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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.