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STATE OF MAINE

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Augusta, Maine
2026

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$20,000
SECTION TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$45,000
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$45,000

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CHAPTER 758 H.P. 725 - L.D. 1106

An Act to Provide Funds for the Redevelopment of the Island Nursing Home in Hancock County into Affordable Senior Housing

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

Sec. 1. Accountability and reporting. The Maine State Housing Authority shall submit a detailed report regarding the conversion of the Island Nursing Home in Hancock County to apartments for individuals 55 years of age or older whose household income does not exceed 80% of the median income for the area as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the United States Housing Act of 1937, Public Law 75-412, 50 Stat. 888, Section 8, as amended, to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs within 12 months of receipt of funding provided pursuant to section 2. The report must include:

1. A breakdown of how the funds have been used;
2. A progress update; and
3. A financial summary of additional funds raised and any additional funding needs.

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

HOUSING AUTHORITY, MAINE STATE

Housing Authority - State 0442

Initiative: Provides one-time funds to support the conversion of the Island Nursing Home in Hancock County into 24 apartments for eligible individuals 55 years of age or older.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$250,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$250,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 759 H.P. 811 - L.D. 1236

An Act to Address Employee Retention of State Employees Who Are Firefighters at Bangor International Airport

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§1, ¶H, as amended by PL 1999, c. 493, §5, is further amended to read:

H. Firefighters Until September 30, 2026, fire-fighters in the employment of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management at Bangor International Airport on July 1, 1998, or hired thereafter, provided as long as the Federal Government pays annually to the retirement system the full employer cost of the participation of these employees;

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17851-D is enacted to read:

§17851-D. Special plan for firefighters in employment of Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management at Bangor International Airport

1. Establishment and applicability. Effective October 1, 2026, there is established a special retirement plan for firefighters in the employment of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management at Bangor International Airport, referred to in this section as "the special plan." The special plan applies to firefighters in the employment of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management at Bangor International Airport on or after July 1, 1998, if the Federal Government pays annually to the retirement system the full employer cost of the participation of these employees.

2. Qualification for benefits. A member employed under subsection 1 qualifies for a service retirement benefit after completing 25 years of creditable service in that capacity, whether or not the creditable service included in determining that the 25-year requirement has been met was earned under the special plan established in this section or prior to its establishment.

3. Purchase of service credit to be used for qualification for benefits. This subsection governs the use of purchased service credit in order to qualify for benefits under this section. For the purpose of meeting the qualification requirement of subsection 2:

A. Service credit purchased by repayment of an earlier refund of accumulated contributions following termination of service is included if the time to which the refund relates was served in the position described in subsection 1, regardless of whether the

time was served before or after the establishment of the special plan;

B. Service credit purchased under section 17760 is considered service under the special plan; and

C. Service credit purchased other than as provided under paragraphs A and B is not included.

4. Computation of benefits. The amount of the service retirement benefit for members qualified under subsection 2 is 1/2 of the member's average final compensation and an additional 2% of the member's average final compensation for each year of membership service not included in determining qualification under subsection 2.

5. Contributions. Notwithstanding any provision of subchapter 3 to the contrary, after September 30, 2026, a member in a position described in subsection 1 shall contribute to the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program or have pick-up contributions made at the rate of 8.65% of earnable compensation until the member has completed 25 years of creditable service as provided in this section and at the rate of 7.65% thereafter.

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

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF
Military Training and Operations 0108**

Initiative: Allocates ongoing funds for the prospective costs of certain employees within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management who are firefighters at Bangor International Airport being allowed to participate in a special retirement plan that allows for those employees to retire after 25 years of service regardless of age effective October 1, 2026.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2025-26	2026-27
Personal Services	\$0	\$1,759
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,759

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$1,759
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$1,759

**RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES**

**Retirement System - Retirement Allowance Fund
0085**

Initiative: Provides one-time funds for the increase in the unfunded actuarial liability as a result of allowing the service retirement benefits for certain employees within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management who are firefighters at Bangor International Airport earned under the 1998 Special Plan to be calculated under a special retirement plan that allows for those employees to retire after 25 years of service regardless of age.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$522,078
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$522,078
RETIREMENT SYSTEM, MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$522,078
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$522,078
SECTION TOTALS	2025-26	2026-27
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$522,078
FEDERAL	\$0	\$1,759
EXPENDITURES FUND		
SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$523,837

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**CHAPTER 760
H.P. 852 - L.D. 1277**

**An Act Regarding Controlled
Substances Prescription
Monitoring Activities**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §7246, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2023, c. 544, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Controlled substance. "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance included in schedules II, III, IV or V of 21 United States Code, Section 812 or 21 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1308, except anabolic steroids.

Sec. 2. Information concerning anabolic steroids. Immediately upon the effective date of this Act, the Department of Health and Human Services shall purge from the records of the Controlled Sub-