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federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is registered or licensed under the securities act of the state in which the customer maintains a principal place of residence; and

(6) A bona fide preexisting customer whose principal place of residence is in this State but was not present in this State when the customer relationship was established, if:

(a) The broker-dealer is registered under the federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or not required to be registered under the federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is registered or licensed under the securities laws of the state in which the customer relationship was established and where the customer had maintained a principal place of residence; and

(b) Within 45 days after the customer's first transaction in this State, the person files an application for licensing as a broker-dealer in this State and no further transactions are effected until the license is effective. Any broker-dealer may seek an order granting a temporary exemption under ~~subparagraph (7)~~ paragraph C while the application is pending; ~~and~~

~~(7) Any other person exempted by rule adopted or order issued under this chapter; and~~

B. A person that deals solely in United States government securities and is supervised as a dealer in government securities by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the United States Department of the Treasury, Office of Thrift Supervision or Comptroller of the Currency; and

C. Any other person exempted by rule adopted or order issued under this chapter.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §16606, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 65, Pt. A, §2, is amended to read:

1. Public register of filings. Subject to state record-keeping requirements, the administrator shall maintain, or designate a person to maintain, records or a register of: applications for registration of securities; registration statements; notice filings; applications for ~~registration~~ licensure of broker-dealers, agents, investment advisers and investment adviser representatives; notice filings by federal covered investment advisers that are or have been effective under this chapter or the predecessor act; notices of claims of exemption from registration or notice filing requirements contained in a record; orders issued under this chapter or the predecessor act; and interpretative opinions or no action determinations issued under this chapter. Records may be maintained in computer or microform format or any

other form of data storage, as long as the records are readily accessible.

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

Effective April 3, 2026.

CHAPTER 603

H.P. 1389 - L.D. 2076

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting of Incidents by Municipal Fire Chiefs

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 United States Fire Administration within the United States Department of Homeland Security has implemented a new fire information and analytics reporting system; and

Whereas, the State's fire reporting system does not fulfill modern data analysis and decision support requirements of fire and emergency responders; and

Whereas, accurate incident reporting is essential for fire prevention, emergency planning, firefighter safety and federal grant eligibility; 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. 25 MRSA §2395, as amended by PL 2007, c. 82, §2, is further amended to read:

§2395. ~~Filing statement~~ Incident report of fire or other occurrence

The municipal fire chief or a designee shall submit to the State Fire Marshal an incident report for each response made, regardless of whether an actual fire occurred. ~~The~~ Until January 1, 2026, the report must be submitted in a manner consistent with a national fire incident reporting system or, as available, a national emergency response information system. On or after January 1, 2026, the report must be submitted in a manner consistent with a national emergency response information system or a successor system as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States Fire Administration.

Sec. 2. Rules. The State Fire Marshal within the Department of Public Safety may adopt rules to collect statewide incident response data and facilitate the transition from a national fire incident reporting system to a national emergency response information system, including provisions for electronic submission, technical assistance and system integration with municipal reporting systems. Rules adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Retroactivity. That section of this Act that amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2395 applies retroactively to January 1, 2026.

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

Effective April 3, 2026.

CHAPTER 604

H.P. 1403 - L.D. 2088

An Act to Increase Access to Primary Care Provided by Physician Associates

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

Whereas, there is a shortage of medical providers in the State, particularly in rural areas, and this legislation will increase the number of physician associates who are able to practice in primary care, which will provide more health care opportunities throughout the State and has the potential to make the State eligible for funds from federal rural health care grants; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect immediately in order to remedy the shortage of medical providers and funding as soon as possible; 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 §2594-E, sub-§5, ¶E, as amended by PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §12, is further amended to read:

E. Requirements for collaborative agreements and practice agreements under section 2594-F, including uniform standards and forms;

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2594-F, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §13 and amended by PL 2025, c. 316, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §2594-F, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §13 and amended by PL 2025, c. 316, §3, is further amended to read:

4. Consultation. A physician associate ~~shall~~ **may**, as indicated by a patient's condition, the education, competencies and experience of the physician associate and the standards of care, consult with, collaborate with or refer the patient to an appropriate physician or other health care professional. The level of consultation ~~required~~ under this subsection is determined by the practice setting, including a physician employer, physician group practice or private practice, or by the system of credentialing and granting of privileges of a health care facility. ~~A physician must be accessible to the physician associate at all times for consultation.~~ Consultation may occur electronically or through telecommunication and includes communication, task sharing and education among all members of a health care team.

Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §2594-F, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §13 and amended by PL 2025, c. 316, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §3270-E, sub-§5, ¶E, as amended by PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §16, is further amended to read:

E. Requirements for collaborative agreements ~~and practice agreements~~ under section 3270-G, including uniform standards and forms;

Sec. 6. 32 MRSA §3270-G, sub-§1, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §17 and amended by PL 2025, c. 316, §3, is repealed.

Sec. 7. 32 MRSA §3270-G, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §17 and amended by PL 2025, c. 316, §3, is further amended to read:

4. Consultation. A physician associate ~~shall~~ **may**, as indicated by a patient's condition, the education, competencies and experience of the physician associate and the standards of care, consult with, collaborate with or refer the patient to an appropriate physician or other health care professional. The level of consultation ~~required~~ under this subsection is determined by the practice setting, including a physician employer, physician group practice, or private practice, or by the system of credentialing and granting of privileges of a health care facility. ~~A physician must be accessible to the physician associate at all times for consultation.~~ Consultation may occur electronically or through telecommunication and includes communication, task sharing and education among all members of a health care team.

Sec. 8. 32 MRSA §3270-G, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 627, Pt. B, §17 and amended by PL 2025, c. 316, §3, is repealed.