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LD 613 An Act to Amend the Maine Death with Dignity Act to Ensure Access by Qualified Patients

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 375 allows an attending physician to waive a portion of the waiting periods for qualified patients to access end-of-life medication based on a qualified patient's condition and the attending physician's medical opinion regarding the best interests of the qualified patient as long as the waiting period is no less than seven days. When a portion of the waiting periods is waived, a note must be included in the patient's medical record.

LD 623 An Act to Enhance Support Services for Individuals with an Acquired Brain Injury

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 233 updates the provision of law regarding assistance for individuals with an acquired brain injury that allows the Department of Health and Human Services to enter into contracts with organizations to require such an organization to be based in the State or have an affiliate in the State established and directed by families, caregivers and individuals with an acquired brain injury residing in the State. It also adds access to an online brain injury screening and support system to the definition of "core brain injury support."

LD 650 An Act to Support Municipal Public Health

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 75 amends the law governing local boards of health to clarify membership requirements and the authority of a local board of health. The law adds language allowing a municipal local board of health seat filled by a physician to instead be filled by a physician, advanced practice nurse or physician assistant. It provides that a board member must have education in the field of medicine or public health, requires that the board be, to the extent possible, representative of the community and requires that public education on health issues provided by a local board of health be based on scientific approaches.

LD 689 An Act to Support the Northern New England Poison Center

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 458 appropriates ongoing funding of \$50,000 per year to the Northern New England Poison Center.