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LD 1455 An Act To Support Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Exploitation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 315 amends the law on the crime of prostitution by changing from an affirmative defense to a defense that a person engaged in prostitution because the person was compelled to do so and adding a new defense that a person engaged in prostitution to prevent bodily injury, serious economic hardship or another threat to the person or another person.

LD 1480 An Act Regarding the Review of Law Enforcement Use of Deadly Force

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 353 requires the Attorney General to complete an investigation of and submit the findings regarding the use of deadly force by a law enforcement officer to the Attorney General's Deadly Force Review Panel within 180 days of receiving notice of the use of deadly force. The Attorney General is required to provide notice to the panel if the investigation and findings are not complete within 180 days and provide a summary of the investigation up to the date of the notice, identify the reason for the delay and provide an anticipated conclusion date for the investigation and findings, which may not exceed 270 days from receiving notice of the use of deadly force. It amends the Intelligence and Investigative Record Information Act to make it clear that the Act does not preclude the public dissemination of that portion of a video in the custody of the Attorney General depicting the use of deadly force by law enforcement when the public interest in the evaluation of the use of deadly force by law enforcement and the review and investigation of those incidents by the Attorney General outweighs the harms contemplated in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 16, section 804. It requires the Attorney General to issue a decision and requires a written notice detailing the basis for any denial, a time frame for release of all or part of the video and the process to appeal the decision pursuant to Title 1, section 409.

LD 1508 An Act To Prevent Homelessness by Establishing an Eviction Mediation Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 316 requires that the landlord attach a one-page to two-page form developed by the Judicial Branch providing specified information to the tenant when the landlord serves the eviction summons and complaint on the tenant.