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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 §3831, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2007, c. 402, Pt. Q, §9, is further amended to read:

1. Psychological examiner. A candidate for this license shall furnish the board with satisfactory evidence that the candidate is trustworthy and competent to practice as a psychological examiner in such manner as to safeguard the interests of the public; has had a master's degree reflecting comprehensive training in psychology from an accredited educational institution recognized by the board as maintaining satisfactory standards; has had at least one year of full-time supervised experience in psychology of a type considered by the board to be qualifying in nature; is competent as a psychological examiner as shown by passing such examinations, written or oral, or both, as the board determines necessary; ~~and is not considered by the board to be engaged in unethical practice; and has not within the preceding 6 months failed an examination.~~

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3831, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2013, c. 262, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Psychologist. A candidate for this license shall furnish the board with satisfactory evidence that the candidate is trustworthy and competent to practice as a psychologist in such manner as to safeguard the interest of the public; has received a doctorate degree reflecting comprehensive training in psychology from an accredited institution recognized by the board as maintaining satisfactory standards, at the time the degree was granted; has had at least 2 years of experience in psychology of a type considered by the board to be qualifying in nature; is competent in psychology, as shown by passing such examinations as the board determines necessary; ~~and is not considered by the board to be engaged in unethical practice; and has not within the preceding 6 months failed an examination.~~ The board shall recognize that valid comprehensive training in psychology must be received in or accepted by a single program, but may be obtained through a degree given by administrative units other than a department of psychology, including programs approved by the National Association of School Psychologists or the American Psychological Association designation program or their successors or other organizations approved by the board. The board shall adopt a list of these programs. Individuals with degrees from programs not on that list must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Beginning January 1, 2020, a candidate for initial licensure shall furnish the board with satisfactory evidence that the candidate has successfully completed a minimum of 3 hours of course work in family or intimate

partner violence screening and referral and intervention strategies, including knowledge of community resources, cultural factors, evidence-based risk assessment and same-gender abuse dynamics. A candidate may fulfill this requirement through course work taken in fulfillment of other educational requirements for licensure or through separate course work provided through any combination of contact hours, Internet hours and distance learning programs, as evidenced by certification from an accredited educational institution. The board shall accept certification from the accredited educational institution from which the applicant is a graduate that verifies the applicant's satisfaction of this requirement within the applicant's completed course curriculum. A candidate for initial licensure that is unable to demonstrate completion of the requirement of 3 hours of course work at the time the initial application is submitted shall demonstrate to the board that this requirement has been fulfilled upon the candidate's first application for license renewal.

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

Effective March 19, 2026.

CHAPTER 578

H.P. 205 - L.D. 305

An Act Regarding the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Exemption for Leased Automobiles for Certain Veterans

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

Whereas, Public Law 2025, chapter 152 was enacted to prevent the misuse of the motor vehicle excise tax exemption for certain disabled veterans; and

Whereas, through the process of implementing Public Law 2025, chapter 152, it was uncovered that a significant group of disabled veterans lease, rather than own, their vehicles and was excluded from the excise tax exemption, creating an inequity that was not contemplated during legislative debate and runs counter to the spirit of the law; and

Whereas, leasing may be the most practical and affordable option for veterans living on fixed incomes or disability compensation; and

Whereas, this legislation must go into effect as soon as possible to address this matter; 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. 36 MRSA §1483, sub-§12, as amended by PL 2025, c. 152, §2, is further amended to read:

12. Certain Automobiles owned by certain veterans. Automobiles owned by veterans who are granted free registration of those vehicles by the Secretary of State under Title 29-A, section 523, subsection 1 or 2 or who are disabled by injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service in the line of duty and are receiving any form of pension or compensation from the United States Government for total, service-connected disability. A maximum of 3 automobiles owned by a veteran are exempt from the excise tax. In order for an automobile to qualify for an exemption from the excise tax under this subsection, the name of the qualifying veteran must appear on the automobile's certificate of title. If there are multiple owners of an automobile, at least one of the owners whose name appears on the certificate of title must meet the requirements of this subsection in order for the automobile to qualify for the exemption;

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §1483, sub-§12-A is enacted to read:

12-A. Automobiles leased by certain veterans. Automobiles leased by veterans who are disabled by injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service in the line of duty and are receiving any form of pension or compensation from the United States Government for total, service-connected disability. A maximum of 3 automobiles leased by a veteran are exempt from the excise tax. In order for an automobile to qualify for an exemption from the excise tax under this subsection, the name of the qualifying veteran must appear on the automobile's lease agreement. If there are multiple lessees of an automobile, at least one of the lessees whose name appears on the automobile's lease agreement must meet the requirements of this subsection in order for the automobile to qualify for the exemption.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect July 1, 2026.

Effective July 1, 2026.

CHAPTER 579

S.P. 847 - L.D. 2061

An Act to Clarify the Prohibition on Paper Billing Statement Fees

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 current law regarding electronic records of transactions, as amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 35, prohibits a customer from being penalized or charged a fee for opting out of receiving a billing statement by electronic record rather than in paper form; and

Whereas, this legislation clarifies that law and allows a customer to be charged a reasonable fee for providing a replacement statement, a statement covering a custom date range or a statement requested for financial or legal purposes or for fulfilling any other labor-intensive or nonroutine request to provide copies of statements, as long as the fee is fully disclosed to and authorized by the customer prior to the copies of statements being provided; and

Whereas, this legislation must take effect immediately for the protection of customers; 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 §9420, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 226, §1, is amended by enacting a new first blocked paragraph to read:

For purposes of this subsection, "billing statement" means a monthly or periodic account statement that a person is required to provide to a customer under federal or state law, regulation or rule. This subsection does not prohibit a person from charging a reasonable fee for providing a replacement statement, a statement covering a custom date range or a statement requested for financial or legal purposes or for fulfilling any other labor-intensive or nonroutine request to provide copies of statements, as long as the fee is fully disclosed to and authorized by the customer prior to the copies being provided.

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

Effective March 19, 2026.