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LD 885 An Act To Promote Bulk Retail Purchasing

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 177 requires the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to ensure that its rules and guidelines neither preclude business owners from allowing nor require business owners to allow consumers to supply their own containers for the bulk purchase of shelf-stable food and nonfood items and to provide technical assistance and education regarding best practices. The law requires the department to report on its progress by February 1, 2022 to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business

LD 1214 An Act To Require Vehicle Safety within the Funeral Industry

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 268 requires the State Board of Funeral Service to adopt major substantive rules governing the safety of drivers of vehicles owned, leased or otherwise used by a practitioner of funeral service or a funeral establishment for the transport of human remains. It directs the board to work with stakeholders when developing the rules and to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business on the progress of stakeholders' work no later than December 1, 2021 and to submit a provisionally adopted rule to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2023.

LD 1287 An Act To Allow Unlicensed Persons To Sell Caskets To Bury Human Remains

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 183 removes from the definition of "practice of funeral service" the practice of selling funeral supplies to the public, the practice of making financial arrangements for the sale of such supplies and the manufacture or sale of caskets or alternative containers.

LD 1327 An Act To Create the Maine Health Care Provider Loan Repayment Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 346 creates a new loan repayment program, administered by the Finance Authority of Maine, for health care providers who agree to live and work in the State for a minimum of three years. Under the program, the authority will pay up to \$30,000 per year and the lesser of \$90,000 in aggregate and 50% of the recipient's outstanding loan balance. The law also establishes a fund for the program, sets parameters for the administration of the program and establishes an advisory committee to guide the work of the Finance Authority of Maine in administering the program.

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES