

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
**OF THE**  
**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**June 19, 2018 to September 13, 2018**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**SECOND SPECIAL SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2018**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE**

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**December 5, 2018 to June 20, 2019**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**  
**NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
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**PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES**  
**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,**  
**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2019**

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**RESOLVES OF THE STATE OF MAINE  
AS PASSED AT  
THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
2017**

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**CHAPTER 58  
H.P. 1361 - L.D. 1916**

**Resolve, To Name a Bridge  
over the Saco River in the  
Town of Fryeburg the Nathan  
Desjardins Memorial Bridge**

**Sec. 1. Bridge over the Saco River in Town of Fryeburg named. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate Bridge 2121 on Route 5, which crosses the Saco River in the Town of Fryeburg, the Nathan Desjardins Memorial Bridge.

See title page for effective date.

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**CHAPTER 59  
H.P. 1355 - L.D. 1914**

**Resolve, To Name the Bridge  
over the Kennebec River in the  
Town of Norridgewock the  
Corporal Eugene Cole  
Memorial Bridge**

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** this resolve names a bridge in honor of a law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty; and

**Whereas,** it is important to the local community to honor the late Corporal Eugene Cole and to keep his memory alive through the naming of this bridge over the Kennebec River in the Town of Norridgewock and to honor his memory for all his contributions to the safety of Somerset County; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Bridge over the Kennebec River in Town of Norridgewock named. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall designate

Bridge 2187 on Route 201A, which crosses the Kennebec River in the Town of Norridgewock, the Corporal Eugene Cole Memorial Bridge.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 29, 2018.

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**CHAPTER 60  
H.P. 478 - L.D. 687**

**Resolve, Regarding  
Reimbursement for Speech and  
Language Pathology Services**

**Sec. 1. Department of Health and Human Services to increase MaineCare reimbursement rates. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 109 to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology services provided by an agency to no less than 69% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate for these services as long as the rate is no lower than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2017; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Independent rates. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 109 to increase reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology services provided by an independent speech-language pathologist to 90% of the agency rate established in section 1 as long as the rate is no lower than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2017; and be it further

**Sec. 3. Speech-language pathology assistant agency rates. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 109 to reimburse services provided by an agency speech-language pathology assistant for treatment within a group of 2 or more individuals at 69% of the federal Medicare reimbursement rate for the same service provided by a speech-language pathologist; and be it further

**Sec. 4. Speech-language pathology assistant independent rates. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 109 to reimburse services provided by an independent speech-language pathology assistant for treatment within a group of 2 or more individuals at 90% of the agency rate established in section 3 as long as the rate is no lower than the rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2017. Services provided by independent speech-language pathology assistants for individual treatment must be reimbursed at 90% of the agency rate reimbursed as of January 1, 2017; and be it further

**Sec. 5. Routine technical rules. Resolved:** That rules adopted pursuant to this resolve are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A; and be it further

**Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides appropriations and allocations for increased reimbursement of certain speech and language pathology services currently provided under Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 109, Speech and Hearing Services.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$182,509
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$182,509
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$329,294
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$329,294

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**CHAPTER 61  
H.P. 591 - L.D. 842**

**Resolve, To Support Home Health Services**

**Sec. 1. Reimbursement rate increase for home health services. Resolved:** That, no later

than January 1, 2019, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend its rules in Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 40 to increase reimbursement rates for certain procedure codes at 15-minute units as follows:

1. G0154TD at \$33.46;
2. G0154TE at \$23.42;
3. G0156 at \$15.16;
4. G0152 at \$36.83;
5. G0152TF at \$25.79;
6. G0151 at \$36.58;
7. G0151TF at \$25.61;
8. G0153 at \$39.75;
9. G0153TF at \$27.83; and
10. G0155 at \$36.82.

; and be it further

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Medical Care - Payments to Providers 0147**

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the reimbursement rates for home health services under Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 40.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$143,697
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$143,697
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$0	\$261,312
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FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$261,312

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