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rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

B. A report required by this subsection must contain an itemized account of the total contributions from each contributor, each expenditure in excess of ~~\$250~~ \$1,000 in any one candidate's election, the date and purpose of each expenditure and the name of each payee or creditor. The report must state whether the expenditure is in support of or in opposition to the candidate and must include, under penalty of unsworn falsification, as provided in Title 17-A, section 453, a statement whether the expenditure is made in cooperation, consultation or concert with, or at the request or suggestion of, the candidate or an authorized committee or agent of the candidate.

C. A report required by this subsection must be on a form prescribed and prepared by the commission. A person filing this report may use additional pages if necessary, but the pages must be the same size as the pages of the form. The commission may adopt procedures requiring the electronic filing of an independent expenditure report, as long as the commission adopts an exception for persons who lack access to the required technology or the technological ability to file reports electronically.

Sec. 7. 21-A MRSA §1052, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 217, §3, is amended to read:

2-A. Ballot question committee. "Ballot question committee" means a person that receives contributions or makes expenditures aggregating in excess of \$5,000 for the purpose of initiating or influencing a campaign, other than a campaign for the nomination or election of a candidate. The term "ballot question committee" does not include a ~~political action committee or an exempt donor party committee, an exempt donor or a political action committee not required to register as a ballot question committee under section 1052-A, subsection 1-A, paragraph A.~~

Sec. 8. 21-A MRSA §1059, sub-§2, ¶E, as amended by PL 2019, c. 323, §24, is further amended to read:

E. If a committee is required to file a report 11 days before an election pursuant to paragraph B or C, the committee shall report any single contribution of ~~\$5,000~~ \$10,000 or more received or single expenditure of ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,500 or more made after the 14th day before the election and more than 24 hours before 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election within 24 hours of that contribution or expenditure. The treasurer is not required to include in this report expenditures for overhead expenses or compensation paid to an employee or other member of the campaign staff who has received payments at regular intervals that have been disclosed in previously

filed campaign finance reports. As used in this paragraph, "overhead expenses" includes, but is not limited to, rent, utility payments, taxes, insurance premiums or similar administrative expenses.

Sec. 9. Qualifying period for Maine Clean Election Act in 2026. Notwithstanding the definition of "qualifying period" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 21-A, section 1122, subsection 8, for State Senate or State House of Representatives participating candidates who file with the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices a declaration of intent to seek certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate after January 15, 2026, the qualifying period ends at 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2026.

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

Effective April 3, 2026.

CHAPTER 601

H.P. 1360 - L.D. 2030

An Act to Expand the Scope of Practice of Independent Practice Dental Hygienists

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

Whereas, this legislation allows an independent practice dental hygienist to administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide analgesia as long as the independent practice dental hygienist has the appropriate licensure authority; and

Whereas, this legislation will provide more opportunities for persons in need of dental cleanings and other preventive dental services to access these services through an independent practice dental hygienist; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this legislation is necessary to expand access to oral health care in 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 §18375, sub-§1, ¶Q, as amended by PL 2023, c. 354, §8, is further amended to read:

Q. Prescribe, dispense or administer fluoride, silver diamine fluoride, antimicrobial solutions for mouth rinsing, topical anesthetics, other nonsystemic antimicrobial agents, desensitizing agents and resorbable antimicrobial agents; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §18375, sub-§1, ¶R, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 354, §8, is amended to read:

R. Perform dental hygiene assessment, dental hygiene diagnosis and dental hygiene treatment planning and implementation in the identification, prevention and management of oral disease; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §18375, sub-§1, ¶S is enacted to read:

S. Administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide analgesia, as long as the independent practice dental hygienist has authority to administer the relevant medication pursuant to section 18345, subsection 2, paragraph D or E, respectively.

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

Effective April 3, 2026.

CHAPTER 602

S.P. 846 - L.D. 2060

An Act to Make Technical Changes to the Maine Uniform Securities Act and to Clarify the Securities Administrator's Authority to Grant Licensing Exemptions for Broker-Dealers

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

Whereas, this legislation makes technical changes to the Maine Uniform Securities Act to ensure its provisions are accurate and consistent; and

Whereas, this legislation also clarifies the scope of the authority of the Securities Administrator in the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Securities to grant licensing exemptions to all broker-dealers wherever they are located; and

Whereas, immediate enactment of this legislation is necessary to provide clear authority for the administration and enforcement of the Maine Uniform Securities Act; 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 §16202, sub-§26, as amended by PL 2019, c. 252, Pt. A, §1, is further amended to read:

26. Nonpublic offerings under ~~4(2)~~ Section 4(a)(2). A security offered in a nonpublic offering under Section ~~4(2)~~ 4(a)(2) of the federal Securities Act of 1933, 15 United States Code, Section ~~77d(2)~~ 77d(a)(2) if, no later than 15 days after the first sale in this State, a notice on "Form D," as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, is filed with the administrator together with a consent to service of process complying with section 16611, signed by the issuer, and the payment of a nonrefundable filing fee of \$300 for each type or class of security sold. If the Form D includes a consent to service of process, a separate document need not be filed for this purpose, and if the consent to service of process on the Form D is executed in a manner accepted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, it is deemed to comply with the requirement in this section and section 16611, subsection 1 that the consent be signed. An additional nonrefundable late filing fee of \$500 must be paid for a filing made 16 or more days after the first sale in this State.

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §16401, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 65, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

2. Exemptions from licensing. The following persons are exempt from the licensing requirement of subsection 1:

A. A broker-dealer without a place of business in this State if its only transactions effected in this State are with:

- (1) The issuer of the securities involved in the transactions;
- (2) A broker-dealer licensed as a broker-dealer under this chapter or not required to be licensed as a broker-dealer under this chapter, except when the person is acting as a clearing broker-dealer;
- (3) An institutional investor;
- (4) A nonaffiliated federal covered investment adviser with investments under management in excess of \$100,000,000 acting for the account of others pursuant to discretionary authority in a signed record;
- (5) A bona fide preexisting customer whose principal place of residence is not in this State and the person is registered as a broker-dealer under the federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or not required to be registered under the