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**LD 1938 An Act Regarding the Regulation of Tobacco**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 367 modifies provisions of law governing the regulation of cigarettes and other tobacco products as follows.

1. It modifies the provision of law that prohibits smoking in all enclosed areas of public places by eliminating the exception that allows smoking in motel or hotel rooms that are rented to members of the public.
2. It prohibits the sale of tobacco products in vending machines.
3. It prohibits the giving away of tobacco products by a tobacco retailer or tobacco distributor.
4. It increases the penalties for licensing violations for cigarette distributors.
5. It changes the definition of “smoking” to include the use of electronic smoking devices; this has the effect of prohibiting the use of electronic smoking devices in places of employment and broadens the definition to include the inhalation of natural or synthetic tobacco or other plant products.
6. It amends the definition of “electronic smoking device” in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22 and Title 36 to remove references to simulating smoking.

Public Law 2025, chapter 367 takes effect January 5, 2026.

**LD 1945 An Act to Clarify Data Collection Processes in Health Care Facilities**

**ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 255 provides that sexual orientation and gender identity data required to be collected by a health care facility is limited to an individual who is 19 years of age or older, rather than 18 years of age or older. It removes language that describes the data required to be collected.