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CHAPTER 543
S.P. 820 - L.D. 2004

**An Act to Enhance Support of
Local Nutrition Incentive
Programs by Modifying the
Eligibility Requirements of the
Fund to Address Food
Insecurity and Provide
Nutrition Incentives**

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §219-B, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 1, Pt. A, §7, is amended to read:

§219-B. Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives

1. Fund established. The Fund To Address Food Insecurity and Provide Nutrition Incentives, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established in the department to provide incentives to ~~federal~~ food and nutrition assistance program participants for the purchase of locally grown fruits and vegetables and to support outreach for and administration of programs that offer nutrition incentives to participants of ~~federal~~ food and nutrition assistance programs. The fund is established to match contributions from private and public sources of up to \$50,000 annually to further the purposes of this section. The fund, to be accounted within the department, must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Eligible investment earnings credited to the assets of the fund become part of the assets of the fund. Any unexpended balances remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year do not lapse and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year. For purposes of this section, "local" means within the State.

2. Fund recipients. An organization based in the State that supports local food producers, local food production or low-income individuals in receiving food and nutrition assistance may receive proceeds from the fund upon application with the department. The department shall prioritize an applicant that has a demonstrated history of incentivizing the use of ~~federal~~ food and nutrition assistance programs to purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables or that demonstrates the ability to leverage the proceeds to match or receive additional funds from local, state, federal or private sources. The department shall periodically post a request for applications for eligible organizations to apply for fund proceeds.

3. Report; audit. The department shall require a periodic report from a recipient under subsection 2 detailing the use of fund proceeds and the ~~federal~~ food and nutrition assistance programs involved and to ensure that the funds are expended appropriately pursuant to

this section. The department may audit a recipient to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

4. Rules. The department may adopt routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of the fund, including application criteria and procedures for recipients, disbursement of funds to recipients and for outreach and administration purposes and reporting and audit procedures for recipients.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 544
H.P. 1349 - L.D. 2019

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Governing Licensure of
Wholesalers and
Manufacturers Under the
Maine Pharmacy Act**

Emergency preamble. **Whereas**, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, wholesalers and manufacturers doing business in this State are currently required to submit registration information from the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration and registration information from the United States Food and Drug Administration to the Maine Board of Pharmacy as a qualification for initial licensure; and

Whereas, this legislation is necessary to make statutory corrections authorizing the Maine Board of Pharmacy to grant licenses to wholesalers and manufacturers who have not yet obtained the appropriate federal registration number at the time of application for initial licensure; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period to address, as soon as possible, the health and welfare of the citizens of this State; 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 §13742-A, sub-§1, ¶F, as amended by PL 2021, c. 303, §3, is further amended to read:

F. A violation of section 13800-B; ~~or~~

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §13742-A, sub-§1, ¶G, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 303, §4, is amended to read:

G. A violation of section 13725-; or

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §13742-A, sub-§1, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. Failing to file with the board an applicable registration number described in section 13758, subsection 4, paragraph B once that applicable registration number is obtained.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §13758, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. DD, §28, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

4. Form. License forms must state:

A. The applicant's name, address, day phone, 24-hour phone, ownership status and manufacturer or wholesaler designation;

B. The applicant's United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration registration number and the applicant's United States Food and Drug Administration registration number, as applicable, if the applicant has obtained the registration number at the time the form is executed; and

C. The date the form is executed.

License forms must be executed by an owner or officer of the manufacturer or wholesaler, providing printed name and title.

If, at the time the form is executed, the applicant has not obtained a registration number described in paragraph B that is applicable to the applicant, the applicant shall file that registration number with the board once the registration number is obtained.

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

Effective March 3, 2026.

CHAPTER 545

H.P. 1362 - L.D. 2032

An Act to Amend the Extreme Risk Protection Order Procedure

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the number of petitions filed under the laws governing extreme risk protection orders has significantly increased in recent years; and

Whereas, this legislation expedites justice for individuals who have a statutory right to a hearing; and

Whereas, this legislation improves court efficiency in adhering to those statutory hearing deadlines; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect before the end of the 90-day period to ensure that extreme risk protection orders are processed in an efficient manner; 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. 34-B MRSA §3862-A, sub-§4, ¶B, as amended by PL 2023, c. 675, §17, is further amended by amending subparagraph (4) to read:

(4) Provide a copy to the court of the judicial endorsement and all attachments and the notification to the restricted person, including the date of notification.

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

Effective March 3, 2026.

CHAPTER 546

H.P. 1377 - L.D. 2053

An Act to Improve Safety by Allowing the Use of Variable-message Signs on Certain Vehicles

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, vehicles that assist with traffic incidents and improve roadway safety that are equipped with variable-message signs mounted on the vehicle are prepared to begin using variable-message signs immediately; and

Whereas, a delay in allowing vehicles that assist with traffic incidents and improve roadway safety to use variable-message signs could allow for a greater number of traffic-related injuries to occur; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of