

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

**AS PASSED BY THE**

**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE**

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

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

(1) The pupil count set forth in section 15674, subsection 1, paragraph C or D, whichever is applicable;

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 429**

**H.P. 485 - L.D. 658**

**An Act To Provide Funding for 2 Veteran Service Officers in the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services**

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**

**Veterans Services 0110**

Initiative: Provides funding for 2 Veteran Service Officer positions and related costs.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2.000	2.000
Personal Services	\$114,416	\$152,554
All Other	\$6,090	\$8,120
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$120,506	\$160,674

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 430**

**H.P. 505 - L.D. 693**

**An Act To Make the Pilot Program Providing Mental Health Case Management Services to Veterans a Permanent Program**

**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 legislation makes permanent the pilot program to provide case management services to veterans for mental health care established by Resolve 2017, chapter 24; and

**Whereas,** this legislation must take effect before the expiration of the 90-day period to ensure continued case management services are provided without interruption after the pilot program ends; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1833** is enacted to read:

**§1833. Referral of veterans**

**1. Screening.** A hospital licensed under this chapter shall screen all patients presenting for emergency care at the hospital's emergency department regarding whether or not the patient has prior service in the military. This information must be added to the hospital's patient data management system.

**2. Referral.** If a patient presenting for emergency care at the emergency department of a hospital licensed under this chapter identifies as having prior service in the military under subsection 1, the hospital shall, at a minimum, provide the patient with the following information and document the provision of this information in the hospital's patient data management system:

**A.** Contact information for the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services. The hospital shall inform the patient that the bureau may be able to assist the patient with accessing state and federal veterans benefits; and

**B.** A copy of a benefits and resource guide for veterans seeking emergency care made available on the publicly accessible website of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services.

**Sec. 2. 34-B MRSA c. 3, sub-c. 7** is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER 7**

**MENTAL HEALTH CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR VETERANS**

**§3911. Mental health case management services for veterans**

The department shall provide contracted case management services to provide necessary mental health treatment to veterans who are residents of the State. Case management services must include assisting veterans in accessing a range of mental and behavioral health services, which must include inpatient mental health care services as clinically required. The department, with the assistance of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services, referred to in this subchapter as "the bureau," shall identify regions of the State where case management services are most needed and identify