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provides that the court may consider the existence of a military protective order when determining whether to grant a request for a temporary protection order in protection from abuse and protection from harassment hearings.

LD 683 An Act to Clarify the Law Governing the Minimum Indirect Financial Interest Disclosure Requirement for Liquor Licenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 21 clarifies that an applicant for a liquor license or certificate of approval need only disclose a person with an indirect financial interest equal to or greater than 10% in the applicant.

LD 863 An Act to Allow a Person or Organization Conducting a Raffle to Use an Approved Payment Management System

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 222 authorizes a person or organization conducting a raffle that is not an Internet raffle to use a payment management system approved by the Executive Director of the Gambling Control Unit within the Department of Public Safety for accepting payment for a raffle chance or ticket.

LD 911 An Act to Clarify Procedures for When a Candidate Withdraws from an Election Determined by Ranked-choice Voting or When a Candidate Dies or Becomes Disqualified in an Election Determined by Ranked-choice Voting

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 363 provides that if a candidate dies or becomes disqualified less than 70 days before a primary election determined by ranked-choice voting or withdraws less than 70 days before a primary or general election determined by ranked-choice voting, the election remains an election determined by ranked-choice voting regardless of the number of remaining qualified candidates. It also specifies that a ranking, which means the number assigned on a ballot by a voter to a candidate to express the voter's preference for that candidate, will only be considered a ranking for the purpose of determining whether the ballot is exhausted for the purposes of the ranked-choice voting count. A candidate who has withdrawn, died or become disqualified cannot be determined the winner of the election.

The law also defines "excluded candidate" to mean a candidate who is listed on the ballot or has qualified as a declared write-in candidate, but has died, been disqualified or withdrawn less than 70 days before the election. It also amends the ranked-choice voting procedures to clarify when a