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LD 1832 An Act to Clarify Available Relief for the Protection of At-risk Children

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 347 clarifies that an at-risk noncitizen child may request that a court enter an order making special findings necessary for the at-risk noncitizen child to apply to the federal government for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status by either filing a petition in District Court or by filing a motion in an existing action before the District Court or a county probate court under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 18-C, Title 19-A or Title 22 or in any other action before the juvenile court. The law also updates certain language and definitions in the statutes governing petitions and motions for special findings to better align those statutes with the language used in other state statutes and in federal law.

LD 1877 An Act to Increase Penalties for Human Trafficking Offenses

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 387 increases from \$2,000 to \$6,000 the amount that a person convicted of aggravated sex trafficking must pay to the Victims' Compensation Fund and increases from \$1,000 to \$3,000 the amount that a person convicted of sex trafficking must pay to the Victims' Compensation Fund.

LD 1898 An Act to Correct Outdated References Regarding the Maine Human Rights Act

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 269 modifies provisions of the Maine Human Rights Act to correct references to protection orders that were sought or received under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, former section 4007, which was repealed effective January 1, 2023. The law clarifies that it remains unlawful to discriminate against an individual on the basis of that individual's previous actions seeking or receiving an order of protection under the former law and that it is unlawful to discriminate against an individual on the basis of that individual's previous actions seeking or receiving a final protection order under the current law or under a substantially similar provision of the law of another state or nation.

LD 1900 An Act to Bring Parity to the State's Recognition of the Wabanaki Nations' Authority to Provide Electric Power Districts and Child Support Enforcement

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 303 recognizes the authority of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Mi'kmaq Nation to develop tribal power districts to provide electric power within their respective trust lands to the same extent that the Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe

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may develop tribal power districts to provide electric power within their respective reservation and trust lands.

Public Law 2025, chapter 303 also extends to the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Maliseet Tribal Court certain child support enforcement tools recognized for the Penobscot Nation and the Penobscot Nation Tribal Court.

LD 1944 An Act to Protect Individuals from the Threatened Unauthorized Dissemination of Certain Private Images, Including Artificially Generated Private Images

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 400 expands the crime of unauthorized dissemination of certain private images to provide that a person commits this crime if the person, without the consent of a depicted person and with the intent to harass, torment or threaten the depicted person or another person, intentionally or knowingly disseminates, displays or publishes an image that has been created or modified so that it appears to show the depicted person in a state of nudity or engaged in a sexual act or sexual contact.

Public Law 2025, chapter 400 also expands the definition of “harassment” under the protection from harassment laws and the definition of “abuse” under the protection from abuse laws to allow a person to seek a protection order against another person who threatens to commit the crime of unauthorized dissemination of certain private images if the natural and probable consequence of the threat is to place the person who is depicted or who appears to be depicted in the image in reasonable fear that the crime will be committed.

LD 1984 An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 390 corrects technical inconsistencies, conflicts and errors in the laws of Maine, including by removing outdated, gender-specific language and outdated terminology.

Public Law 2025, chapter 390 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 20, 2025.