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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2022

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$207,023
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**TREASURER OF STATE, OFFICE OF
Maliseet Sales Tax Fund N952**

Initiative: Establishes the Maliseet Sales Tax Fund to collect and remit sales tax collected on Houlton Band Trust Land.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500
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Penobscot Sales Tax Fund N951

Initiative: Establishes the Penobscot Sales Tax Fund to collect and remit sales tax collected on Penobscot Indian territory.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$500

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$500
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**TREASURER OF STATE,
OFFICE OF**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$1,000
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$1,000
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SECTION TOTALS	2021-22	2022-23
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GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$207,023
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$0	\$1,000

SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$208,023
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**CHAPTER 682
S.P. 252 - L.D. 647**

**An Act To Expand Eligibility
for the Veterans' Property Tax
Exemption**

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2019, c. 501, §20, is further amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) During any federally recognized war period, including the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the periods from August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 and December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, or during the period from February 1, 1955 to February 27, 1961, or who were awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, when they have reached the age of 62 years or when they are receiving any form of pension or compensation from the United States Government for total disability, service-connected or nonservice-connected, as a veteran. A veteran of the Vietnam War must have served on active duty after February 27, 1961 and before May 8, 1975. "Persian Gulf War" means service on active duty on or after August 2, 1990 and before or on the date that the United States Government recognizes as the end of that war period; or

Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §653, sub-§1, ¶D-1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 501, §21, is further amended to read:

D-1. The estates up to the just value of \$50,000, having a taxable situs in the place of residence, for specially adapted housing units, of veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States during any federally recognized war period, including the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the periods from August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 and December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn, or during the period from February 1, 1955 to February 27, 1961, or who were awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and who are paraplegic veterans within the meaning of 38 United States Code, Chapter 21, Section 2101, and who received a grant from the United States Government for any such housing, or of the unremarried widows or widowers of those veterans. A veteran of the Vietnam War must have served on active duty after February 27, 1961 and before May 8, 1975. "Persian Gulf War" means service on active duty on or after August 2, 1990 and before or on the date that the United States Government recognizes as the end of that war period. The exemption provided in this paragraph applies to the property of the veteran including property held in joint tenancy with a spouse or held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of that veteran.

Sec. 3. Application. This Act applies to property taxes based on the status of property on or after April 1, 2023.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 683

H.P. 492 - L.D. 665

**An Act To Promote Better
Dental Care for Cancer
Survivors**

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §4320-S is enacted to read:

§4320-S. Coverage for dental services for cancer patients

1. Required coverage. Except as provided in subsection 2, a carrier offering a health plan in this State shall provide coverage for medically necessary dental procedures in accordance with the following for an enrollee who has been diagnosed with cancer.

A. Coverage must be provided for fluoride treatment and dental procedures that are medically necessary to reduce the risk of infection or eliminate infection or to treat tooth loss or decay in an enrollee prior to beginning cancer treatment, including chemotherapy, biological therapy or radiation therapy treatment.

B. Coverage must be provided for dental procedures that are medically necessary to reduce the risk of infection or eliminate infection or to treat tooth loss or decay that are the direct or indirect result of cancer treatment, including chemotherapy, biological therapy or radiation therapy treatment.

C. Coverage required under this subsection must include coverage for laboratory assessments, medications and treatments.

2. Routine preventive dental care not required.

A carrier is not required to provide coverage for routine preventive dental care, including cleaning and sealants.

Sec. 2. No addition to State's essential health benefits; legislative finding. The Legislature finds that the requirements of this Act do not constitute an addition to the State's essential health benefits that requires defrayal of costs by the State pursuant to 42 United States Code, Section 18031(d)(3)(B) because the requirements clarify that health insurance carriers must cover medically necessary dental procedures prior to beginning cancer treatment and that are the direct or indirect result of cancer treatment under the law in effect prior to the effective date of this Act.

Sec. 3. Application. The requirements of this Act apply to all policies, contracts and certificates executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after January 1, 2024. For purposes of this Act, all contracts are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 684

S.P. 266 - L.D. 679

**An Act To Establish a
Statewide Electronic Warrant
System**

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

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §17, sub-§16, as amended by PL 1993, c. 675, Pt. C, §8, is further amended to read:

16. Report on out-of-state travel. Submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs a quarterly report on out-of-state travel activity of the Judicial Department. The report must be submitted within 15 days after the end of each quarter and must include, for each individual who has been authorized to travel, the destination, purpose and cost by funding source of each trip; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §17, sub-§17, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 675, Pt. C, §9, is amended to read:

C. The statement on proposed legislation prepared by the State Court Administrator must be considered in the preparation of the fiscal note included in a committee amendment or other amendment if the legislation or amendment has a fiscal impact on the judicial system, as determined by the State Court Administrator; ~~and~~

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §17, sub-§18 is enacted to read:

18. Statewide electronic warrant system. Establish a secure system for the application, issuance and return of arrest warrants and search warrants that is electronic and that provides access to authorized users statewide.

A. For the purposes of this subsection, "electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol or process attached to or logically associated with a document and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the document, including but not limited to an electronic representation of an actual handwritten signature that is captured at the time of signature by the person or is digitally reproduced from a previously saved signature.