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the guardian of an adult from restricting the adult's ability to communicate, visit or interact with others unless certain statutory conditions are met applies to all adult guardianships, including those established before September 1, 2019.

### **LD 1786 An Act To Maintain Consistency among Maine's Nondiscrimination Statutes**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2022, chapter 553 makes the nondiscrimination provisions throughout the Maine Revised Statutes consistent to prohibit discrimination on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental disability, religion, ancestry or national origin, age or familial status. It clarifies language in the Maine Insurance Code related to nondiscrimination without making substantive changes to insurance rating.

### **LD 1804 An Act To Provide Consistency in the Laws Regarding Domestic Partners**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 567 provides consistency throughout the Maine Revised Statutes by enacting as a subsection in the general words and phrases statute that applies to all of the Maine Revised Statutes the definition of "domestic partner" included in the Maine Uniform Probate Code. It repeals all other definitions of "domestic partner" and incorporates into the laws governing custody of the remains of deceased persons and governing anatomical gifts language from the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act that is used to determine who may act as a surrogate to make health care decisions. In circumstances in which evidence is required to verify the existence of a domestic partnership, those who have registered as domestic partners with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Data, Research and Vital Statistics need only show that they are registered. Chapter 567 also directs the Department of Labor to adopt rules to provide guidance on the application of the laws governing family medical leave to domestic partners.

### **LD 1831 An Act To Improve the Child and Family Court Process**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 723 authorizes family law magistrates to hear and dispose of all interim orders in actions involving divorce, legal separation, parentage or parental rights regardless of whether both parents consent. It requires the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Chief Justice of the Superior Court and the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish annual training and education designed to inform justices, judges and family law magistrates about domestic violence and child abuse, neglect and maltreatment issues.