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LD 2087 An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Licensure of American Sign Language Interpreters

Public Law 2025, chapter 585 authorizes an exemption to American Sign Language interpreter licensure during emergencies. The law provides that, for the purposes of an exemption to American Sign Language interpreter licensure, the determination of an emergency may be made by the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation at the time an emergency occurs or afterward.

The law also creates a broader educational pathway to licensure and extends the period of conditional licensure from 4 to 5 years, with a 6th year granted in cases of extreme hardship.

Public Law 2025, chapter 585 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 23, 2026.

LD 2088 An Act to Increase Access to Primary Care Provided by Physician Associates

Public Law 2025, chapter 604 removes the requirement for a practice agreement with an active physician for a physician associate who is the principal clinical provider in a practice that does not include a physician. The law also makes optional consultations between a physician associate and a physician or other health care professional and removes the requirement that a physician be accessible at all times for purposes of consultation.

Public Law 2025, chapter 604 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2102 An Act to Clarify and Strengthen the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program

Public Law 2025, chapter 583 amends the laws governing the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program as follows.

1. It amends the provisions regarding eligibility for loans.
2. It authorizes an eligible financial institution to charge an origination fee that is the lesser of \$60 and 1% of the total loan amount and requires the financial institution to add the origination fee to the total amount of the loan.
3. It requires that the Finance Authority of Maine must stop approving claims for loan guarantee payments from eligible financial institutions on defaulted loans once the amount expended for loan guarantee payments equals or exceeds 50% of the total of all loans issued.
4. It requires that, if the total amount of funds expended for loan guarantee payments under the Government Shutdown Loan Guarantee Program equals or exceeds \$200,000, the authority must immediately notify the Treasurer of State, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and the joint standing committee