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professionals. The department shall review the course curriculum at least once every 5 years, or more frequently as determined necessary by the commissioner, to ensure alignment with current clinical standards, safety practices and the needs of residents and clients in facilities under subsection 1-A. The department shall develop rules for the certification of certified residential medication aides and certified residential medication aide instructors and may establish and collect reasonable certification fees and sanction fees from individuals as well as from instructors. Fees must be set by rule and may range from \$25 to \$100 per individual or instructor, per course. A certificate issued pursuant to this subsection is valid for a 2-year certification period. Fees collected pursuant to this section must be deposited in a dedicated special revenue account to support certified residential medication aide certification activities and the ongoing oversight and maintenance of the curriculum. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

Division of Licensing and Certification Z036

Initiative: Establishes one Program Services II position to oversee the Department's Certified Residential Medication Aide (CRMA) certificate program and includes all other funding for a contract position to address clinical issues in the training and testing process and work with the Board of Nurses to improve training quality and CRMA competency.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2025-26	2026-27
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$180,366
All Other	\$0	\$91,950
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE	\$0	\$272,316
FUNDS TOTAL		

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 575
S.P. 771 - L.D. 1964**

**An Act to Establish Additional
Requirements Related to the
Sale or Lease of Net Energy
Billing Interests and Solar
Energy Equipment**

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 Office of the Public Advocate receives inquiries nearly every day from Maine consumers who are struggling to understand who their solar provider is or how to contact their provider with questions about their account; and

Whereas, the sale or lease of solar energy equipment involves significant consumer investment and long-term contracts, which may be complex; and

Whereas, recent federal tax changes may increase the likelihood of door-to-door solicitations for the lease of solar energy equipment, and this legislation must take effect as soon as possible to clarify and improve upon existing consumer protection laws; 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. 10 MRSA §1250-M is enacted to read:

§1250-M. False representation in sale of electricity product

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Competitive electricity provider" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 3201, subsection 5.

B. "Distributed generation resource" has the same meaning as in Title 35-A, section 3481, subsection 5.

C. "Electricity product" means a distributed generation resource, energy supply by a competitive electricity provider or a similar resource. "Electricity product" does not include an electrical appliance, machinery or equipment or building efficiency services or products.

D. "Electric utility" means a transmission and distribution utility as defined in Title 35-A, section 102, subsection 20-B.

2. False representation in sale of electricity product. A person may not falsely represent the person as a representative of, as an affiliate of or as being in any way affiliated with an electric utility or as a representative of, as an official of or acting in an official capacity on behalf of a governmental agency or program, unless expressly permitted by the electric utility or governmental agency or program, when selling, offering to sell, leasing, installing or entering into any other financial arrangement regarding an electricity product.

3. Unfair trade practice. A violation of this section constitutes a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §4661, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 395, is amended to read:

2. Merchandise. "Merchandise" includes any objects, wares, goods, commodities, intangibles or services. "Merchandise" also includes a contract for a shared financial interest in a distributed generation resource that has a net energy billing arrangement in accordance with Title 35-A, section 3209-A or 3209-B and solar energy equipment as defined in Title 35-A, section 3218, subsection 1.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §14701, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2005, c. 347, Pt. E, §1, is further amended to read:

4. Merchandise. "Merchandise" includes any objects, wares, goods, promises, commodities, intangibles, services or other things of value but does not include food or technical or vocational schools located outside of the State that are registered pursuant to Title 20-A, section 9501. "Merchandise" also includes a contract for a shared financial interest in a distributed generation resource that has a net energy billing arrangement in accordance with Title 35-A, section 3209-A or 3209-B and solar energy equipment as defined in Title 35-A, section 3218, subsection 1. "Merchandise" does not include securities that are registered or exempt from registration pursuant to chapter 135, the Maine Uniform Securities Act and rules adopted pursuant to that Act or insurance products that are regulated under Title 24-A.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3209-A, sub-§5, ¶G-1 is enacted to read:

G-1. As applicable, must comply with the requirements of Title 32, chapter 69, subchapter 5 and Title 32, chapter 128, subchapter 2;

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3218 is enacted to read:

§3218. Standard written disclosure for sale or lease of solar energy equipment

1. Definition. For the purposes of this section, "solar energy equipment" means all controls, tanks, pumps, heat exchangers, collectors and other equipment necessary for the collection, transfer and storage of solar energy. "Solar energy equipment" includes photovoltaic modules, inverters and racking and electronic control systems. "Solar energy equipment" does not include passive solar energy systems or those systems using natural means to collect, store and transfer solar energy or equipment owned by a transmission and distribution utility.

2. Standard written disclosure. Beginning June 1, 2026, a person that sells or leases solar energy equipment that is installed on the customer side of the meter shall, prior to a sale or lease, provide to the customer a completed standard written disclosure. The completed

standard written disclosure must be provided to the customer in a form that the customer may keep. The completed disclosures may be provided to the customer in electronic form, subject to compliance with the consumer consent and other applicable provisions of federal law, including, but not limited to, the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, 15 United States Code, Chapter 96, as amended. The standard written disclosure must include the following:

A. The name of the seller or lessor and contact information of the seller or lessor or a representative of the seller or lessor;

B. The name of the primary installer and contact information of the primary installer;

C. A plain language summary of design, cost and warranty information, including the average cost of system interconnection by project size based on the previous calendar year's range of interconnection costs as published annually by the interconnection ombudsman appointed pursuant to section 107, subsection 1 on the commission's publicly accessible website pursuant to subsection 4;

D. A checklist of the responsibilities of the seller or lessor, primary installer, customer and transmission and distribution utility related to the transaction;

E. A description of any dispute resolution mechanisms, including information relating to the interconnection ombudsman under section 3474, subsection 4, available to the seller or lessor, primary installer, customer and transmission and distribution utility;

F. Clearly described terms and conditions of any financial agreement or contract associated with the sale or lease of solar energy equipment, including information about contract termination and a description of the parties' obligations under the contract if the customer moves or if the replacement or repair of the customer's roof is required; and

G. Signature lines for the seller or lessor and customer to attest that the seller or lessor provided, and the customer received, the standard written disclosure prior to the sale or lease of the solar energy equipment.

3. Violation. A violation of subsection 2 is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

4. Interconnection costs; reporting. By March 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, each large, investor-owned transmission and distribution utility shall provide the interconnection ombudsman appointed pursuant to section 107, subsection 1 with the average interconnection costs for the previous calendar year by project size. By May 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the

interconnection ombudsman shall publish on the commission's publicly accessible website the average interconnection costs by project size along with disclaimer language regarding the range and factors associated with the cost of interconnection pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph C.

Sec. 6. Department of Energy Resources; model forms. By June 1, 2026, the Department of Energy Resources shall develop 2 model standard written disclosure forms for the sale and for the lease of solar energy equipment described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 35-A, section 3218, informed by stakeholder input. The department shall make the disclosure forms available on its publicly accessible website.

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

Effective March 19, 2026.

CHAPTER 576

S.P. 801 - L.D. 1989

An Act to Increase Access to the Progressive Treatment Program Fund

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

Whereas, progressive treatment programs are vital tools in helping individuals with serious mental illness remain in a community setting; and

Whereas, legal fees for initiating and extending progressive treatment programs are a barrier for many individuals; and

Whereas, the Progressive Treatment Program Fund is a dedicated fund to assist individuals who are filing an application for a progressive treatment program with paying for associated legal expenses; and

Whereas, the current individual cap in funding continues to result in underuse of the fund; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect as soon as possible in order to address these issues; 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 §3873-B, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 745, §1, is amended to read:

2. Application of fund. The department shall use the money in the fund to reimburse the legal costs incurred by ~~private entities~~ the following individuals to initiate or extend existing progressive treatment programs in accordance with section 3873-A: ~~the superintendent or chief administrative officer of a private psychiatric hospital, the director of an ACT team, a private medical practitioner, a law enforcement officer or the legal guardian of the patient who is the subject of an application under section 3873-A. A private entity~~ The department may use money in the fund to reimburse a private attorney representing an individual eligible to receive funds under this subsection. An individual seeking reimbursement must submit to the department an itemized bill of legal costs incurred to initiate or extend the progressive treatment program. The maximum annual amount the department may reimburse a private entity an individual for the legal costs to initiate a or extend an existing progressive treatment program is \$800 \$3,500. Reimbursement is subject to available funds.

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

Effective March 19, 2026.

CHAPTER 577

S.P. 802 - L.D. 1990

An Act to Update the Requirements for Psychology Licensure

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

Whereas, current law governing qualification for licensure as a psychologist disqualifies candidates who failed an examination within the preceding 6 months, preventing the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists from granting licensure to candidates who subsequently passed the examination within the 6-month period; and

Whereas, one of the primary responsibilities of the board is to review the credentials of qualified candidates for licensure as psychologists and to grant licensure without delay in response to behavioral health workforce shortages, increasing access to behavioral health care services; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect as soon as possible to better allow the board to quickly respond to the behavioral health workforce shortage; and

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