

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2026**

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| SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS | \$0 | \$2,749,372 |
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## CHAPTER 739

### S.P. 922 - L.D. 2244

#### **An Act to Implement Certain Preliminary Recommendations of the Real Estate Property Tax Relief Task Force and to Make Other Changes to Tax Law**

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

**Sec. 1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services to administer survey to assessors on Maine Tree Growth Tax Law.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services shall administer a survey to assessors related to the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law. In the design of the survey, the bureau shall collaborate with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Maine Forest Service, the University of Maine School of Forest Resources, landowners, foresters, municipal officials and assessors. The survey must, at a minimum, collect information from assessors regarding their experiences administering the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law.

The Bureau of Revenue Services shall submit its findings and recommendations based on the survey results, including suggested legislation, no later than January 15, 2027 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the findings and recommendations to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

**Sec. 2. Resolve 2025, c. 108, §5** is amended to read:

**Sec. 5. Meetings; subcommittees. Resolved:** That the task force shall meet at least 4 times but no more than 8 times in 2025 and no more than 8 times in 2026, not including any subcommittee meetings.

1. The task force shall meet at least once jointly with the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation at a time to be determined by the chairs of the task force and the committee.

2. The chairs of the task force may appoint subcommittees as necessary for the efficient operation of the task force.

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## CHAPTER 740

### H.P. 1523 - L.D. 2245

#### **An Act to Reauthorize Funding of Collective Bargaining Agreements with Executive Branch Employees**

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

**Sec. 1. PL 2025, c. 492, §1** is amended to read:

**Sec. 1. Adjustment of salary schedules for fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.** The salary schedules for the executive branch employees in bargaining units represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Maine State Troopers Association, the Maine State Law Enforcement Association, ~~the Maine Service Employees Association~~, the Fraternal Order of Police and, except for the Maine Service Employees Association, any other certified bargaining representative for an executive branch bargaining unit must be adjusted consistent with the terms of any collective bargaining agreements ratified by December 31, 2025.

**Sec. 2. PL 2025, c. 492, §7** is amended to read:

**Sec. 7. Costs to General Fund and Highway Fund.** Costs to the General Fund and Highway Fund must be provided wholly or in part through a transfer of Personal Services appropriations within and between departments and agencies from the Salary Plan program, General Fund account in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services in an amount up to the full amount the Salary Plan program, General Fund account has accrued as of the date an agreement is reached with the respective bargaining agents to implement the economic terms of the most recent collective bargaining agreements, as specified in sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Act, entered into by the State and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, the Maine State Troopers Association, the Maine State Law Enforcement Association, ~~the Maine Service Employees Association~~, the Fraternal Order of Police and, except for the Maine Service Employees Association, any other certified bargaining representative for an executive branch bargaining unit to provide equitable treatment of employees excluded from collective bargaining pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 979-A, subsection 6, paragraph F and, notwithstanding Title 26, section 979-D, subsection 1, paragraph E, subparagraph (3), to implement equitable adjustments for confidential employees.

**Sec. 3. Adjustment of salary schedules for fiscal year 2026-27; Maine Service Employees Association.** The salary schedules for the executive branch employees in bargaining units represented by