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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

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bargaining agreement. The law requires an agency that employs dispatchers to adopt a written policy regarding the length of the probationary period for dispatchers and disclose the policy to the dispatcher at the time of hire.

LD 2132 An Act to Amend the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 to Modify Penalties for Unauthorized Operation or Practice of Emergency Medical Services, to Direct Maine Emergency Medical Services to Evaluate Improvements to Maine’s Trauma System Reporting and to Make Certain Technical Changes

Public Law 2025, chapter 693 requires emergency medical services educators and emergency medical services training centers to be licensed by the Emergency Medical Services’ Board. Under existing law, a person who operates or practices without a license commits a Class E crime. This law clarifies that a person must intentionally, knowingly or recklessly operate or practice without a license to commit a Class E crime. The law also establishes a civil violation for operating or practicing without a license.

Public Law 2025, chapter 693 also requires the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services to convene the State Trauma Prevention and Control Advisory Committee to enhance the State’s trauma care system and to share uniform quality data as it related to injury-related incidents. The director shall submit a report with the findings of the advisory committee to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over emergency medical services matters by September 1, 2027. The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 2157 An Act to Prohibit the Unauthorized Use of Drones on or over the Premises of Correctional Facilities and Jails

Public Law 2025, chapter 689 prohibits the unauthorized use of a drone on or over the premises of a correctional facility or jail, which is defined as intentionally or knowingly flying a drone over the premises of a correctional facility or jail at or below a height of 400 feet above the ground, landing a drone on the premises or flying a drone from the premises. A person who violates this provision commits a civil violation, subject to a maximum fine of \$500. A person who violates this provision and has been previously adjudicated of violating this provision commits a Class D crime.

LD 2161 An Act to Modify Certain Statutes Governing Revocation of Probation, Victim Confidentiality and the Commissioner of Corrections

Public Law 2025, chapter 694 modifies certain statutes governing revocation of probation, victim confidentiality and the Commission of Corrections as follows.