

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2025**

**CHAPTER 62**  
**H.P. 619 - L.D. 960**

**Resolve, to Allow the  
Placement of Hospitalized  
Patients in Nursing Facilities in  
Alternative Locations Under  
Certain Circumstances**

**Sec. 1. Alternative nursing facility locations.**

**Resolved:** That the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter II, Section 67, Nursing Facility Services, to allow for the placement of a MaineCare member, when the member is being discharged from a hospital to a nursing facility placement, in a nursing facility that is greater than 60 miles from the member's residence under the following conditions.

1. For placements that are beyond 60 miles from the member's residence but not more than 100 miles from the member's residence, the hospital must have attempted to find a placement that is within a 60-mile radius of the member's residence and those efforts, including refusals by facilities, must be documented.

2. For placements beyond 60 miles of the member's residence, the member must be provided with information, including written materials and contact information, about the long-term care ombudsman program in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5107-A for use by the member if the member determines, at any point, that a closer placement is desired.

3. For placements beyond 100 miles from the member's residence, the member or member's guardian must consent to the placement.

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**CHAPTER 63**  
**H.P. 796 - L.D. 1221**

**Resolve, Directing the  
Department of Labor to Study  
Protection of Paid Family and  
Medical Leave Benefits  
Program Funds**

**Sec. 1. Department of Labor to study methods of protecting paid family and medical leave benefits program funds. Resolved:** That the Department of Labor shall study methods to protect all revenues derived from taxes, fees, premiums, fines and penalties relating to the paid family and medical leave benefits program under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, chapter 7, subchapter 6-C from being expended for any purpose other than the paid family and medical leave benefits program. The department shall submit its report, including any suggested legislation, to the Joint

Standing Committee on Labor no later than January 15, 2026. The Joint Standing Committee on Labor may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 64**  
**S.P. 569 - L.D. 1375**

**Resolve, to Establish a  
Working Group to Address  
Regulatory Barriers to Housing  
Construction**

**Sec. 1. Working group. Resolved:** That the Office of Policy, Innovation and the Future, referred to in this resolve as "the office," shall within existing resources convene a working group to examine and recommend solutions for regulatory barriers to housing construction in this State. The working group must be administered by the office and must include, but is not limited to, individuals and representatives of organizations with building and engineering expertise and state and local building code experience. The office shall designate a chair of the working group.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, on or before December 31, 2025, the office shall submit a report, including the findings and recommendations of the working group under section 1, as well as any proposed legislation, to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development. After reviewing the report, the committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

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**CHAPTER 65**  
**H.P. 1019 - L.D. 1561**

**Resolve, Regarding the  
Percentage of a Lobster and  
Crab Fishing Licensee's  
Lobster Traps That May Be  
Fished in a Lobster  
Management Zone Listed on  
the License as a Secondary  
Zone**

**Sec. 1. Definitions. Resolved:** That for the purposes of this resolve, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following terms have the following meanings.

1. "Department" means the Department of Marine Resources.