

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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Augusta, Maine
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CHAPTER 741**S.P. 81 - L.D. 145**

**An Act to Provide Funding to
the Office of Aging and
Disability Services to Support
the Long-term Care
Ombudsman**

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Office of Aging and Disability Services Central
Office 0140**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding in the Office of Aging and Disability Services Central Office program to support the delivery of long-term care ombudsman services in Aroostook County.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$107,425
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$107,425

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 742**S.P. 241 - L.D. 562**

**An Act to Update
Reimbursement Rates for
Transportation of Deceased
Persons by Funeral Homes
When the Transport is at the
Request of the Chief Medical
Examiner**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3024, 4th ¶, as amended by PL 2011, c. 445, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

The Chief Medical Examiner may authorize any other expenses necessary to carry out the Chief Medical Examiner's duties. The Chief Medical Examiner shall reimburse a funeral establishment that transports a body to Augusta at the request of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner at the following rates: for up to and including the first 25 miles, ~~\$120~~ \$135; for the next 25 miles, ~~\$2~~ \$2.20 per mile traveled while actually transporting a body; and for miles in excess of 50, ~~\$1.75~~ \$2 per mile traveled while actually transporting a body. If an employee of a funeral establishment is required to wait at

the Office of Chief Medical Examiner due to processes or other official activities of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Chief Medical Examiner shall reimburse the funeral establishment at a rate equal to the wage rate in Title 26, section 664, subsection 1 for the period of time the employee waits.

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

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF
THE**

Chief Medical Examiner - Office of 0412

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the transportation reimbursement rate and to establish a reimbursement rate for employees of funeral establishments requested to transport a body for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner who are required to wait.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$12,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$12,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 743**S.P. 341 - L.D. 783**

**An Act to Continue Support
for the Maine Multicultural
Center**

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Adult Education 0364

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to the Maine Multicultural Center in Bangor for one or more positions to establish a comprehensive program for foreign-trained workers through the Maine Multicultural Center. The position or positions will develop and coordinate the comprehensive program, which must be designed to serve foreign-trained workers with an emphasis on serving foreign-trained professionals and seek private funds to support the center's programs and operations.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$47,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$47,000

See title page for effective date.