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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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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