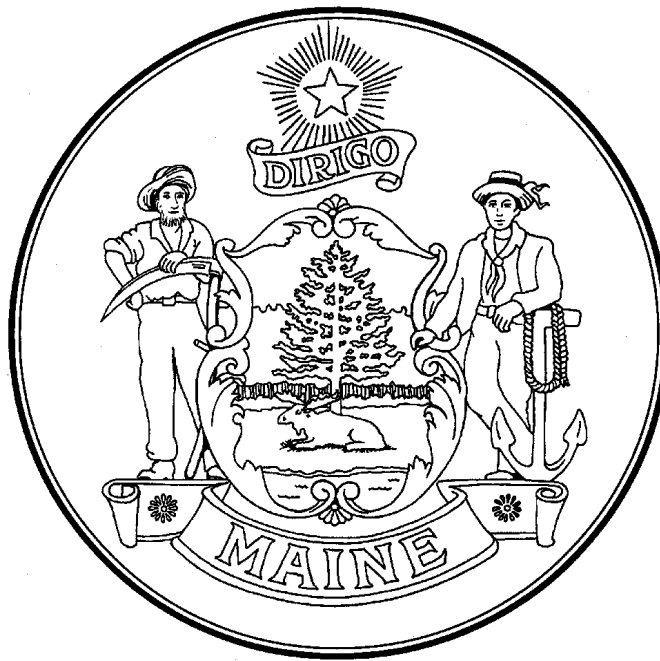


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outlined in the agreement for resolution between the State of Maine and the Maine Service Employees Association, SEIU Local 1989 effective August 29, 2024.

Sec. 12. Authorization for reimbursement of costs associated with contract resolution. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services may be reimbursed from the Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services for the costs of contract resolution, administration and implementation and other costs required by the process of collective bargaining and negotiation procedures.

Sec. 13. Voluntary employee incentive programs.

1. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 903, subsections 1 and 2, the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services shall offer for use special voluntary employee incentive programs for state employees, including a 50% workweek, flexible position staffing and time off without pay. Employee participation in a voluntary employee incentive program is subject to the approval of the employee's appointing authority.

2. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 285, subsection 7 and Title 5, section 903, the State shall continue to pay health and dental insurance benefits for a state employee who applies and is approved to participate in a voluntary employee incentive program under subsection 1 based upon the scheduled workweek in effect prior to the employee's participation in the voluntary employee incentive program.

3. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, sections 903 and 18056 and any other provision of law to the contrary, the life, accidental death and dismemberment, supplemental and dependent insurance amounts for a state employee who applies and is approved to participate in a voluntary employee incentive program under subsection 1 are based upon the scheduled hours of the employee prior to the employee's participation in the voluntary employee incentive program.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 493

H.P. 99 - L.D. 166

An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1551, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Pharmacy. "Pharmacy" means a retail pharmacy as defined in Title 24-A, section 4347, subsection 19.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1551-A, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Pharmacies and retail establishments with a pharmacy ineligible for retail tobacco license; civil penalty; transfer of funds. This subsection governs pharmacies and retail establishments containing a pharmacy.

A. A pharmacy is ineligible for a retail tobacco license. A pharmacy that engages in retail sales, including retail sales through vending machines or in free distribution of tobacco products, and sells, keeps for sale or gives away in the course of trade any tobacco products to anyone commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$2,000 may be adjudged. Each day a pharmacy is in violation of this paragraph constitutes a separate offense.

B. A retail establishment containing a pharmacy is ineligible for a retail tobacco license. A retail establishment containing a pharmacy that engages in retail sales, including retail sales through vending machines or in free distribution of tobacco products, and sells, keeps for sale or gives away in the course of trade any tobacco products to anyone commits a civil violation for which a fine of not more than \$2,000 may be adjudged. Each day a retail establishment containing a pharmacy is in violation of this paragraph constitutes a separate offense.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §4366-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2025, c. 388, Pt. E, §4 and affected by §6, is further amended to read:

2. Provided to sellers. The State Tax Assessor shall provide stamps to a licensed distributor upon submission by the licensed distributor of a cigarette tax return in a form prescribed by the assessor. The stamps must be of a design suitable to be affixed to packages of cigarettes as evidence of the payment of the tax imposed by this chapter. The assessor may permit a licensed distributor to pay for the stamps within 30 days after the date of purchase, if a bond satisfactory to the assessor in an amount not less than 50% of the sale price of the stamps has been filed with the assessor conditioned upon payment for the stamps. Such a distributor may continue to purchase stamps on a 30-day deferral basis only if it remains current with its cigarette tax obligations. The assessor may not sell additional stamps to a distributor that has failed to pay in full within 30 days for stamps previously purchased until such time as the overdue payment is received. ~~The assessor shall sell cigarette stamps to licensed distributors at the following discounts from their face value:~~

~~D. For stamps at the face value of 175 mills, the discount rate is 0.66%.~~

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect April 1, 2026.

Effective April 1, 2026.

CHAPTER 494

H.P. 560 - L.D. 874

An Act to Provide Relief to Federal or State Employees Affected by a Federal Government or State Government Shutdown

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §160 is enacted to read:

§160. Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund established

The Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program Fund is established as a nonlapsing Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Office of the Treasurer of State. All money received by the fund from any source, including any transfers from the General Fund unappropriated surplus, must be credited to the fund. Money credited to the fund must be used to guarantee the repayment of loans made by an eligible financial institution to an eligible affected employee pursuant to Title 10, chapter 110, subchapter 15 and to reimburse the Finance Authority of Maine for reasonable expenses to administer the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program established in Title 10, chapter 110, subchapter 15.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA c. 110, sub-c. 15 is enacted to read:

SUBCHAPTER 15

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

§1100-HH. Definitions

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. Affected employee. "Affected employee" means a person employed by the Federal Government or the State Government or any federal or state agency who, during a shutdown, is:

A. A resident of the State; and

B. Required to work as a federal or state employee without pay or furloughed as a federal or state employee without pay.

2. Bureau. "Bureau" means the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Financial Institutions.

3. Credit union. "Credit union" has the same meaning as "credit union authorized to do business in this State" in Title 9-B, section 131, subsection 12-A.

4. Eligible affected employee. "Eligible affected employee" means an affected employee who is eligible to receive a loan as determined pursuant to section 1100-JJ, subsection 1.

5. Eligible financial institution. "Eligible financial institution" means a credit union or financial institution that is in good standing as determined by the bureau pursuant to section 1100-II, subsection 2.

6. Financial institution. "Financial institution" has the same meaning as "financial institution authorized to do business in this State" in Title 9-B, section 131, subsection 17-A.

7. Good standing. "Good standing," with respect to a credit union or financial institution, means that the credit union or financial institution is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration.

8. Grace period. "Grace period" means the period beginning with the disbursement of a loan under this subchapter and ending 90 days after an eligible affected employee receives disbursement of the loan or at the end of the shutdown during which the loan was made, whichever is later.

9. Loan. "Loan" means an extension of credit made by an eligible financial institution to an eligible affected employee pursuant to this subchapter.

10. Loan guarantee payment. "Loan guarantee payment" means the amount paid by the Treasurer of State in satisfaction of a claim filed by an eligible financial institution pursuant to section 1100-KK.

11. Program. "Program" means the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program established in section 1100-II.

12. Shutdown. "Shutdown" means a full or partial shutdown of the Federal Government or the State Government that lasts longer than 7 consecutive calendar days. Each shutdown is considered a separate shutdown for purposes of the program.

§1100-II. Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program established

1. Establishment; purpose. The Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program is established within and administered by the authority. The authority shall guarantee the repayment of loans made by an eligible financial institution to an eligible affected employee pursuant to section 1100-JJ. The authority shall submit all approved claims pursuant to section