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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

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treatment courts and veterans treatment courts across the State by ensuring that defendants in each prosecutorial district and county have access to these specialty court dockets. The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health is required to submit a report, including any recommendations from the working group for expanding the scope and geographic location of treatment courts, to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than January 1, 2026. The law authorizes the committee to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 1427 An Act Extending the Statute of Limitations on Criminal Actions Involving Aggravated Sex Trafficking

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 479 extends the statute of limitations for prosecution of a Class A or Class B crime involving sex trafficking from six years to 20 years following commission of the crime. This change applies only to those crimes committed on or after the effective date of the law or for which the prosecution has not yet been barred by the statute of limitations in force immediately prior to the effective date of this law.

Public Law 2025, chapter 479 also directs the Criminal Law Advisory Commission to review and analyze the statutes of limitation within the Maine Criminal Code pertaining to sexual offenses committed against both adult and minor victims and to submit a report, including any recommendations, to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary no later than December 15, 2025. The law authorizes the committee to report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature.

LD 1440 An Act to Amend the Maine Uniform Probate Code

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 168 makes several modifications proposed by the Probate and Trust Law Advisory Commission to the Maine Uniform Probate Code and related provisions of law related to marriage and domestic partnerships, personal representatives, termination or modification of adult guardianships and the process for surrender and release of parental rights and consent for adoption when the parent resides in another state. The law also acknowledges comments submitted by the commission describing these changes as Maine Comments that should be submitted for inclusion in the publication of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated.