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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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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 B, §13 and amended by PL 2025, c. 316, §3, is repealed.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.

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

Effective April 3, 2026.

CHAPTER 605

H.P. 1410 - L.D. 2095

An Act to Prohibit Bulk Purchasing of Tickets in Certain Lottery Games

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 has been a rise in lottery ticket bulk purchasing activities across the country and internationally; and

Whereas, bulk purchasing activities threaten the integrity of the lottery, undermine fairness for the public player and run contrary to the legislative intent of the lottery authorized by voters in 1973; and

Whereas, bulk purchasing activities should therefore be prohibited 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. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§1, ¶L, as amended by PL 1997, c. 301, §1, is further amended to read:

L. The apportionment of the total annual revenue accruing from the sale of lottery tickets or shares and from all other sources for the payment of prizes to the holders of winning tickets or shares; for the payment of costs incurred in the operation and administration of the lotteries, including the expenses of the commission and the costs resulting from any contract or contracts entered into for promotional, advertising, consulting or operational services or for the purchase or lease of lottery equipment and materials; for the repayment of the money appropriated to the State Lottery Fund; and for transfer to the General Fund for distribution pursuant to section 387; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§1, ¶M, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 301, §2, is amended to read:

M. The imprinting on all lottery tickets sold in the State of the overall odds of winning a prize for each game;

Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§1, ¶N is enacted to read:

N. The quantity of tickets or shares that may be sold to a person by an agent; and

Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §374, sub-§1, ¶O is enacted to read:

O. The bulk purchase of tickets or shares as prohibited pursuant to section 381-A.

Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §376, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2011, c. 310, §10, is further amended to read:

E. Insufficiency of the number of tickets sold by a person licensed to sell lottery tickets or shares; ~~or~~

Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §376, sub-§1, ¶F, as amended by PL 2011, c. 310, §10, is further amended to read:

F. A material change, since issuance of the license, with respect to any of the matters required to be considered by the director under section 375 or as defined by rules adopted under this chapter; ~~or~~

Sec. 7. 8 MRSA §376, sub-§1, ¶G is enacted to read:

G. Knowingly selling tickets or shares to a person attempting to make a bulk purchase in violation of section 381-A or any rules adopted to implement section 381-A.

Sec. 8. 8 MRSA §381-A is enacted to read:

§381-A. Bulk purchase of tickets or shares prohibited

1. Bulk purchase; definition. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, "bulk purchase" means the purchase, in aggregate, of tickets or shares in a lottery game in an amount exceeding \$25,000 that:

A. Occurs in a single transaction or multiple transactions;

B. Is made at a single retail location or multiple retail locations; and

C. Is made by an individual or multiple individuals acting in concert.

2. Bulk purchases prohibited. The bulk purchase of tickets or shares for a lottery game is prohibited.

3. Refusal of payment. The commission may refuse payment of a prize for a winning ticket or share that was purchased as part of a bulk purchase in violation of subsection 2.

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

Effective April 3, 2026.