

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 2, 2020 to March 30, 2021

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
April 28, 2021 to July 19, 2021

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
JUNE 29, 2021

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS
OCTOBER 18, 2021

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

Augusta, Maine
2021

Initiative: Provides appropriation and allocation to the Department of Health and Human Services to amend its rule Chapter 101: MaineCare Benefits Manual, Chapter III, Section 45.03 to provide reimbursement for patients discharged from Southern Maine Health Care's psychiatric inpatient unit in the amount of \$10,166 per distinct discharge.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$96,177	\$136,805
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$96,177	\$136,805
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$409,802	\$537,833
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$409,802	\$537,833

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 120
H.P. 1177 - L.D. 1588

Resolve, To Replace Certain Stigmatizing Language in the Maine Revised Statutes with Respectful Language

Sec. 1. Identification of stigmatizing language; substitution of respectful language.

Resolved: That the Revisor of Statutes shall review the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 22, 22-A, 25 and 34-A for stigmatizing language in the laws governing the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Corrections. The Revisor of Statutes shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by January 15, 2022 and shall provide draft legislation to amend the laws of the 3 departments in the Titles identified to change stigmatizing language as described in this section to respectful language. The Revisor of Statutes shall recommend editing the laws as necessary to accommodate singular and plural forms, masculine and feminine forms and adult and minor forms and, when possible, shall use so-called person-first language. The stigmatizing language to be changed includes "prisoner," "inmate" and "convict," which must be changed to "resident of a correctional facility" or "resident of a jail"; "drug user," which must be changed to "person who uses drugs"; "probationer," which must be changed to "client of the Department of Corrections"; and "mentally ill person," which must be changed to "person with a mental illness."

Sec. 2. Legislation. Resolved: That based on the report from the Revisor of Statutes pursuant to section 1, the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety may report out legislation to change stigmatizing language in the Maine Revised

Statutes, Titles 22, 22-A, 25 and 34-A to respectful language and direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Safety and Department of Corrections to amend their rules, policies, procedures, forms and publications to conform to the respectful language that is adopted by the Legislature.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

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Legislature 0081

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to the Office of the Revisor of Statutes to contract with an outside entity to review Titles 22, 22-A, 25 and 34-A of the Maine Revised Statutes for stigmatizing language and to prepare a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by January 15, 2022, with draft legislation to amend the laws to change the stigmatizing language to respectful language.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$11,400	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$11,400	\$0

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 121
H.P. 408 - L.D. 563

Resolve, To Create the Criminal Records Review Committee

Sec. 1. Review committee established. Resolved: That the Criminal Records Review Committee, referred to in this resolve as "the review committee," is established.

Sec. 2. Review committee membership. Resolved: That, notwithstanding Joint Rule 353, the review committee consists of the members appointed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
2. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, including one member from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
3. The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;
4. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee;