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CHAPTER 503**H.P. 1024 - L.D. 1566**

**An Act to Provide
Compensation to Individuals
with Lived Experience Serving
on Certain Advisory Boards,
Commissions, Councils and
Similar Groups**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12002, sub-§3-B is enacted to read:

3-B. Member representing lived experience. "Member representing lived experience" means a board member serving on a board established in section 12004-I who has first-hand knowledge or direct experience related to the content, subject matter, responsibilities or authority of the board that helps increase equity in the representation of perspectives and backgrounds of members; is not otherwise compensated for the member's time serving on the board by the member's employer or the entity the member represents; and is explicitly identified as a member representing lived experience in the statutory language establishing the member's position as a member of a board.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §12002-B, first ¶, as amended by PL 1989, c. 503, Pt. B, §26, is further amended to read:

Members of boards ~~shall~~ must be paid a legislative per diem, another specified daily rate of compensation, a salary, expenses only or no compensation, as established for each board in sections 12004-A to 12004-L. Any board for which a legislative per diem, another specified daily rate of compensation or a salary is specified ~~shall~~ is also be authorized to receive expenses as provided in section 12002-A. If the rate of compensation specifies expenses only, the member ~~shall~~ must receive expenses as provided in section 12002-A. If the rate of compensation specifies "not authorized," the member ~~shall~~ may not receive ~~no~~ compensation or expenses except as authorized or allowed by subsection 3.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §12002-B, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Lived experience compensation. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning October 1, 2025, a member representing lived experience who is serving on a board established in section 12004-I and is not otherwise compensated for the member's time serving on the board by the member's employer or the entity the member represents may be compensated in an amount not to exceed the legislative per diem for the member's time and reimbursed for expenses, including but not limited to meals and refreshments provided during the meeting of the board, child

care and travel, to the extent that the department or agency of State Government with which the board is associated has sufficient money in the budget of the department or agency to provide the compensation and reimburse the expenses. The associated department or agency shall determine the amount and manner of compensation provided to members of the board. If the department or agency with which the board is associated does not have sufficient money in the budget of the department or agency to provide compensation and reimburse expenses, a member representing lived experience or the board with which the member is associated may apply for compensation pursuant to subsection 4.

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §12002-B, sub-§4 is enacted to read:

4. Lived experience funding; application for compensation. To the extent that funding is available and appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose of providing compensation to members with lived experience, a member or the board with which the member is associated may apply to the Secretary of State for compensation to the extent allowable pursuant to subsection 3. The Secretary of State shall establish policies or procedures, as necessary, to prioritize compensation for members representing lived experience.

Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §12003-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1989, c. 503, Pt. B, §28, is further amended to read:

2. Compensation of advisory boards. Compensation provided to members of boards, defined in section 12004-I as advisory boards or boards with minimal authority, ~~shall~~ may not exceed ~~\$25~~ the legislative per diem for their time and payment of expenses.

A. Advisory and other boards, as defined in section 12004-I, ~~which~~ that are not authorized by law to be reimbursed for expenses ~~shall~~ are not be eligible for this reimbursement except as authorized or allowed by section 12002-B, subsection 3.

Sec. 6. Lived experience funding distribution process developed by Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall develop a process for compensating members of boards or commissions who are identified as members representing lived experience as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12002, subsection 3-B and as allowable under Title 5, section 12002-B, subsections 3 and 4. The process must include the development of an application for members representing lived experience or the board with which the member is associated to apply for compensation, the development of a method of communication for any decisions to applicants who apply for compensation and the development of policies or procedures governing the prioritization of compensation requests. If no funding is available, the process is suspended.

Sec. 7. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF
Bureau of Corporations, Elections and
Commissions 0692**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to compensate individuals serving on boards and commissions with lived experience.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$5,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$5,000	\$0

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 504
H.P. 1095 - L.D. 1654**

**An Act to Exempt Certain
Sales and Transfers of Adult
Use Cannabis from Excise Tax**

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4921, sub-§9-A is enacted to read:

9-A. Products manufacturing facility. "Products manufacturing facility" has the same meaning as in Title 28-B, section 102-A, subsection 51.

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §4923, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 231, Pt. B, §7 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is amended to read:

6. Multiple licenses. When a cultivation facility licensee also holds a license to operate another cannabis establishment, the taxes imposed by subsections 1 to 4 apply to any transfer of cannabis from the cultivation facility to the other cannabis establishment licensee or, if no such transfer is made, to any activity undertaken pursuant to Title 28-B, section 501, subsection 2 or 4 with regard to cannabis cultivated by the cultivation facility.

Sec. 3. 36 MRSA §4923, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Sales and transfers between licensed cultivation facilities. Notwithstanding subsection 6, an excise tax is not imposed on a sale of adult use cannabis to a cultivation facility or on a transfer of adult use cannabis to a cultivation facility. This subsection does not apply to a sale or transfer by a nursery cultivation facility pursuant to Title 28-B, section 501, subsection 3, paragraph C.

Sec. 4. 36 MRSA §4923, sub-§8 is enacted to read:

8. Transfers to and from products manufacturing facility. Notwithstanding subsection 6, an excise tax is not imposed on the transfer of adult use cannabis

to a products manufacturing facility when the adult use cannabis is returned to the original cultivation facility in the same form and weight within 30 days.

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**CHAPTER 505
S.P. 663 - L.D. 1668**

**An Act Regarding the Voting
Requirement to Extend the
Date for Adjournment of the
Legislature**

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

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2019, c. 475, §11, is further amended to read:

The first regular session of the Legislature, after its convening, ~~shall may not~~ adjourn ~~no~~ later than the 3rd Wednesday in June and the 2nd regular session of the Legislature ~~shall may not~~ adjourn ~~no~~ later than the 3rd Wednesday in April. The Legislature, in case of emergency, may by a the affirmative vote of ~~2/3~~ a majority of the members of each House present and voting, extend the date for adjournment for the first or 2nd regular session by no more than 5 legislative days, and in case of further emergency, may by a the affirmative vote of ~~2/3~~ a majority of the members of each House present and voting, further extend the date for adjournment by 5 additional legislative days. The times for adjournment for the first and 2nd regular sessions may also be extended for one additional legislative day for the purpose of considering possible objections of the Governor to any bill or resolution presented to the Governor by the Legislature under the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 2.

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**CHAPTER 506
S.P. 664 - L.D. 1669**

**An Act to Establish the
Cannabis Advisory Council**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-I, sub-§2-J is enacted to read:

2-J.

<u>Cannabis</u>	<u>Cannabis</u>	<u>Expenses Only</u>	<u>28-B MRSA</u>
	<u>Advisory</u>		<u>§115</u>
	<u>Council</u>		