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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 7, 2026 to APRIL 29, 2026

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS
JULY 29, 2026

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

Augusta, Maine
2026

2. The first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the study commission.

3. All appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this Act. To the extent possible, members appointed to the study commission must be the same as members appointed to the study commission pursuant to Resolve 2023, chapter 95. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the study commission. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this Act a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the study commission to meet and conduct its business.

4. The study commission shall study the effects of exposure to harmful chemicals on individuals who trained at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada as a member of the United States Armed Forces, as a member of the reserve component of the United States Armed Forces or as a member of the National Guard of any state.

5. The study commission may request information it determines necessary to complete the study under subsection 4 from the United States Department of Defense and other federal agencies.

6. Notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the study commission, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.

7. No later than November 4, 2026, the study commission shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans affairs. The committee may report out a bill based on the recommendations to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

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

DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF

Veterans Services 0110

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for consulting costs to create the Base Gagetown Training Registry, which will collect and maintain data related to military service and health conditions from individuals who report this data and trained at the Canadian military support base in Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada. The fund does not lapse but must be carried forward to be used for the purpose for which the fund was appropriated.

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

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 764

S.P. 603 - L.D. 1488

An Act Regarding Adult Use Cannabis Testing

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, certain additional testing requirements, which this legislation removes, result in a significant financial burden on certain adult use cannabis businesses that have already performed required testing on the adult use cannabis or adult use cannabis product; and

Whereas, the Legislature considered this issue in the prior legislative session, but a final resolution was unable to be determined at that time; and

Whereas, the Legislature has determined that it is necessary to provide more immediate relief to those affected; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §605, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2023, c. 679, Pt. B, §120, is further amended to read:

4. No subsequent further processing, manufacturing or alteration. Since the performance of the prior testing under subsection 1, the cannabis or cannabis product has not undergone any further processing, manufacturing or alteration that would result in an increase in the concentration of any contaminants or factors identified in section 602, subsection 1 or in any rules adopted by the office pursuant to that section. For the purposes of this subsection, "further processing, manufacturing or alteration" does not include the use of cannabis concentrate in the creation of an edible cannabis product, except for testing under section 602, subsection 1, paragraph F.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency

cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective April 19, 2026.

CHAPTER 765
S.P. 769 - L.D. 1962

**An Act to Increase Legislative
Access to Department of
Corrections Facilities and to
Direct the Commissioner to
Establish Rules Regarding
Legislator Access to
Correctional and Detention
Facilities**

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

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §3001-A, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2023, c. 383, §2, is further amended to read:

1. Appointment. ~~The~~ Except as provided in paragraph H, the Governor shall appoint a board of 7 visitors for each correctional facility under the department, as authorized by Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 5.

A. The terms of the members of the boards of visitors are for 3 years.

B. Members of the boards of visitors are eligible for reappointment at the expiration of their terms.

C. A member of the Legislature or an employee of the department may not serve on any board of visitors.

D. At least one member of each board must be a person licensed by this State to provide mental health services.

E. Each member of the boards of visitors must be compensated according to the provisions of Title 5, chapter 379.

F. The Governor shall appoint a chair from the membership.

G. At least one member of each board of visitors must have been incarcerated in a correctional facility.

H. If a vacancy occurs within a board of visitors, the commissioner shall provide notice to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives within 5 days of the vacancy. A vacancy on a board of visitors under this section must be filled by the Governor within 90 days of the notice of vacancy. If the Governor fails to appoint a member within 90 days of the notice of vacancy, the President of the Senate and the

Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint a member to fill the vacancy pursuant to this subsection.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §3001-B is enacted to read:

§3001-B. Legislator access to correctional facilities and detention facilities

A Legislator may access correctional facilities and detention facilities in accordance with rules adopted by the commissioner. In accordance with section 1402, subsection 3, the commissioner shall adopt rules governing a Legislator's access to correctional facilities and detention facilities. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

Sec. 3. Rules regarding Legislator access. The Commissioner of Corrections shall submit major substantive rules to the Legislature pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 3001-B by January 31, 2027. The rules must include provisions regarding:

1. A Legislator's access to physical areas of correctional facilities and detention facilities;

2. A Legislator's access to clients and staff; and

3. The circumstances in which a chief administrative officer may deny a Legislator access to correctional facilities and detention facilities.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 766
H.P. 1310 - L.D. 1966

**An Act to Increase Disclosure
of Utility Charges and Improve
Access to Distributed
Generation Resources in the
State**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §301-A is enacted to read:

§301-A. Administrative charge limitation

1. "Administrative charge" defined. "Administrative charge" means a fee or charge for services that is added to the actual cost of materials or supplies or labor performed by or on behalf of a transmission and distribution utility with over 50,000 customers and charged to a transmission and distribution utility customer for work funded directly by that customer through a proposal, estimate, invoice or final accounting for the cost of interconnection, line extensions or other work funded directly by the customer other than charges for the customer's regular electricity service. "Administrative