

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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## **JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

### **LD 1174 An Act to Limit the Liability of Gun Shops That Provide Firearm Hold Agreements**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 357 allows a gun shop to take possession of a firearm owned by a person if the gun shop enters into a written firearm hold agreement with the owner and contacts the owner every six months. The firearm hold agreement must indicate a family member or other individual who may lawfully possess a firearm and will take possession of the firearm upon proof of the death of the owner of the firearm during the pendency of the firearm hold agreement. The law prohibits an action from being brought against a person for refusing to enter into a firearm hold agreement.

### **LD 1185 An Act to Prohibit Persons Under 18 Years of Age from Marrying**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 47 repeals the provision of law that authorizes a marriage license to be issued to a minor who is 17 years of age with the written consent of the minor's parent or guardian or the judge of probate in the county where the minor resides. The law further provides that a marriage license may not be issued to a person who has not attained 18 years of age.

### **LD 1189 An Act to Allow an Attorney for the State to Determine Whether to Charge Certain Class E Crimes as Civil Violations**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 496 directs the attorney for the State to determine whether to charge a defendant for a civil violation in place of a Class E crime that is not eligible for probation, a crime in Maine's election statutes or a crime that would result in a mandatory driver's license suspension, based upon a variety of factors and with a penalty of no more than \$1,000. The factors involved in the determination are not elements of the criminal offense or civil violation and the determination is not subject to judicial review. The law requires the court to inform the Secretary of State of any Class E crime involving motor vehicles that the attorney for the State elected to charge as a civil violation if the defendant is adjudicated as having committed the civil violation.

### **LD 1266 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health to Convene a Working Group to Propose a Plan for Expanding the Reach of Treatment Courts**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2025, chapter 98 directs the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health to establish a working group comprised of a multidisciplinary group of stakeholders to develop a plan for expanding the availability of adult drug treatment courts, family

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES**