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the Class III license holder, except as provided in section 6445-A.

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CHAPTER 260

H.P. 628 - L.D. 854

An Act To Improve Tax Incentives for Broadband Service

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5225, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2013, c. 184, §4, is further amended to read:

C. Costs related to economic development, environmental improvements, fisheries and wildlife or marine resources projects, recreational trails, broadband service development, expansion or improvement, including connecting to broadband service outside the tax increment financing district, or employment training within the municipality or plantation, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Costs of funding economic development programs or events developed by the municipality or plantation or funding the marketing of the municipality or plantation as a business or arts location;
- (2) Costs of funding environmental improvement projects developed by the municipality or plantation for commercial or arts district use or related to such activities;
- (3) Funding to establish permanent economic development revolving loan funds, investment funds and grants;
- (4) Costs of services and equipment to provide skills development and training, including scholarships to in-state educational institutions or to online learning entities when in-state options are not available, for jobs created or retained in the municipality or plantation. These costs must be designated as training funds in the development program;
- (5) Quality child care costs, including finance costs and construction, staffing, training, certification and accreditation costs related to child care;
- (6) Costs associated with new or existing recreational trails determined by the department to have significant potential to promote economic development, including, but not limited to, costs for multiple projects and

project phases that may include planning, design, construction, maintenance, grooming and improvements with respect to new or existing recreational trails, which may include bridges that are part of the trail corridor, used all or in part for all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing or other related multiple uses;

(7) Costs associated with a new or expanded transit service, limited to:

(a) Transit service capital costs, including but not limited to: transit vehicles such as buses, ferries, vans, rail conveyances and related equipment; bus shelters and other transit-related structures; and benches, signs and other transit-related infrastructure; and

(b) In the case of transit-oriented development districts, ongoing costs of adding to an existing transit system or creating a new transit service and limited strictly to transit operator salaries, transit vehicle fuel and transit vehicle parts replacements; ~~and~~

(8) Costs associated with the development of fisheries and wildlife or marine resources projects; and

(9) Costs associated with broadband and fiber optics expansion projects, including preparation, planning, engineering and other related costs in addition to the construction costs of those projects. If an area within a municipality or plantation is unserved with respect to broadband service, as defined by the ConnectME Authority as provided in Title 35-A, section 9204-A, subsection 1, broadband and fiber optics expansion projects may serve residential or other nonbusiness or noncommercial areas in addition to business or commercial areas within the municipality or plantation; and

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CHAPTER 261

H.P. 901 - L.D. 1240

An Act To Provide Career and Technical Training Options for Electricians

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1202-A, sub-§2, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 198, §17, is amended to read:

B. In order to obtain a license under this subsection, a person must first pass an examination approved by the board and provide evidence of having:

(1) Worked at least 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician or apprentice electrician under the direct supervision of a master electrician, journeyman electrician or limited electrician or having at least 8,000 hours of work experience in electrical installations, and having completed a program of study consisting of 576 hours as approved by the board or from an accredited institution. The 576 hours must consist of 225 hours of required study, including an approved course of 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code, and 351 hours of elective study that is either composed of all trade-related electives or 225 hours of trade-related courses and 135 hours of degree-related courses. A graduate of a secondary school career and technical education electrical program approved pursuant to Title 20-A, section 8306-B is credited 1,000 hours of work experience in electrical installations and is qualified to sit for the examination. The 1,000 hours credited under this subparagraph may not be applied to any other pathway to licensure described in this subsection;

~~(2) Graduated from an accredited regional applied technology high school 2-year electrical program, worked at least 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician under the direct supervision of a master electrician, journeyman electrician or limited electrician and completed a course of 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code;~~

(3) Graduated from an accredited community college electrical program or a vocational-electrical program of a state department of corrections and having worked at least 8,000 hours in the field of electrical installations as a licensed helper electrician, under the direct supervision of a master electrician, journeyman electrician or limited electrician, and having completed a course of 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code. Graduates of a community college electrical program or a vocational-electrical program of a state department of corrections are credited 4,000 hours of work experience in electrical installations and are qualified to sit for the examination;

(4) Worked at least 8,000 hours as a licensed apprentice electrician in the field of electrical

installations under the direct supervision of a master electrician, journeyman electrician or limited electrician, having completed a program of study comprising at least 576 hours prescribed in an apprenticeship program approved by the board and having completed a course of 45 hours in the current National Electrical Code. A licensed apprentice who has completed an approved apprenticeship program of study and has worked at least 4,000 hours as a licensed apprentice electrician is qualified to sit for the examination; or

(5) Comparable work experience or education or training, or a combination of work experience, education and training, completed within the State or outside the State, that is acceptable to the board.

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CHAPTER 262

H.P. 922 - L.D. 1261

An Act To Authorize Certain Health Care Professionals To Perform Abortions

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1596, as repealed and replaced by PL 1989, c. 274, §1 and amended by PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

§1596. Abortion and miscarriage data

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Abortion" means the intentional interruption of a pregnancy by the application of external agents, whether chemical or physical, or the ingestion of chemical agents with an intention other than to produce a live birth or to remove a dead fetus, regardless of the length of gestation.

B. "Miscarriage" means an interruption of a pregnancy other than as provided in paragraph A of a fetus of less than 20 weeks gestation.

C. "Health care professional" means a physician or physician assistant licensed under Title 32, chapter 36 or 48 or a person licensed under Title 32, chapter 31 to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse.

2. Abortion reports. A report of each abortion performed ~~shall~~ **must** be made to the Department of Health and Human Services on forms prescribed by the department. These report forms ~~shall~~ **may** not iden-