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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2026

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect September 1, 2026.

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CHAPTER 730 S.P. 836 - L.D. 2137

An Act to Modify Provisions of Law Governing Parking Enforcement on Property Accessible to the Public

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1500-LL, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Exemption. A municipality that has adopted an ordinance that regulates any parking rule applicable to property owned by the municipality and accessible to the public for the parking of motor vehicles and that includes fines, fees or charges for a violation of the ordinance is exempt from the requirements of subsection 1.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 731 S.P. 859 - L.D. 2141

An Act Regarding Enforcement of the Annual Reporting Requirement of the Laws Governing Unclaimed Beverage Container Deposits

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

Sec. 1. 38 MRSA §3119, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2025, c. 241, §18, is further amended by enacting at the end a new first blocked paragraph to read:

An initiator of deposit that fails to report annually to the department in accordance with the requirements of this subsection commits a violation of this chapter, is subject to penalties under section 3111 and, as long as the violation exists, is prohibited from selling or distributing in the State any beverage container subject to the requirements of this chapter. A distributor or dealer

may not sell or distribute in the State any such containers of the initiator, and the department may remove from sale any such containers of the initiator.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 732 H.P. 1443 - L.D. 2154

An Act to Establish the Health Information Technology Fund to Support a State-designated Statewide Health Information Exchange

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1730-B is enacted to read:

§1730-B. Health Information Technology Fund

The Health Information Technology Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established within the department.

1. Use of fund. The fund must be used to support the operation and sustainability of a state-designated statewide health information exchange operated in accordance with section 1711-C, subsection 18 and to meet the State's matching fund requirements to obtain federal funding to support the operation and sustainability of such an exchange. Funds received pursuant to subsection 2 may be used only for purposes directly related to the operation and sustainability of a state-designated statewide health information exchange. The department shall administer the fund in a manner that maximizes eligibility for available federal matching funds.

2. Source of funds; separate account; interest; nonlapsing fund. The fund is administered by the department. The fund consists of money appropriated or allocated by the Legislature, federal funds, grants, gifts and other funds from public or private sources. The fund must be held separate and apart from all other money, funds and accounts. Interest earned by the fund must be credited to the fund. Any unexpended balances remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year do not lapse and must be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

Sec. 2. Transfer of settlement funds. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Controller shall transfer \$350,000 from the Administration - Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Attorney General from funds received from settlement agreements to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2027.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.