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certified nurse practitioners to serve the immediate health care needs of patients; 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. 32 MRSA §2102, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 2007, c. 316, §1, is further amended by amending the 2nd blocked paragraph to read:

A. Until the board has adopted rules to establish practice standards pursuant to section 2205-B, subsection 4-A, a certified nurse practitioner who qualifies as an advanced practice registered nurse must practice, for at least 24 months, under the supervision of a licensed physician or a supervising nurse practitioner or must be employed by a clinic or hospital that has a medical director who is a licensed physician. The certified nurse practitioner shall submit written evidence to the board upon completion of the required clinical experience.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2102, sub-§10, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 316, §2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A. Met the requirements of section 2205-B, subsection 4-A specified by the board in rule;

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §2102, sub-§10, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 316, §2, is amended to read:

B. Practiced as an advanced practice registered nurse for a minimum of 5 years in the same specialty specialty;

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §2205-B, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Approval of certified nurse practitioner. A certified nurse practitioner who qualifies as an advanced practice registered nurse must meet practice standards specified in rule by the board related to:

A. The length of time a certified nurse practitioner must practice as an advanced practice registered nurse;

B. Based on experience and licensing status, the minimum amount of time a certified nurse practitioner must practice with a supervising nurse practitioner serving in a mentorship role to the certified nurse practitioner;

C. The practice setting of a certified nurse practitioner, including consideration of any requirements for employment by a clinic or hospital that has a supervising nurse practitioner within the clinic or hospital serving in a mentorship role to a certified nurse practitioner; and

D. Any other factors determined necessary by the board.

A certified nurse practitioner shall demonstrate compliance with the practice standards required under this subsection in the form and manner required by the board. The board may adopt rules as necessary to implement the requirements of this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 5. State Board of Nursing rulemaking; submission of proposed practice standards. No later than March 15, 2026, the State Board of Nursing shall submit proposed practice standards for certified nurse practitioners, as required by the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 2205-B, subsection 4-A, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services for review. The joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature relating to the practice standards for certified nurse practitioners. Notwithstanding Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2, the State Board of Nursing may not adopt any rules before May 1, 2026 relating to the practice standards for certified nurse practitioners as required by Title 32, section 2205-B, subsection 4-A.

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

Effective February 17, 2026.

CHAPTER 541

H.P. 1351 - L.D. 2021

An Act to Add an Online Option for Reporting of Suspected Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of Adults

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3477, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2003, c. 653, §10, is further amended to read:

2. Reports. Reports regarding abuse, neglect or exploitation must be made immediately ~~by telephone~~ to the department ~~either by telephone or by an online portal designated by the department~~ and must be followed by a written report within 48 hours if requested by the department. The reports must contain the name and address of the involved adult; information regarding the nature and extent of the abuse, neglect or exploitation; the source of the report; ~~and the name of the person making the report;~~ that person's occupation; and where that person can be contacted. The report may contain

any other information that the reporter believes may be helpful.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 542

S.P. 811 - L.D. 1998

An Act to Authorize Registration of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines Through the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry and to Limit the Use of Certain Cash-dispensing Machines as Virtual Currency Kiosks

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §6152, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 229, §2, is amended to read:

2. Limitations. A cash-dispensing machine:

A. May not accept deposits or loan payments or effectuate account transfers other than those transfers between the customer's accounts in the same financial institution; ~~and~~

B. Must be operated in such a way as to comply with the Electronic Funds Transfer Act, 15 United States Code, Section 1693 et seq. or regulations adopted under that Act; ~~and~~

C. May not operate as a virtual currency kiosk as defined in section 6164, subsection 3 unless the virtual currency kiosk operator is licensed as a money transmitter pursuant to section 6165.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §6153, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 229, §2, is amended to read:

B. A registration fee of \$50 for the ~~first cash-dispensing machine location operator~~ and \$25 for each additional location, payable to the Treasurer of State ~~cash-dispensing machine~~.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §6153, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry. The administrator may require registration under this section through the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry as defined in Title 9-A, section 13-102, subsection 8. The administrator is authorized to participate in the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §6153, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Registration requirements. In all cases, whether registration is through the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry or otherwise, the administrator may establish, by rule, requirements for registration, including but not limited to:

A. Background checks for:

(1) Criminal history through fingerprint or other databases;

(2) Civil or administrative records;

(3) Credit history; or

(4) Any other information determined necessary by the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry;

B. The payment of fees to apply for or renew registration. If registration is through the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, an applicant must also pay a nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry processing fee in an amount to be determined by the administrators of the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry. Renewal applications received after the due date are subject to an additional fee of \$100;

C. The setting or resetting as necessary of renewal or reporting dates; and

D. Other requirements for application for, amendment of or revocation of a registration or any other such activities as the administrator considers necessary.

The aggregate of registration fees and other fees and assessments provided for by this section is appropriated for the use of the administrator. Any balance of these funds does not lapse but must be carried forward to be expended for the same purpose in the following fiscal year.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §6153, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 229, §2, is amended to read:

6. Fine. The administrator may impose a fine of ~~\$5~~ \$25 per day on any person failing to comply with the requirements of this section.

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §6154, sub-§1, ¶A-1 is enacted to read:

A-1. If registration is through the nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry, the operator's unique identifier as defined in Title 9-A, section 13-102, subsection 15;

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