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LD 1081 An Act to Support Access to General Assistance at Municipal General Assistance Offices and Designated Places

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 149 amends the law governing local offices where a person may apply for general assistance to require each municipality to designate daily hours when an application may be obtained, accepted and processed. These designated hours may not total less than 50% of the municipality's regular business hours. It also changes the information that must be posted at the local offices to reflect this amendment.

LD 1157 An Act to Amend the Laws Relating to the State's Background Check Center

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 243 updates certain definitions related to health care service providers and clarifies background check parameters and applicable roles and responsibilities in order to gain Federal Bureau of Investigation approval for the State to effectuate biometric-based background check capability. It clarifies requirements regarding privacy of federal conviction data. It also updates the date that statutory changes take effect to align with the time of functionality of the system.

LD 1243 An Act Regarding the Licensing of Assisted Living Facilities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 307 allows the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a license to an assisted living facility that is applying for another license at the same license level as long as the facility received all municipal approvals and permits and financing approval prior to March 1, 2023 and began construction prior to October 1, 2023. Any violations of quality of care and services or resident rights at the existing facility disqualifies the applicant from being issued a license.

Public Law 2025, chapter 307 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 15, 2025.

LD 1326 An Act to Protect the Drinking Water for Consumers of Certain Water Systems by Establishing Maximum Contaminant Levels for Certain Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2024, chapter 425 provides that monitoring and reporting of PFAS compounds and treatment to address maximum contaminant level exceedances must take place in accordance with

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the version of 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141, as promulgated on April 26, 2024. It changes the definition of “regulated PFAS contaminants” to mean those contaminants regulated under 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 141.61(c)(2), as promulgated on April 26, 2024, and not as superseded by subsequent versions of that federal rule.

It requires all community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems to conduct monitoring of PFAS at detectable levels established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. It requires that public notice of an exceedance must include information identifying each type of PFAS detected in the drinking water, the levels of each type of PFAS detected and the total level of PFAS detected.

LD 1406 An Act to Amend Certain Definitions in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 240 changes the definitions of “abuse or neglect” and “jeopardy to health or welfare” in the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act. It provides that “abuse or neglect” also means serious harm or threat of serious harm by a person responsible for the child due to inadequate care or supervision of the child or deprivation of food, clothing, shelter, education or medical care necessary for the child's health or welfare by that person when that person is financially able to provide food, clothing, shelter, education or medical care necessary for the child's health or welfare or is offered lawful and reasonable financial means or resources to do so.

Public Law 2025, chapter 240 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 10, 2025.

LD 1428 An Act to Increase Access to Child Care for Maine Families

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 288 allows a child care facility or family child care provider to operate without an outdoor recreational space as long as an outdoor public recreational space is available within a reasonable distance. It also requires municipalities to allow child care facilities and family child care providers to operate in an area that is zoned for residential purposes.

LD 1469 An Act to Clarify the Quality Rating System for Child Care Services in Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 247 specifies that child care providers accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the American Montessori Society, the National Association for Family Child Care, the Council on Accreditation or any of their successor organizations, or a Head Start program that meets national Head Start standards, receive the

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