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STATE OF MAINE

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CHAPTER 442

H.P. 1087 - L.D. 1485

An Act To Create a Contact Person Program in the Department of Public Safety

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2917 is enacted to read:

§2917. Contact person program

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

A. "Contact person program" or "program" means the program developed and operated pursuant to this section.

B. "Law enforcement officer" has the same meaning as in section 3701, subsection 3.

C. "Participating person" means a person:

(1) Who voluntarily provides to a law enforcement agency contact information for a person or persons to assist with communications; or

(2) Who has a legal guardian under Title 18-C, section 5-301 or 5-701 and for whom the legal guardian provides to a law enforcement agency contact information to assist with communications.

2. Contact person program. The Department of Public Safety shall develop and implement a contact person program to assist a law enforcement officer with communications with a participating person during an encounter between the participating person and the law enforcement officer. The program must provide the law enforcement officer with access to contact information for a person that is voluntarily submitted by a participating person or the legal guardian of a participating person. The program must interface with the State's telecommunications and radio message switching system.

3. Standards of procedure. The program must include standards of procedure for law enforcement agencies consistent with policies adopted by the Department of Public Safety. The standards must address processing the application of a participating person or that person's legal guardian, determining the validity of identity and legal guardianship information, entering contact information into the State's telecommunications and radio message switching system, procedures for a participating person or that person's legal

guardian to withdraw from the program and procedures for a law enforcement officer to access contact information.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for computer programming to create a database to identify participating persons who are part of the contact person program.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$26,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$26,000	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$14,000	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$14,000	\$0

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 443

H.P. 1090 - L.D. 1488

An Act To Allow Holders of Gold Star Family Registration Plates To Be Issued Complimentary Licenses To Hunt, Trap and Fish

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10853, sub-§18 is enacted to read:

18. Gold star family registration plate holder. A complimentary license to hunt, trap and fish, including permits, stamps and other permissions needed to hunt, may be issued, upon application, to a resident who is the holder of a registration certificate and a set of gold star family registration plates pursuant to Title 29-A, section 524-B. A permit or license issued to a person under this subsection remains valid for the life of the person, as long as the person continues to remain a resident of this State and the permit or license issued under this subsection is not revoked or suspended.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 444

S.P. 475 - L.D. 1526

An Act To Increase the Availability of Foster Homes

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §8103, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 411, §1, is amended to read:

1-A. Inspection required. Except as provided in subsection ~~2~~ 2-A, the department may not issue a license to operate to a children's home until the department has received from the Commissioner of Public Safety a written statement signed by one of the officials designated under Title 25, section 2360, 2391 or 2392 to make fire safety inspections. This statement must indicate that the children's home has complied with applicable fire safety provisions referred to in Title 25, section 2452.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §8103, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2003, c. 411, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §8103, sub-§2-A is enacted to read:

2-A. Family foster homes. Family foster homes are exempt from the inspection requirement in subsection 1-A. The department shall inspect a family foster home prior to placing a foster child in the home. The department shall adopt routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A governing the fire and safety inspection of family foster homes.

Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

IV-E Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0137

Initiative: Reduces appropriations and allocations due to the elimination of the costs paid for fire marshal inspections.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	(\$129,034)	(\$129,034)
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	(\$129,034)	(\$129,034)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	(\$52,704)	(\$52,704)

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	(\$52,704)	(\$52,704)
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Office of Child and Family Services - Central 0307

Initiative: Provides one-time appropriations and allocations for technology upgrades.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$2,974	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,974	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$1,156	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,156	\$0
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State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Provides one-time appropriations and allocations for technology upgrades.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$2,891	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,891	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$1,239	\$0

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$1,239	\$0
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State-funded Foster Care/Adoption Assistance 0139

Initiative: Reduces allocations due to a reduction of physical plant updates to meet current compliance.

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	(\$122,432)	(\$122,432)
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	(\$122,432)	(\$122,432)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF