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**LD 355 An Act to Advance the Maine Retirement Savings Program**

Public Law 2025, chapter 744 provides one-time funding of \$625,000 to the Maine Retirement Savings Program Enterprise Fund by requiring that the State Controller transfer funds from the Administration - Attorney General, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of the Attorney General from funds received from settlement agreements.

**LD 378 An Act to Clarify That Health Insurers Must Comply with Plan Sponsors' Statutory Rights to Audit Claims and Data Requests Related to Those Audits**

Public Law 2025, chapter 652 clarifies current law to ensure that health insurers administering health plans on behalf of plan sponsors are considered administrators and must comply with a plan sponsor's statutory right to audit claims and data requests related to those audits. The law also clarifies the responsibilities of plan sponsors related to the security of data shared by an administrator for the purposes of an audit. The requirements take effect July 1, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 652 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

**LD 582 An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Coverage for Blood Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances**

Public Law 2025, chapter 710 requires carriers offering health plans in this State to provide coverage for blood testing for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, recommended by a provider as medically necessary health care in accordance with clinical guidelines established by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. The requirements apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027.

**LD 697 An Act to Direct the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board to Assess Strategies to Reduce Prescription Drug Costs and to Take Steps to Implement Reference-based Pricing**

Public Law 2025, chapter 530 makes the following changes to the laws governing the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board.

1. It adds to the board the executive director of the Maine Health Data Organization, or the executive director's designee, as an ex officio, nonvoting member and adds a member representing health insurance carriers to the advisory council to the board.
2. It removes the authority of the board to recommend that public payors pay an annual assessment to support the administration of the board.

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3. It changes the scope of the duties of the board from determining prescription drug spending targets to focusing on an assessment of strategies to reduce prescription drug costs, reduce the rate of growth in prescription drug spending and reduce cost barriers for consumers.
4. It requires the board to review how states with authority to establish upper payment limits have implemented that authority and their regulation of pharmacy benefits managers, to recommend whether the board should have comparable authority and to assess implementing reference-based pricing for the first 10 prescription drugs for which the Medicare program has negotiated maximum fair prices through the Medicare drug price negotiation program.
5. It requires the board to recommend annual spending targets for prescription drugs for public payors and implementing complementary purchasing strategies; annual spending targets and strategies for the commercial insurance market; transparency requirements and supply chain regulation; strategies to reduce out-of-pocket costs through insurance regulation; and aligning prescription drug payment with acquisition costs.
6. When conducting its work, it requires the board to use prescription drug spending data from the Maine Health Data Organization and publicly available data available for purchase or for free and, if there is additional prescription drug spending data required by the board and its staff, the law authorizes the board to recommend that the Maine Health Data Organization collect this data by rule. It also makes a related change to the provisions governing the Maine Health Data Organization to clarify that the Maine Health Data Organization may share data with board staff.
7. It establishes and provides funding for one position to support the Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board with strategic direction, government and stakeholder relations, research, writing and administrative work.

The law also directs the board to recommend a program to reduce the impact of prescription drug costs on the State's health care system, stem the rate of growth in prescription drug spending and reduce cost barriers for consumers based on data the board has collected. The board is directed to submit a preliminary report by January 30, 2026 and a final report by October 1, 2027. The joint standing committee having jurisdiction over health coverage, insurance and financial services matters is authorized to report out legislation based on either report.

Public Law 2025, chapter 530 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 530 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

**LD 784 An Act to Create a Rebuttable Presumption Related to Specialized Risk Screening for First Responders**

Public Law 2025, chapter 531 establishes a rebuttable presumption in a cause of action that a health insurance carrier has failed to exercise ordinary care when making a health care treatment decision