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revenues, including any revenue earned while operating pending approval of an application, regardless of the amount of the fantasy contest operator's revenues.

LD 57 An Act to Enable Maine National Guard Commanders to More Efficiently Effect Disciplinary Measures Through the Maine Code of Military Justice

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 97 makes several changes that enable Maine National Guard commanders to more efficiently effect disciplinary measures through the Maine Code of Military Justice.

LD 58 An Act to Establish Certain Positions Within the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 98 changes the titles of positions that must be filled by veterans that may be employed by the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to more closely align with current human resources job descriptions. It also adds several positions to the list of positions in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services that must be filled by veterans and corrects a cross-reference.

LD 108 An Act to Authorize the Release of Military Records to the Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the Purposes of Suicide Reporting and Prevention

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 131 allows the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services to release information regarding a deceased person's military service to the Department of the Attorney General, Office of Chief Medical Examiner for the purposes of suicide reporting and prevention.

LD 126 An Act to Expand the Use of the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 57 removes the requirement for the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management to establish a program of partnerships with human services-based volunteer organizations in order to make disbursements from the Veterans' Homelessness Prevention Partnership Fund. The law

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allows the director to make disbursements directly to organizations, businesses, landlords or other entities to prevent homelessness among veterans.

LD 158 An Act to Establish a Date to Begin Voting by Absentee Ballot in the Presence of the Clerk

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 133 establishes the earliest date for voting by absentee ballot in the presence of a clerk as 30 days preceding an election during the hours when the clerk's office is open.

LD 262 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Taste Testing of Wine and Malt Liquor to Facilitate Marketing by Wholesalers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 8 modifies the law governing taste-testing events held by malt liquor and wine wholesale licensees. Wholesale licensees may rent or lease an area from a retail licensee for the purpose of inviting retail licensees to taste test wine or malt liquor products. The law broadens a wholesale licensee's ability to hold such a taste-testing event by also allowing the wholesale licensee to rent or lease an unlicensed venue for that purpose.

Public Law 2025, chapter 8 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 21, 2025.

LD 390 An Act to Establish a Primary Election Period for Unenrolled Candidates in Order to Receive Campaign Contributions in Amounts Equal to Amounts Allowed for Enrolled Candidates in the Same Period

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 181 provides that, for the purposes of contributions by individuals, committees, corporations or associations to a candidate seeking nomination by petition, "any election," when referring to a primary election, includes the period beginning on the day after the general election for the office that candidate is seeking and ending on the day of the primary election for that office.