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CHAPTER 556
S.P. 808 - L.D. 1995

**An Act to Require the Maine
Office of Community Affairs to
Establish a Technical
Assistance Materials Hub**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3209 is enacted to read:

§3209. Technical assistance materials hub

1. Definition. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "technical assistance materials hub" or "hub" means a centralized source of information that provides available resources and data to guide decision makers planning for and implementing projects.

2. Hub established. The office shall coordinate with appropriate tribal, state, regional and local entities to establish and maintain a technical assistance materials hub on the publicly accessible website maintained by the office. The office shall make available through the hub materials addressing a wide variety of topics relevant to communities in this State, including, but not limited to, planning, climate resilience, housing and development. The office may also make available through the hub any of the following materials:

A. A collection of the best available resources regarding projections and models, assessments and data pertaining to the topics addressed by materials made available pursuant to this subsection;

B. Tools that allow for the visualization of regions and communities across the State and that integrate best available data pertaining to the topics addressed by materials made available pursuant to this subsection;

C. A library of white papers, case studies, research articles and best practices that are searchable by relevance to region, locality and sector pertaining to the topics addressed by materials made available pursuant to this subsection;

D. Information about funding opportunities for communities; and

E. Regionally prioritized best practice projects that support regional collaboration.

3. Updates. The office shall regularly update the hub.

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CHAPTER 557
S.P. 812 - L.D. 1999

**An Act to Exclude Agricultural
Leases from the Definition of
"Subdivision" Under the
Planning and Land Use
Regulation Laws**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4401, sub-§4, ¶K is enacted to read:

K. "Subdivision" does not include the lease of a tract or parcel of land or a portion of a tract or parcel of land that is used primarily for farming or ranching as defined in Title 7, section 251, subsection 4 and that does not convey fee simple ownership or allow for the construction of permanent residential dwellings.

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CHAPTER 558
H.P. 243 - L.D. 343

**An Act to Incorporate the
Assessment of Emerging
Energy Technologies into the
Comprehensive State Energy
Plan**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §10305, sub-§1, ¶H, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 476, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

H. Include energy supply and demand forecasts that must be considered in other planning efforts including updates to the state climate action plan under Title 38, section 577 and the Efficiency Maine Trust's triennial plan under section 10104, subsection 4; and

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10305, sub-§1, ¶I, as enacted by PL 2025, c. 476, Pt. A, §16, is amended to read:

I. Identify approximate total project award targets for the next 3 competitive solicitations to be conducted by the department pursuant to section 10313; and

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §10305, sub-§1, ¶J is enacted to read:

J. Identify and assess emerging energy technologies, including assessing the commercial readiness,

costs and potential appropriateness of those technologies for application in the State consistent with the department's policy and program goals described in section 10303 prioritizing carbon-free and lowest-emission technologies.

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CHAPTER 559

H.P. 1314 - L.D. 1970

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Consent for HIV Testing and Disclosure of Related Medical Information for Insurance Purposes

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §19203, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1999, c. 512, Pt. B, §1 and affected by §§5 and 6, is further amended to read:

2. Designated health care provider. To a health care provider designated by the subject of the test ~~in writing~~. When a patient has authorized disclosure of HIV test results to a person or organization providing health care, the patient's health care provider may make these results available only to other health care providers working directly with the patient and only for the purpose of providing direct medical or dental patient care. Any health care provider who discloses HIV test results in good faith pursuant to this subsection is immune from any criminal or civil liability for the act of disclosing HIV test results to other health care providers;

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §19203-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 93, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Individual Patient tested; informed consent. Except as provided in this section and section 19203, subsections 4 and 5, an HIV test must be voluntary and undertaken only with a patient's ~~knowledge and understanding that an HIV test is planned~~ informed consent. ~~A patient must be informed orally or in writing that an HIV test will be performed unless the patient declines. Oral or written information required to be given to a patient under this subsection must include an explanation of what an HIV infection involves and the meaning of positive and negative test results. A patient must be provided the opportunity to ask questions, either orally or in writing. Informed consent is not required for repeated HIV testing by health care providers to monitor the course of established infection.~~

A. Information on the meaning of a positive and negative HIV test result must be made available to

the patient. A patient must be provided the opportunity to ask questions, either orally or in writing.

B. The consent of a minor's parent or legal guardian is not required to perform an HIV test on the minor under this subsection.

C. A patient has the right to decline an HIV test and, if the patient declines an HIV test, the health care provider shall document that decision in the patient's medical record.

Results of an HIV test performed pursuant to this subsection must be provided to the health care provider that ordered the test.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §19203-D, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Insurance reimbursement. This section does not preclude disclosure of information in a medical record for the purpose of seeking insurance reimbursement for HIV testing.

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CHAPTER 560

S.P. 807 - L.D. 1994

An Act to Provide Immunity from Civil Liability for Justices of the Peace

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §161, as amended by PL 1995, c. 388, §1 and affected by §8, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§161. Justice of the peace; appointment; duties; salary; immunity

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §161, as amended by PL 1995, c. 388, §1 and affected by §8, is further amended by enacting after the 3rd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

A person authorized to serve as a justice of the peace is immune from any civil liability, to the same extent as employees of governmental entities under the Maine Tort Claims Act, for acts performed within the scope of the person's justice of the peace duties.

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