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having jurisdiction over energy matters, to develop a fact sheet and technical resource guide that outlines the requirements, opportunities, expectations and responsibilities detailed in state labor laws, rules and priority selection opportunities for entities developing assisted projects in the State with a nameplate capacity of one megawatt or more. The responsible entity developing an assisted project and its prime contracting entity must each separately attest, under penalty of perjury, that each entity has reviewed the fact sheet and technical resource guide and that each entity is aware of resources available to assist in the entity's understanding and compliance and that all contractors and subcontractors are aware of the requirements in the fact sheet and technical resource guide.

Public Law 2025, chapter 377 also requires that the department supply an annual report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over labor matters beginning February 15, 2027.

LD 1861 An Act to Require Training on Textured Hair for Aestheticians, Barber Hair Stylists, Cosmetologists and Hair Designers

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 257 amends the laws governing the powers and responsibilities of the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation to adopt rules that require educational programs for aestheticians, barber hair stylists, cosmetologists and hair designers to include training on the styling and treatment of textured hair.

# LD 1947 An Act to Amend the Laws Pertaining to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 221 makes the following changes to the laws governing the Maine Public Employees Retirement System.

- 1. The law establishes a definition of "duly acknowledged."
- 2. The law establishes a definition of "survive" or "surviving."
- 3. The law removes the minimum waiting period for a member to receive a refund of contributions.
- 4. The law removes the requirement for continuous service before a member can be eligible for disability retirement benefits without meeting preexisting condition criteria.
- 5. The law provides more flexibility in how overpayments of disability benefits are recovered.
- 6. The law clarifies the definition of "earnable compensation."