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**LD 2058 An Act to Clarify the Requirement That Municipal and County Jails Be Available at All Times for Detention of Arrested Persons**

Public Law 2025, chapter 671 gives municipal and county jails the authority to be unavailable for detention of persons who are detained solely for a civil violation of federal immigration laws. Prior to the enactment of this law, municipal and county jails were required to be available at all times for detention of persons arrested by state or any other law enforcement officers.

**LD 2076 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Reporting of Incidents by Municipal Fire Chiefs**

Public Law 2025, chapter 603 requires that, until January 1, 2026, incident reports submitted by municipal fire chiefs to the State Fire Marshal within the Department of Public Safety be submitted in a manner consistent with a national fire incident reporting system or, as available, a national emergency response information system. On or after January 1, 2026, those reports must be submitted in a manner consistent with a national emergency response information system or a successor system as determined by the United States Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, United States Fire Administration. These provisions apply retroactively to January 1, 2026. The law also authorizes the State Fire Marshal to adopt rules to collect statewide incident response data and facilitate the transition from a national fire incident reporting system to a national emergency response information system.

Public Law 2025, chapter 603 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

**LD 2081 An Act to Provide Health Care Cost Reimbursement for Retired Law Enforcement Canines**

Public Law 2025, chapter 670 establishes the Retired Law Enforcement K-9 Health Care Fund, administered by the Department of Public Safety, to reimburse up to \$5,000 for veterinary expenses for eligible retired law enforcement canines who served on a state law enforcement agency. To be eligible, canines must have served a minimum of five years in active state law enforcement duty or been retired prior to serving five years in active state law enforcement duty due to medical necessity. A law enforcement agency head may, at the agency head's sole discretion, provide additional reimbursement from the budget of that agency without limit. The fund may also receive private donations, grants and other sources of funding.

**LD 2090 An Act to Modify Probationary Periods for Dispatchers**

Public Law 2025, chapter 669 requires municipal and county employee dispatchers to complete an employment probationary period that lasts for at least six months except as otherwise provided for in a collective bargaining agreement. The law also requires state employee dispatchers to complete a probationary period of at least six months which may be extended as determined by the director or commissioner of the agency, except as otherwise provided for in a collective