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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.

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1. It corrects an oversight regarding the need for prosecutor approval for a probation revocation motion and clarifies the persons who may withdraw probation revocation motions and file motions to transfer hearings on probation revocation motions.
2. It provides that information from a victim obtained by the Department of Corrections for the purpose of evaluating the ability of a person in the custody or under the supervision of the department to participate in a community-based program is privileged from disclosure. It adds a cross-reference in a victims' rights statute to a Department of Corrections confidentiality provision.
3. It provides that the deputy commissioner of the Department of Corrections may exercise the powers of the Commissioner of Corrections when the office of the commissioner is vacant or the commissioner is absent or disabled.

LD 2223 An Act to Increase Funding for Construction Plan Reviews and Clarify Rule-making Authority for Municipal Reviews of Development

Public Law 2025, chapter 658 permits the Commissioner of Public Safety to adopt rules regarding registering municipalities that have authority to issue construction permits and requires that a municipality must comply with these rules as a condition of their registration. The law also modifies the permitting requirement for fire sprinkler contractors. Under prior law, a fire sprinkler contractor was required to obtain a permit from the commissioner prior to construction. The law adds the option of obtaining that permit from a registered municipality. The law also increases the fee for new construction, reconstruction, repairs or renovations permits from 1.5/10 of 1% of the cost to construct or reconstruct the portion of the project that is subject to State Fire Marshal review to 1/5 of 1% of that cost. The law also provides funding for four public safety inspector positions within the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

LD 2232 An Act to Increase County Jail Funding

Public Law 2025, chapter 721 requires the State Controller to credit \$4,000,000 of investment earnings on the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund to the County Jail Operations Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account in the Department of Corrections for distributions to counties for jail operations costs. The law provides a one-time \$4,000,000 allocation to the County Jail Operations Fund for distribution to counties for jail operations costs in fiscal year 2025-26.

Public Law 2025, chapter 721 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 16, 2026.