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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

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

Augusta, Maine
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Sec. 3. Accessibility. Resolved: That the program must be designed to provide outreach and education to renters, low-income electricity customers and customers having the greatest potential for peak-demand electricity usage reductions, as determined by the trust, and the trust shall prioritize outreach and education for low-income electricity customers.

Sec. 4. Collaboration. Resolved: That the trust shall collaborate with the State's transmission and distribution utilities, the Public Utilities Commission, the Office of the Public Advocate, the Department of Energy Resources, as well as the public, and public interest organizations, including, but not limited to, community action agencies, by seeking input on the design of the program. The transmission and distribution utilities shall provide assistance in delivering information about the program to potential program participants. The transmission and distribution utilities shall provide customer data and other information to the trust necessary for program assessment and enhancing participation in the program.

Sec. 5. Report. Resolved: That the trust shall assess the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of the program and, by February 28, 2028, submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over energy matters regarding its assessment. The trust shall include in the report any challenges it encountered in administering the program and any opportunities the trust identifies for improving and expanding efforts to shift electricity consumption to off-peak periods and to help lower electricity bills and improve grid reliability.

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CHAPTER 163

H.P. 341 - L.D. 522

Resolve, Directing the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to Study the Extent of Workforce Gender Segregation in the State

Sec. 1. Occupational and workforce segregation study. Resolved: That the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, as established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 88-A, shall study the extent of occupational and workforce segregation by gender in the State and assess any disparities in safety or compensation related to that segregation.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by December 1, 2027, the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women shall submit a report based on its findings in section 1 to the Secretary of State and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over

labor matters, which may report out legislation regarding the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions 0692

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women to study the extent of occupational and workforce gender segregation.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$5,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$5,000

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CHAPTER 164

H.P. 1438 - L.D. 2123

Resolve, to Improve Dental Care Access by Modifying the MaineCare Reimbursement Methodology for the Provision of Certain Dental Services

Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to remove requirement for prior authorization for deep sedation or general anesthesia for dental services. Resolved: That, effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide that prior authorization may not be required for the provision of deep sedation or general anesthesia for dental services to MaineCare members.

Sec. 2. Department of Health and Human Services to modify fee schedule; reimbursement rates for anesthesia provided for dental services. Resolved: That, effective July 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services shall update the department's fee schedule for MaineCare reimbursement for dental services as follows:

1. The reimbursement rate for deep sedation and general anesthesia for dental services must be established at 67% of the commercial median benchmark and this rate must, at a minimum, be maintained until June 30, 2028 or until rates established pursuant to a dental rate determination conducted according to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 3173-J are effective, whichever is sooner; and

2. Deep sedation and general anesthesia services must be billed using current dental terminology codes D9222, D9223, D9224 and D9225.