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

Augusta, Maine
2022

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or its successor organization pursuant to section 13007, subsection 2, paragraph D and section 13013-A.

Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1, 2023.

Effective July 1, 2023.

CHAPTER 695

H.P. 1283 - L.D. 1732

An Act To Amend the Sales Tax Exemption for Nonprofit Housing Development Organizations

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

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §1760, sub-§72, as amended by PL 1999, c. 708, §30, is further amended to read:

72. Nonprofit housing development organization. Sales to nonprofit organizations whose primary purpose is to develop housing for low-income people. For the purposes of this subsection, "low-income" means having income that is less than 120% of the median income for the area, adjusted for family size, as established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development or its successor organization.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 696

S.P. 599 - L.D. 1744

An Act To Increase Funding for the Animal Welfare Fund by Increasing Certain Fees

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

Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §714, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 422, §2, is amended to read:

2. Fees. The commissioner shall deposit ~~1/2~~ 20% of the fees collected pursuant to subsection 1 in the General Fund and ~~1/2~~ 80% of the fees collected in the Animal Welfare Fund established under section 3906-B.

Sec. 2. 7 MRSA §3906-B, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 148, §2, is further amended to read:

2. Animal Welfare Fund. The commissioner shall deposit all license fees received pursuant to chapters 721, 723, 725 and 735 in a separate account established by the Treasurer of State and known as the Animal Welfare Fund. The commissioner shall deposit ~~1/2~~ 80% of the feed registration fees collected under section

714, subsection 1 and all revenue in excess of \$100,000 from the surcharge collected under section 714, subsection 4 in the Animal Welfare Fund. This account does not lapse, but continues from year to year. The commissioner shall pay from the Animal Welfare Fund the expense of furnishing license blanks, stickers and tags, travel expenses and salaries for necessary personnel, payments to animal shelters and expenses incurred in the administration of this Part.

Sec. 3. 7 MRSA §3919-C, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 439, §11, is amended to read:

1. Compensation for dogs and cats. Compensation for a dog or cat is ~~\$5~~ \$15 a day. Compensation for a female cat or dog with a litter that has not been weaned is ~~\$8~~ \$18 a day.

Sec. 4. 7 MRSA §3919-C, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 439, §11, is amended to read:

2. Equines. Compensation for an equine is ~~\$10~~ \$20 a day.

Sec. 5. 7 MRSA §3919-C, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 439, §11, is amended to read:

3. Livestock. Except for equines, fowl and rabbits, compensation for a livestock animal is between \$5 and ~~\$8~~ \$20 a day as determined by the department based on the size of the animal.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF

Animal Welfare Fund 0946

Initiative: Provides allocation to accommodate higher existing expenses and for an increase in the daily compensation rate paid to animal shelters holding animals pending court decisions.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$335,232
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$335,232

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 697

S.P. 600 - L.D. 1745

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Gambling Control Board

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1018, sub-§1, ¶E, as amended by PL 2005, c. 663, §7, is further amended to read:

E. The initial application fee for an employee license under section 1015 is \$250. The ~~annual~~ renewal fee for a one-year employee license is \$25. The renewal fee for a 3-year employee license is \$50.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1018, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 22, §6, is further amended to read:

2. Term of license; renewal, renewal fees. Except as provided in section 1071, subsection 6 for licenses to conduct advance deposit wagering or as otherwise provided in this subsection, licenses issued by the board under this chapter are effective for one year, unless revoked or surrendered pursuant to subchapter 5. Employee licenses issued by the board under this chapter may be renewed for a one-year term or a 3-year term. Upon proper application and payment of the required fees and taxes and in accordance with rules adopted by the board, the board may renew a license for an additional year if municipal approval has been obtained as provided in section 1012 or 1012-A. The board shall transfer \$25,000 of the renewal fee required by subsection 1, paragraph C to the municipality in which the slot machines are operated.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 698

S.P. 603 - L.D. 1747

An Act To Require Screening for Cytomegalovirus in Certain Newborn Infants

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §1534 is enacted to read:

§1534. Cytomegalovirus screening

1. Cytomegalovirus screening. The department shall establish a cytomegalovirus screening program for newborn infants.

2. Religious objection exemption. The department may not require that a newborn infant be tested for the presence of cytomegalovirus if the parents of that infant object on the grounds that a test conflicts with their religious tenets and practices.

3. Report. A health care provider that tests or causes to be tested a newborn infant pursuant to this section shall report to the department aggregate data, including the number of infants born, the number tested for cytomegalovirus, the results of the screening and testing and the type of screening sample used.

4. Public education. The department shall provide public educational resources to pregnant individuals and individuals who may become pregnant that include information regarding the incidence of cytomegalovirus, the transmission of cytomegalovirus during and before pregnancy, birth defects caused by congenital cytomegalovirus, methods of diagnosing congenital cytomegalovirus, available preventive measures and resources for the family of an infant born with congenital cytomegalovirus. The department may solicit and accept the assistance of relevant medical associations or community resources to develop, promote and distribute the public educational resources.

5. Rulemaking. The department shall adopt rules to implement this section. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. In developing rules to implement the requirements of this section, the department shall convene a group of medical professionals to advise on best practices in congenital cytomegalovirus screening.

Sec. 2. Report by department. By February 1, 2023, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report on its progress toward implementing the requirements of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1534 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

Sec. 3. Review. No later than 3 years after the final adoption of rules pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 1534, subsection 5, the Department of Health and Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group of clinicians and researchers with knowledge of cytomegalovirus screening to review the cytomegalovirus screening program and to consider changes to the program. No later than February 1, 2026, the department shall provide an update on this review process to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

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

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
DEPARTMENT OF**

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
0143**

Initiative: Provides funding for the ongoing costs for the annual education campaign, including the educational materials production and distribution.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$40,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$40,000

**Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention
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