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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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

Augusta, Maine
2026

A-1. In a contested action, the court may appoint counsel for any indigent petitioner who files a petition under this section when the parent who is the subject of the petition is represented by counsel. The court shall provide reasonable compensation to and reimburse the reasonable expenses of an attorney appointed under this paragraph.

Sec. 17. 34-B MRSA §3864, sub-§10, as amended by PL 2007, c. 319, §10, is further amended to read:

10. Expenses. With the exception of expenses incurred by the applicant pursuant to subsection 5, paragraph F, the District Court is responsible for any expenses incurred under this section, including ~~fees of appointed counsel~~, witness and notice fees and expenses of transportation for the person but not fees of appointed counsel.

Sec. 18. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON

Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Z112

Initiative: Reclassifies an Assistant Defender I position to a Deputy District Defender position.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$1,000	\$1,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,000	\$1,000

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CHAPTER 512

S.P. 723 - L.D. 1840

An Act to Amend the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2423-A, sub-§2, ¶10, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 452, §4 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

O. ~~Transport~~ Sell, offer to sell, furnish or transport cannabis plants or harvested cannabis for authorized conduct in accordance with this chapter on the property or premises owned, leased or rented by the caregiver, subject to the terms of any lease or rental agreement; at trade shows or other industry-related events regarding cannabis for medical use; or through delivery to or private arrangement with a qualifying patient or registrant as long as the delivery or private arrangement occurs on property or at premises owned, leased or rented, subject to the

terms of any lease or rental agreement, by the caregiver, qualifying patient or registrant or on public property that is not designated as a safe zone by a municipality pursuant to Title 30-A, section 3253 or in any other public space where the sale, furnishing or transport of cannabis plants or harvested cannabis is prohibited in law;

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2430-N, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 365, §25, is amended to read:

8. Sales Gross sales; sales tax revenue. The gross sales of cannabis for medical use for the current and prior fiscal years and the sales tax revenue from the sale of cannabis for medical use deposited into the General Fund for the current and prior fiscal years.

Sec. 3. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy; medical cannabis research grant program rule-making. On or before January 9, 2026, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy shall provisionally adopt and submit for legislative review rules necessary to implement the medical cannabis research grant program in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2430, subsection 5. Rules adopted by the office pursuant to this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 4. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy; availability of medical use of cannabis registration and renewal forms. The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy shall as expeditiously as possible make available on the office's publicly accessible website all registration and renewal forms in their entirety as a portable document file or similar file format that does not require the use of independent software, hardware or operating systems. The office shall also make available registration and renewal forms in their entirety in paper form available at the office.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 513

S.P. 741 - L.D. 1871

An Act to Permit Sealing Criminal History Record Information of Victims of Sex Trafficking or Sexual Exploitation

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA c. 239 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 239