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LD 586 An Act to Provide a Court Authority to Issue Proximity Restrictions in Protection from Abuse Orders

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Beginning January 1, 2026, Public Law 2025, chapter 22 authorizes a court to issue a final protection order directing a defendant to refrain from knowingly being within a specified distance of a plaintiff or from being present at a specific location.

LD 640 An Act Requiring That Certain Fees Charged by the Courts for Court-ordered Payments Be Capped and Paid by the Defendant

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 260 requires a court to inform all prospective parties to a court judgment or decree that a 5% fee will be assessed on all accrued interest whenever a court receives any money to be held by the court, to be paid by the nonprevailing party of the action.

LD 654 An Act to Increase the Maximum Small Claim Limit

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 261 raises the maximum small claim limit from \$6,000 to \$10,000. The law takes effect January 1, 2026.

LD 670 An Act to Address Coercive Control in Domestic Abuse Cases

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 379 amends the definition of “abuse” for purposes of the protection from abuse laws to include compelling a person by coercion to engage in conduct from which the person has a right or privilege to abstain or to abstain from conduct in which the person has a right to engage.

LD 753 An Act to Authorize the Use of Funds Resulting from the Issuance of Securities by the Maine Governmental Facilities Authority for the Purpose of Developing or Improving New or Existing Court Facilities in Penobscot County

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 462 authorizes the use of securities issued for the purpose of planning, purchasing, financing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, furnishing, equipping, improving,

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES