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132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR AND FIRST SPECIAL SESSIONS



Disposition of bills and summaries of all laws enacted or finally passed

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Finally, Public Law 2025, chapter 40 requires the commission and the judicial branch to submit reports to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by January 1, 2026, with an update on the status of the *Robbins v. Billings, et al.*, No. CV-22-054 (Me. Superior Court) litigation, including information on any defendants who have been granted habeas corpus relief by the court and with specific information about the implementation of the provisions of this legislation. The law authorizes the committee to report out legislation in response to these reports to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

Public Law 2025, chapter 40 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 23, 2025.

LD 1113 An Act Regarding Fairness in Sentencing for Persons Based on Age

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 420 requires that, when sentencing an individual for a Class A, Class B or Class C crime, a court consider the age of the individual at the time the conduct forming the basis for the conviction occurred, in addition to the other sentencing factors considered by the court.

LD 1129 An Act to Clarify Standards for Defendants' Post-judgment Motions for Relief from Protection from Abuse Orders

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 159 provides that a defendant may not file a motion to extinguish a final protection from abuse order and that a court may dismiss any such motion without hearing and before opposition is filed by the plaintiff.

LD 1133 An Act to Allow Electric Vehicle Charging Stations by Condominium and Residential Associations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 280 makes any provision of bylaws or the declaration of an association of unit owners that places an unreasonable restriction on the installation or use of an electric vehicle charging station void and unenforceable beginning January 1, 2026. The law also allows a unit owner to apply to the executive board of an association of unit owners to gain approval to install an electric vehicle charging station in a unit parking space or limited common element parking space. The law requires the unit owner to comply with any bylaws, provide a certificate of insurance and pay for any costs associated with, and electricity usage related to, the electric vehicle charging station. A prevailing party in an action to seek compliance with these provisions must be awarded reasonable attorney's fees.