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LD 709 An Act to Establish the Respite for ME Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 30 repeals the law that directs the Department of Health and Human Services to administer the Respite Care Fund and instead establishes the Respite for ME Program and directs the department to administer the Respite for ME Program for the purpose of providing respite care and supplemental services for family caregivers and older relative caregivers.

LD 710 An Act to Expand Access and Reduce Barriers to Access to Naloxone Hydrochloride and Other Opioid Overdose-reversing Medications

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 145 amends the laws governing the requirements for access to and distribution of naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid overdose-reversing medications. The law removes training requirements for community-based drug overdose prevention programs and recovery residences and expands access by allowing municipalities to provide vending machines for use by the public in response to an opioid-related drug overdose. The law further provides additional immunity protections for all persons who may administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication to another individual in good faith when they believe the other individual is experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose. The law includes language that clarifies the authority of health care professionals to administer naloxone hydrochloride or another opioid overdose-reversing medication approved for over-the-counter dispensation by the federal Food and Drug Administration or its successor organization with or without a prescription. The law also incorporates other opioid overdose-reversing medications in the provisions governing naloxone hydrochloride.

LD 764 An Act to Improve the Efficiency of Certain Department of Health and Human Services Licensing Investigations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 236 grants the Commissioner of Health and Human Services, the commissioner's delegate or the legal counsel for the Department of Health and Human Services the ability to issue a subpoena to obtain records and testimony relevant to a licensure violation investigation.