§6691. Student Homelessness Prevention Program

The Student Homelessness Prevention Program, referred to in this section as "the program," is established within the department in the office of the department responsible for school and student supports.

1. Purpose. The purpose of the program is to help elementary students and secondary students avoid homelessness by identifying students and families of students who are at risk of homelessness and providing