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**TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2021**

**§7105-A. Automated telephone call reduction services**

Beginning January 1, 2022, a telephone utility that offers any service to subscribers in the State designed to reduce the number of calls received by a subscriber that are made using an automated telephone calling device or an artificial or prerecorded voice shall inform each subscriber as to the nature and cost of any such service offered and describe how the subscriber may elect to enroll in or take advantage of such service. Such information must be provided to a subscriber at the time the subscriber initiates service with the telephone utility and must be available on the telephone utility's website. A telephone utility shall offer any such service at a reasonably affordable cost to all subscribers in the State.

For the purposes of this section, "automated telephone calling device" has the same meaning as in Title 10, section 1498, subsection 1, paragraph A.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 110  
H.P. 442 - L.D. 606**

**An Act Regarding the Child Protection System**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§1, ¶C,** as amended by PL 1993, c. 294, §1, is further amended to read:

C. Cooperating and coordinating with other agencies, facilities or persons providing related services to families and children throughout the period of time the department is involved with a family and child;

**Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §4004, sub-§2, ¶B-1** is enacted to read:

B-1. Establish and maintain a policy that requires, to the greatest extent possible under applicable federal and state confidentiality laws, that caseworkers receive information throughout the period of time the department is involved with a family and child directly from any agencies, facilities or persons involved with or providing services to the family and child in order to:

- (1) Coordinate adequate access to resources for a family and child; and
- (2) Inform the ongoing risk and safety assessment of the child;

**Sec. 3. Report.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child and Family Services shall present the policy established pursuant to the

Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4004, subsection 2, paragraph B-1 to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than March 1, 2022. The Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services is authorized to report out legislation relating to the Child and Family Services and Child Protection Act to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 111  
S.P. 244 - L.D. 630**

**An Act To Prohibit Shelf-stable Products from Being Sold as Cider**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §543-A, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

**1. Restriction on product labeled as cider.** A person may not sell, advertise, offer or expose for sale any product labeled as "cider" if that product does not require refrigeration from pressing through purchase or has been heated to a temperature of 155° Fahrenheit or higher for more than 10 seconds.

**Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §543-A, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

**2. Accepted processing methods.** All cider sold, advertised, offered or exposed for sale must be ~~heat treated~~, treated by ultraviolet light or pressed under a state-approved hazard and critical control plan unless the cider bears a warning label in accordance with subsection 3. A state-approved hazard and critical control plan must prohibit the pressing of apples that have dropped from the trees for use in cider. ~~For the purposes of this section, "heat treated" means heated to a temperature of 155° Fahrenheit or higher for no more than 10 seconds.~~

**Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §543-A, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 1999, c. 175, §1, is amended to read:

**4. Exemption.** ~~Hard cider as defined in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 12-A~~ is exempt from this section. For purposes of this subsection, "hard cider" means liquor produced by fermentation of the juice of apples or pears, including, but not limited to, flavored, sparkling or carbonated cider, that contains not less than 1/2 of 1% alcohol by volume and "liquor" has the same meaning as in Title 28-A, section 2, subsection 16.

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