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LD 166 An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Tobacco Products in Pharmacies and Retail Establishments Containing Pharmacies

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 493 prohibits a pharmacy or retail establishment containing a pharmacy from holding a retail tobacco license effective April 1, 2026. The law also removes the cigarette stamp discount effective April 1, 2026.

LD 167 An Act to Provide 2 Hearing Aids to MaineCare Members with Diagnosed Hearing Loss

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 446 requires the MaineCare program to provide reimbursement for a hearing aid for each hearing-impaired ear of an individual enrolled in the MaineCare program. Previously, the MaineCare program provided reimbursement for a hearing aid for one hearing-impaired ear of an individual enrolled in the MaineCare program, with additional requirements as established by rule for coverage of a hearing aid for the second hearing-impaired ear. The law also provides funding for MaineCare reimbursement of bilateral hearing aids.

LD 202 An Act to Increase the Number of Children a Child Care Provider May Care for Without Having to Be Licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 135 increases the number of children that an unlicensed child care provider may care for, in addition to their own children, without being licensed as a family child care provider. The unlicensed child care provider may care for three children, other than those in the provider's home, or four children if at least two of the children are siblings. No more than three of the total number of children in the provider's care, however, may be under two years of age.

LD 215 An Act Regarding Large Recovery Residences

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 449 establishes maximum levels of assistance for housing assistance provided to or on behalf of a person residing in a certified recovery residence with occupancy of 26 or more beds, in an amount equal to 70% of the maximum levels of assistance for recovery residences with occupancy of 25 or fewer beds. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse each municipality for housing assistance provided to or on behalf of a person residing in a certified recovery residence with occupancy of 26 or more beds, in an amount equal

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES