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LD 567 An Act to Designate the 2nd Week of May and the 2nd Week of September as Dark Sky Week

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 179 establishes the second full week in May and the second full week in September of each year as Dark Sky Week and directs the Governor to issue annually a proclamation inviting and urging citizens and schools to observe each week with appropriate activities and study.

LD 693 An Act to Support the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 117 establishes three positions in the Department of the Secretary of State's bureau of corporations, elections and commissions.

LD 702 An Act to Designate January 6th as A Day to Remember

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 144 designates January 6th of each year as A Day to Remember. The law directs the Governor to annually issue a proclamation honoring the resilience of democracy during the events of January 6, 2021 in Washington, D.C., encouraging the people of the State to use the day as an opportunity for reflection on the values of democracy, civic responsibility and the importance of protecting constitutional governance and encouraging educational institutions, civic organizations and public libraries to observe the day with discussions, events and programming to educate citizens about the importance of civic engagement and the rule of law.

LD 731 An Act to Prohibit Municipalities from Barring the Creation of Homeless Shelters

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 156 prohibits a municipality from prohibiting homeless shelters in the municipality but does not limit a municipality's home rule authority to reasonably regulate homeless shelters. The law defines "homeless shelter" as a housing facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary overnight accommodations to persons experiencing homelessness who are guests in either a dormitory-style or dwelling-unit-style arrangement or any combination of such arrangements.