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

**Augusta, Maine
2020**

Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

In adopting rules regarding arrearage management programs, the commission shall:

- A. Consider best practices as developed and implemented in other states or regions;
- B. Require that an arrearage management program include an electricity usage assessment at no cost to the participant;
- D. Ensure that a transmission and distribution utility develops terms and conditions for its arrearage management program in a manner that is consistent with the program's objectives and is in the best interests of all ratepayers; and
- E. Ensure that a transmission and distribution utility recovers in rates all reasonable costs of arrearage management programs, including:
 - (1) Incremental costs;
 - (2) Reconnection fees;
 - (3) Administrative costs;
 - (4) Marketing costs;
 - (5) Costs for any 3rd-party assistance it receives in administering its arrearage management program; and
 - (6) Costs for providing financial and budgetary guidance to participants whether provided directly or through a 3rd party contracted by the transmission and distribution utility to provide that guidance.

The amount of any arrearage forgiven that is treated as bad debt for purposes of cost recovery by the transmission and distribution utility may not be included as a reasonable cost under this paragraph.

The Efficiency Maine Trust shall work with investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities, consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities that elect to participate in an arrearage management program and other stakeholders to provide access to a complementary low-income energy efficiency program for participants in arrearage management programs in order to help reduce participants' energy consumption.

No later than January 28, ~~2021~~ 2022, the commission shall prepare a report assessing the effectiveness of arrearage management programs, including the number of participants enrolled in the programs, the number of participants completing the programs, the number of participants who have failed to complete the programs, the payment patterns of participating customers after completing the programs, the dollar amount of arrears forgiven, a comparison of outcomes for those participating in the programs and those not participating, the

impact on any participating transmission and distribution utility's bad debt as a result of the programs, the costs and benefits to all ratepayers associated with the programs and recommendations for ways in which the programs might be improved or continued for the benefit of all ratepayers. In preparing its report, the commission shall hold at least one formal stakeholder meeting involving affected parties, including the Office of the Public Advocate and the participating transmission and distribution utilities. Parties must also be provided an opportunity to submit written comments to the commission regarding the performance of the programs.

The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over utilities matters may report out a bill relating to the commission report to the ~~First~~ Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

This subsection is repealed September 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §10110, sub-§2, ¶L, as amended by PL 2017, c. 414, §2, is further amended to read:

L. Pursuant to section 3214, subsection 2-A, the trust shall work with investor-owned transmission and distribution utilities, consumer-owned transmission and distribution utilities that elect to participate in an arrearage management program pursuant to section 3214, subsection 2-A and other stakeholders to provide access to a complementary low-income energy efficiency program for participants in the arrearage management programs in order to help reduce participants' energy consumption.

This paragraph is repealed September 30, ~~2021~~ 2022.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 609

S.P. 715 - L.D. 2025

**An Act To Clarify the
Authorization of Emergency
Medical Services Personnel To
Provide Medical Services in a
Hospital**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §85, sub-§7 is enacted to read:

7. Delegation. This chapter may not be construed to prohibit a person licensed as an emergency medical services person from rendering medical services in a hospital setting if those services are:

- A. Rendered in the person's capacity as an employee of the hospital;

- B. Authorized by the hospital; and
- C. Delegated in accordance with section 2594-A or 3270-A.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 610
H.P. 1445 - L.D. 2035

**An Act To Modify Teacher
Certification Expiration Dates
for Teachers Who Use Family
Medical Leave**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13011-A is enacted to read:

§13011-A. Certification extension for family medical leave

Notwithstanding the term of a conditional or professional certificate under this chapter, upon the request of a school administrative unit, the commissioner shall grant an extension on an individual's conditional or professional certificate if the individual uses family medical leave during the final year of the individual's certificate and the school administrative unit provides the commissioner with sufficient proof of the use of family medical leave. An extension under this section is for the same number of days as the family medical leave used during the final year of the individual's certificate. For the purposes of this section, "family medical leave" has the same meaning as in Title 26, section 843, subsection 4.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 611
H.P. 1451 - L.D. 2040

**An Act To Eliminate the
Requirement That
Municipalities Retain Paper
Copies of Certain Vital
Statistics Records**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2843, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2017, c. 101, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Records. Each municipality shall maintain a record of any endorsed permit received pursuant to subsection 3 or 3-A in the electronic death registration system described in section 2847. These records must be open to public inspection. A copy of an endorsed permit

must be made available to a member of the public upon a request made to the municipal clerk. The State Registrar of Vital Statistics may adopt routine technical rules pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A to carry out the purposes of this subsection.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 612
S.P. 727 - L.D. 2054

**An Act To Consolidate Certain
Reporting Requirements of the
Department of Health and
Human Services**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §50, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 279, §1, is amended to read:

§50. Planning for long-term care services

By January 15, ~~2012~~ 2021 and every 4 years thereafter the department, after input from interested parties, shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on the current allocation of resources for long-term care and the goals for allocation of those resources during the next 4 years. The report must be based on current and projected demographic data, current and projected consumer needs and recent or anticipated changes in methods of delivery of long-term care services and must include any action taken by the department, both at the state and federal level, to further these goals and any recommendations for action by the Legislature. The report must also include a description of the activities and any recommendations of the quality assurance review committee established pursuant to section 5107-I.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §5106, sub-§3, ¶A, as amended by PL 2011, c. 657, Pt. BB, §9, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §5107-I, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2011, c. 495, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 22-A MRSA §206, sub-§9, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 284, Pt. NNNNNNN, §17, is repealed.

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