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of the Legislature having jurisdiction over financial services matters and requires the reporting out of legislation to address the funding needs of the program after that notification is received.

5. It provides one-time funding of \$250,000 to the program.

Public Law 2025, chapter 583 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 23, 2026.

LD 2128 An Act to Reorganize the Emergency Medical Services' Board to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State

Public Law 2025, chapter 596 makes the following changes to the laws governing the Emergency Medical Services' Board.

1. It reduces the number of members appointed to the Emergency Medical Services' Board, other than the members representing regional councils, from 12 to 5.
2. It provides for regular feedback and recommendations from each regional council to the board.
3. It requires the board to report annually by January 1st any recommended changes to the Maine Emergency Medical Services Act of 1982 or other necessary changes to improve the provision of emergency medical services to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over emergency medical services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over emergency medical services personnel licensing matters and allows each committee to report out legislation based on the board's recommendations.

LD 2129 An Act to Prohibit Liens on Principal Residences and Wage Garnishments for Medical Debt

Public Law 2025, chapter 649 prohibits the placement of a lien on the principal place of residence of a consumer and prohibits the garnishment of salary or wages of a consumer when the related action is based on medical debt.

The law also requires a court, in any action to execute a judgment involving the attachment of a consumer's principal place of residence based on medical debt, to exclude any interest on medical debt that has accumulated on or after the effective date of the law.

LD 2133 An Act Regarding Licensing of Community Paramedicine Services and Clinicians

Public Law 2025, chapter 635 defines “community paramedicine,” “community paramedicine clinician,” “community paramedicine service” and “emergency medical services instructor.” The law requires community paramedicine clinicians and community paramedicine services to be licensed by the Emergency Medical Services' Board and establishes minimum requirements for

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licensure. As part of the mandatory minimum licensing qualifications for a community paramedicine service, the law clarifies that the individual identified by a community paramedicine service as the primary care medical director and emergency medical services medical director may not be limited to a physician only, that the individual may serve as a volunteer and that the same individual may serve in both capacities for a licensed community paramedicine service.

Public Law 2025, chapter 635 also directs the board to adopt rules to implement licensing standards for community paramedicine services and community paramedicine clinicians and provides that the initial rules adopted by the Emergency Medical Services' Board are major substantive rules subject to legislative approval before final adoption.

LD 2146 An Act to Increase Access to Critical Vaccinations

Public Law 2025, chapter 702 requires the Maine Vaccine Board to consider vaccines that are recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or their successor organizations when making its annual determination of vaccines that must be made available through the Universal Immunization Program. If federal funding is not available for certain vaccines under the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Vaccines for Children Program, the law authorizes the Maine Vaccine Board to request state funding to cover the costs of vaccines for children who qualify for vaccines under the Vaccines for Children Program for those vaccines that are recommended by the Department of Health and Human Services or the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or their successor organizations.

Public Law 2025, chapter 702 also provides a pharmacist licensed in this State with immunity from liability for negligence for administering a vaccine that is outside the guidelines recommended by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, or its successor organization, as long as the administration of the vaccine is in accordance with guidelines recommended by the State or the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians or the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists or their successor organizations.

LD 2166 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing

Resolve 2025, chapter 140 authorizes final adoption of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a major substantive rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing.