

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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1. Noncompliance defined. A state agency is in noncompliance with this chapter if the agency:

- A. Purchases data processing equipment, software or services in noncompliance with this chapter; or
- B. Fails to adhere to the data processing standards established by the commissioner and the Chief Information Officer or the Chief Information Officer's designee.

2. Penalty. Any state agency found to be in noncompliance as defined in this section is prohibited from acquiring or purchasing data processing equipment, software and services until the commissioner or the Chief Information Officer determines that the state agency is in compliance with this chapter.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the commissioner or the Chief Information Officer may act to acquire or purchase data processing equipment, software and services to maintain or meet the emergency needs of a state agency.

3. Cybersecurity services. Notwithstanding the requirements of sections 1553 and 1825-B, or any other statutory or regulatory provisions to the contrary, the Chief Information Officer, after reasonable investigation, may procure cybersecurity services on a retainer basis when determined necessary to ensure the State is prepared to detect, prevent and respond to cyberattacks.

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CHAPTER 699

H.P. 1431 - L.D. 2116

An Act to Extend the Sunset Date of the Affordable Housing Income Tax Credit

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5219-WW, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 555, §6, is amended to read:

3. Maximum credit; carry-forward. The total credit amount available pursuant to this section and section 2534 to be allocated by the authority for each calendar year beginning on or after January 1, 2021 and ending on or before December 31, ~~2028~~ 2036 is subject to the following limitations.

- A. The total allocation may not exceed \$10,000,000. Any portion of that amount not allocated in a calendar year may be carried forward and available to be allocated in subsequent calendar years, except that:

- (1) Any previously allocated credits returned to the authority, excluding any credits recaptured under subsection 7, must be added to that amount; and

- (2) The authority may not allocate more than \$15,000,000 in any calendar year.

B. No more than 20% of credits allocated in any calendar year may be allocated under subsection 2, paragraph B.

C. Ten percent of credits first available to be allocated in any calendar year must be set aside to be allocated for the purpose of qualified rural development preservation projects pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph B. Any portion of the amount under this paragraph not allocated in a calendar year must be carried forward and be available to be allocated in subsequent calendar years for the purpose of qualified rural development preservation projects. To the extent that any amounts set aside under this paragraph are not allocated on or before December 31, ~~2028~~ 2036, those amounts may be allocated by the authority without regard to whether the project is a qualified rural development preservation project.

D. Only those credits that have been carried forward or returned, excluding any credits recaptured under subsection 7, as described in this subsection may be allocated by the authority after December 31, ~~2028~~ 2036.

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CHAPTER 700

S.P. 813 - L.D. 2127

An Act to Increase the Cap on Bonds Issued by the Maine State Housing Authority to Reflect Current Housing Production Needs in the State

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4907, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2023, c. 559, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Limitations on amount of outstanding principal. The Maine State Housing Authority may not at any time have an aggregate principal amount outstanding, in excess of ~~\$3,000,000,000~~ \$4,000,000,000 of mortgage purchase bonds secured by the Housing Reserve Fund or a Capital Reserve Fund to which section 4906, subsection 3, paragraph A applies. Mortgage purchase bonds of the Maine State Housing Authority secured by capital reserve funds to which section 4906,

subsection 3, paragraph A does not apply, bond or mortgage insurance, direct or indirect contract with the United States, purchase or repurchase agreement of guaranty with a banking or other financial organization or other credit arrangements securing the bonds may be issued up to \$100,000,000 per calendar year in an aggregate principal amount outstanding at any time not to exceed \$300,000,000.

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CHAPTER 701

S.P. 835 - L.D. 2136

An Act to Support Victims of Trafficking in Maine in Response to Federal Funding Cuts

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to provide funding to support Preble Street anti-trafficking program. The Department of Health and Human Services, notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1825-B, shall provide funds to support the Preble Street anti-trafficking program.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Purchased Social Services 0228

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for anti-trafficking services.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$317,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$317,000

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CHAPTER 702

S.P. 864 - L.D. 2146

An Act to Increase Access to Critical Vaccinations

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§3, ¶E, as amended by PL 2025, c. 440, §11 and affected by §17, is further amended to read:

E. By January 1, 2011 and annually thereafter, the board shall determine the list of vaccines to be

made available by the program during the succeeding program year beginning July 1st. In making its determination, the board shall consider:

- (1) Vaccines that are available under contract with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, by direct manufacturer purchase, through the Minnesota Multistate Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy or a its successor organization or by any other low-cost bulk purchase option;
- (2) Recommendations of the department; ~~and~~
- (3) Clinical and cost-benefit analyses; and
- (4) Recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or their successor organizations as long as any recommendation preserves and strengthens access to vaccines as part of the routine standard of care; is based on evidence from scientific and public health experts; and is not intended to weaken or replace evidence-based immunization standards of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices or its successor organization.

The board shall review new vaccines and update the list of vaccines to be made available through the program on a timely basis in accordance with the considerations described in this paragraph.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §1066, sub-§4-A is enacted to read:

4-A. Additional funding request. Notwithstanding subsection 5, the board may request funding from the State to cover the cost of vaccines for children who qualify for vaccines under the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Vaccines for Children Program for those vaccines that are recommended by the department or the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or their successor organizations in accordance with subsection 3, paragraph E. Any funding request made by the board under this subsection is subject to legislative approval in the biennial budget process. The board shall submit the funding request to the State Budget Officer in accordance with the provisions of law that apply to departments of State Government and Title 5, section 1665. At the same time that the funding request is submitted to the State Budget Officer, the board shall also notify the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters of the amount of the funding request.