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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

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to 100% of housing assistance granted to that individual. It also directs the department to convene a stakeholder group of interested parties, including, but not limited to, individuals in recovery, operators of recovery residences, municipal officials and individuals representing the entity responsible for the certification of recovery residences in the State to review options for managing the costs of general assistance provided for residents of recovery residences, including possible expansion or creation of state-funded subsidy programs. The department must report its findings by February 1, 2026 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, and the committee has the authority to report out legislation related to the report.

LD 388 An Act to Provide Access to Quality Family Child Care for Military Personnel by Exempting Certain Military Child Care Providers from State Licensing Requirements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 101 exempts a child care provider or family child care provider that is licensed or certified by the United States Department of Defense or the United States Coast Guard and provides care only for children of parents or guardians who are active duty military members from the state licensing requirements for child care facilities in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, chapter 1673.

LD 408 An Act to Allow Unaccompanied and Emancipated Minors to Access Their Vital Records At No Cost

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 200 requires the state registrar to make available the vital records of an unaccompanied and emancipated minor to the minor at no cost. It also requires that the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, with the written permission of the minor, make certified or noncertified copies of vital records of an unaccompanied or emancipated minor available at any reasonable time upon the request of the director of an emergency shelter program, runaway or homeless youth services organization or continuum of care agency at which the minor is a client, or the director's designee, or to a social worker, school administrator or teacher providing services to that minor. It defines “unaccompanied minor” as a person who has not attained 18 years of age who is not accompanied by a parent or guardian at the time that the minor makes the request to obtain the minor's vital records or gives written permission for a person authorized under the law to receive the records on the minor's behalf and “emancipated minor” as an individual ordered emancipated in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 15, section 3506-A.