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LD 1091 An Act to Reinforce Free Speech at Town Meetings by Requiring Opportunity for Public Comment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 409 requires that a reasonable opportunity for public comment must be provided on matters addressed by the municipal governing body of a municipality at any regularly scheduled public meeting of the municipal officers. This requirement does not apply to subcommittee meetings of a municipal governing body and does not preempt or restrict the municipal governing body from adopting and enforcing reasonable standards governing public comment, including time limits and conduct standards.

LD 1121 An Act to Ensure Equitable Access for All Caregivers to Diaper Changing Stations in State Buildings Open to the Public

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 474 requires that a public restroom in a public building owned by the State and constructed after the effective date of the law must be equipped with a safe, sanitary and appropriate diaper changing station and applies the same requirement to a public restroom within any portion of a public building owned by the State that was remodeled on or after the effective date of the law. The law also requires that if the only public restroom equipped with a diaper changing station within a public building owned by the State is restricted to a specific gender, another public restroom available to other genders must be equipped with a diaper changing station that is safe, sanitary and appropriate by January 1, 2029 or an earlier date if funding allows, whichever occurs first. The law permits the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services to accept outside funds for the purchase, construction and installation of diaper changing stations.

The law provides certain exceptions, including in cases where the construction required to comply with these provisions would not be feasible due to the cost or would not comport with rules adopted by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission or would be inconsistent with the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code.

LD 1153 An Act to Change in Statute the Areas Represented by the Members of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Insurance Arena from Sets of Municipalities to the County Commissioner Districts of Cumberland County

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 68 changes in statute the geographical areas represented by members of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Insurance Arena from Portland and five sets of towns to the five county commissioner districts of Cumberland County.