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LD 560 An Act To Amend the Safe Haven Laws

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 466 bill amends the safe haven laws regarding abandoned children by including a safe haven baby box to the list of safe havens that a person may deliver a newborn child to under the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act and to serve as an affirmative defense to the criminal offense of abandonment of a child. A safe haven baby box is a device or container that can safely accept delivery of a newborn child that is located in a hospital, law enforcement facility or fire department facility that is staffed 24 hours a day by a medical services provider.

Chapter 466 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules governing the design, installation and use of safe haven baby boxes to ensure necessary safety specifications are met, including but not limited to an alarm that alerts both the facility where the safe haven baby box is located and a public safety answering point when a baby has been placed inside.

LD 562 An Act To Enhance Tribal-State Collaboration in the Enforcement of Child Support

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 300 enacts procedures authorizing the Penobscot Nation to enforce child support obligations against obligors over which the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court has jurisdiction with regard to the issuance or renewal of licenses by licensing boards and registrations of watercraft, snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. It also directs the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into one or more cooperative agreements with the Penobscot Nation governing the expedient and efficient administration and availability of child support enforcement remedies with regard to the setoff of lottery winnings and workers' compensation lump-sum settlements and any other child support enforcement remedy available in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A.

LD 563 Resolve, To Create the Criminal Records Review Committee

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 121 establishes the Criminal Records Review Committee to review options for expunging and sealing criminal records. The review committee is directed to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by December 3, 2021 with findings and recommendations.