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LD 267 An Act Regarding the Remote Appearance of Counsel in Pretrial Nontestimonial Criminal Matters

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 178 requires a court to schedule pretrial nontestimonial criminal matters in a manner that permits the appearance of counsel by remote methods, to the greatest extent possible, unless the court orders otherwise in the interests of justice.

LD 284 An Act to Update Major Policy-influencing Positions Within the Maine Human Rights Commission

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 450 designates the position of Commission Counsel as a major policy-influencing position within the Maine Human Rights Commission. The law also eliminates a reference to the position of Chief Compliance Officer, which is a position that no longer exists.

LD 353 Resolve, to Establish the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 104 establishes the Commission to Recommend Methods for Preventing Deed Fraud in the State. The commission is required to make findings and recommendations for preventing deed fraud in the State, including recommendations for enhanced public awareness of deed fraud and any suggested legislation for enhancing identity verification requirements for real estate transactions in the State and for improving the civil and criminal remedies available in the State. The law requires the commission to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by December 3, 2025 and the joint standing committee is authorized to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Resolve 2025, chapter 104 was finally passed as an emergency measure effective July 1, 2025.

LD 385 An Act to Protect Communications by Alleged Victims Regarding Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Cyberbullying or Discrimination from Litigation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 403 amends the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act by protecting from causes of action a communication made by a person without malice regarding an incident of sexual assault, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, cyberbullying or discrimination experienced by the person, who has or at any time had a reasonable basis to file a complaint concerning the

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sexual assault, sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, cyberbullying or discrimination, whether the complaint was filed or not. For purposes of this law, “discrimination” includes subjecting to harassment; failing to prevent an act of discrimination; aiding, abetting, inciting, compelling or coercing an act of discrimination; or retaliating against a person for reporting an act of discrimination.

LD 386 An Act Regarding Information That May Be Shared by Law Enforcement Entities with a School Superintendent or a Principal

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 73 amends the Maine Juvenile Code to authorize a law enforcement officer or criminal justice agency to share otherwise confidential information pertaining to a juvenile that is credible and indicates a substantial danger involving the use of a firearm or dangerous weapon to the safety of students or school personnel on school grounds or at a school function.

LD 403 An Act to Protect Holders of Distressed Mortgages from Fraud

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 275 requires that the written notice of a mortgagor’s right to cure sent by a mortgagee must warn distressed borrowers of potential fraudulent actors who may offer their assistance in negotiating with the mortgagee and requires that the notice recommend instead that the mortgagor seek the assistance of a licensed Maine attorney or a housing counseling agency approved by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

LD 412 An Act to Prohibit the Sale of Self-administered Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Collection Kits

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 138 prohibits the sale or offering for sale of materials advertised or marketed as a means for a person other than a licensed hospital or licensed health care practitioner to collect physical evidence of a sexual assault and establishes a rebuttable presumption that a violation of this prohibition is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.