

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
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Sec. 36. 20-A MRSA §13201, first ¶, as amended by PL 2011, c. 172, §2 and affected by §4, is further amended to read:

The superintendent shall nominate all teachers, subject to such regulations governing salaries and the qualifications of teachers as the school board makes. Upon the approval of nominations by the school board, the superintendent may employ teachers so nominated and approved for such terms as the superintendent determines proper, subject to the approval of the school board. ~~The superintendent, subject to the approval of the school board, shall implement a program to support probationary teachers pursuant to section 13015.~~ Prior to May 15th before the expiration of a first, 2nd or 3rd year probationary teacher's contract, the superintendent shall notify the teacher in writing of the superintendent's decision to nominate or not nominate that teacher for another teaching contract. If, after receiving a complaint from a teacher, the commissioner finds that the superintendent has failed to notify a teacher of a decision not to nominate that teacher, the school administrative unit shall pay a forfeiture to the teacher. The amount of that forfeiture must be equal to the teacher's per diem salary rate times the number of days between the notification deadline and the date on which notification is made or on which the complaint is filed, whichever occurs first. In case the superintendent of schools and the school board fail to legally elect a teacher, the commissioner has the authority to appoint a substitute teacher who serves until such election is made.

Sec. 37. 20-A MRSA c. 511, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 38. Maine Revised Statutes headnote amended; revision clause. In the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 501, in the chapter headnote, the words "certification and registration of teachers" are amended to read "credentialing of teachers" and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.

Sec. 39. Maine Revised Statutes headnote amended; revision clause. In the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 502, in the chapter headnote, the words "certification of educational personnel" are amended to read "credentialing of educational personnel" and the Revisor of Statutes shall implement this revision when updating, publishing or republishing the statutes.

Sec. 40. Application. A certificate, approval or authorization issued pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapters 501, 502 and 502-A before the effective date of this Act is valid until the termination date of the certificate, approval or authorization.

Sec. 41. Effective date. This Act takes effect on July 1, 2018.

Effective July 1, 2018.

CHAPTER 236

H.P. 363 - L.D. 519

An Act To Allow the Storage of Tents, Campers, Trailers and Other Devices Used for Camping in Campgrounds in the Unorganized Townships

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §685-C, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Campground storage. The commission may not limit the number of days a person may store an unoccupied camping device at a lawfully existing camping location within a campground permitted by the commission or a campground that is a nonconforming use. For the purposes of this subsection, "camping device" means a tent, registered tent trailer, registered pickup camper, registered recreational vehicle, registered trailer or similar device lawfully used for camping.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 237

H.P. 541 - L.D. 761

An Act To Increase Access to Hearing Aids

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-ZZ is enacted to read:

§3174-ZZ. Reimbursement for hearing aids

1. Hearing aid; definition. For purposes of this section, "hearing aid" means a nonexperimental, wearable instrument or device designed for the ear and offered for the purpose of aiding or compensating for impaired human hearing.

2. Required reimbursement. The department shall provide reimbursement for a hearing aid for one hearing-impaired ear of an individual enrolled in the MaineCare program in accordance with the following requirements: