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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2026

the State shall pay a death benefit in the amount of \$100,000 to the family of James Brown and in the amount of \$100,000 to the family of Dwayne Campbell from the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1532, indexed to the Consumer Price Index, as defined in Title 25, section 1611, subsection 1-A and as described in Title 25, section 1612, subsection 1.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 750

S.P. 294 - L.D. 679

An Act to Increase the Funding to the Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund

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.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MAINE

Live Fire Service Training Facilities Fund Z269

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the Maine Fire Service Institute to provide funds for the construction and repair or replacement of regional live fire service training facilities in the State awarded by the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission for fiscal year 2026-27 only.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500,000

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CHAPTER 751

H.P. 442 - L.D. 703

An Act to Establish a Health Care Gap Year Program for Recent College Graduates

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.

LABOR, DEPARTMENT OF

Employment Services Activity 0852

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a health care gap year program that incentivizes recent college graduates to work in critical health care positions, particularly in underserved and rural communities.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$200,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$200,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 752

H.P. 444 - L.D. 705

An Act to Correct Technical Errors in Public Law 2025, Chapter 650

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §5124-C, sub-§1-B, ¶A, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. ZZZ, §5, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) For single individuals and married persons filing separate returns, ~~\$12,000~~ \$15,000;

Sec. 2. PL 2025, c. 650, Part N, section 8 is amended to read:

Sec. N-8. Application. This ~~Act~~ Part applies to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

Sec. 3. PL 2025, c. 650, Part FF, section 4 is amended to read:

Sec. FF-4. Cost-of-living adjustment for essential support workers; MaineCare rates. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department of Health and Human Services shall submit a request to seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement a cost-of-living adjustment of 3.07% for reimbursement rates subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Sections 13, 65 and 92 and rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Sections 2, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 40, 67, 96 and 97 Appendix C effective January 1, 2027 and for reimbursement rates subject to rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 97 Appendix B and Section 97 Appendix D effective July 1, 2026. The department shall submit the request required to seek approval under this section to implement the cost-of-living adjustment as soon as practicable.

Sec. 4. Transfer from MaineCare Stabilization Fund; General Fund. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2027, the State Controller shall transfer \$1,653,131 from the MaineCare Stabilization Fund Other Special