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to the owner's family members and guests to be consumed on the premises where the home distillery is located.

The law prohibits the owner of a home distillery from having on the premises stills or distilling apparatuses that have a mash capacity of more than 15.5 gallons; producing in a calendar year more than 24 gallons of distilled spirits per person 21 years of age or older residing on the premises where the home distillery is located; producing more than 48 gallons in a calendar year; or selling or offering for sale any spirits produced in the home distillery. It specifies that a violation of these provisions is a Class E crime.

LD 662 An Act to Support Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma and Active Duty Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 368 does the following.

1. It provides an ongoing annual transfer of \$200,000 from the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund to the Active Duty Military Transition to Civilian Life Fund established within the Department of Economic and Community Development to support organizations in the State that conduct outreach and provide support services to active duty military members and their families who are transitioning to civilian life.
2. It creates the Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Program within the Department of Health and Human Services to assist organizations in the State that provide housing and support services for unhoused veterans and their children and for survivors of military sexual trauma.
3. It provides an ongoing annual transfer of \$285,000 from the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund to the Survivors of Military Sexual Trauma Fund established within the Department of Health and Human Services to support organizations in the State that provide housing and support services for unhoused veterans and their children and for survivors of military sexual trauma.
4. It modifies the provision of law governing the Medical Use of Cannabis Fund to allow the fund to be used for these purposes.

Public Law 2025, chapter 368 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 19, 2025.

LD 665 An Act Regarding the Use of Military Protective Orders in Protection from Abuse and Protection from Harassment Proceedings

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 90 defines "military protective order" as a protection order given by a military commanding officer against a service member under the officer's command. The law

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provides that the court may consider the existence of a military protective order when determining whether to grant a request for a temporary protection order in protection from abuse and protection from harassment hearings.

LD 683 An Act to Clarify the Law Governing the Minimum Indirect Financial Interest Disclosure Requirement for Liquor Licenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 21 clarifies that an applicant for a liquor license or certificate of approval need only disclose a person with an indirect financial interest equal to or greater than 10% in the applicant.

LD 863 An Act to Allow a Person or Organization Conducting a Raffle to Use an Approved Payment Management System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 222 authorizes a person or organization conducting a raffle that is not an Internet raffle to use a payment management system approved by the Executive Director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety for accepting payment for a raffle chance or ticket.

LD 911 An Act to Clarify Procedures for When a Candidate Withdraws from an Election Determined by Ranked-choice Voting or When a Candidate Dies or Becomes Disqualified in an Election Determined by Ranked-choice Voting

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 363 provides that if a candidate dies or becomes disqualified less than 70 days before a primary election determined by ranked-choice voting or withdraws less than 70 days before a primary or general election determined by ranked-choice voting, the election remains an election determined by ranked-choice voting regardless of the number of remaining qualified candidates. It also specifies that a ranking, which means the number assigned on a ballot by a voter to a candidate to express the voter's preference for that candidate, will only be considered a ranking for the purpose of determining whether the ballot is exhausted for the purposes of the ranked-choice voting count. A candidate who has withdrawn, died or become disqualified cannot be determined the winner of the election.

The law also defines "excluded candidate" to mean a candidate who is listed on the ballot or has qualified as a declared write-in candidate, but has died, been disqualified or withdrawn less than 70 days before the election. It also amends the ranked-choice voting procedures to clarify when a