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**STATE OF MAINE**

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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**  
**2023**

**CHAPTER 129  
H.P. 603 - L.D. 956**

**An Act Concerning Sexual  
Orientation and Gender  
Identity Data Collection in  
Health Care Facilities**

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

**Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §265** is enacted to read:

**§265. Electronic health record; sexual orientation  
and gender identity data**

Beginning October 1, 2026, a health care facility, other than a pharmacy licensed pursuant to Title 32, chapter 117, shall ensure that data related to sexual orientation and gender identity is collected from an individual as part of the health care information collected upon intake at a health care facility and at any other time demographic information is collected, unless the individual declines to answer questions regarding the individual's sexual orientation or gender identity. This data is part of the individual's electronic health record. For the purposes of this section, "health care facility" has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph D, "health care information" has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph E and "individual" has the same meaning as in section 1711-C, subsection 1, paragraph G. Data collected pursuant to this section is health care information that is subject to the confidentiality requirements of section 1711-C. The sexual orientation and gender identity data required to be collected pursuant to this section is the same as the sexual and gender identity data elements added by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration to the uniform data system administered by the Health Resources and Services Administration in 2016 or included in any subsequent standards.

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**CHAPTER 130  
H.P. 804 - L.D. 1256**

**An Act to Increase Access to  
Oral Health Care by  
Expanding the Maine Dental  
Education Loan Program**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12302, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2009, c. 8, §1, is further amended to read:

**1. Establishment.** The Maine Dental Education Loan Program, referred to in this chapter as "the program," is established. The authority shall administer the program. Under this program, beginning in fiscal year 2000-01 and ending in fiscal year 2007-08, the chief executive officer shall award up to 3 loans or loan repayment agreements annually up to an aggregate of 12. Beginning in fiscal year 2008-09, the chief executive officer shall award up to 3 loans or loan repayment agreements annually for doctors of dental medicine and up to 6 loans or loan repayment agreements annually for dental hygienists, dental therapists, expanded function dental assistants or dental assistants and may award additional loans or loan repayment agreements annually as funds permit. As provided in subsection 3:

A. Loans are available to Maine residents enrolled in a dental school or enrolled in any accredited school in a program of study for dental hygienists, dental therapists, expanded function dental assistants or dental assistants; or

B. A loan repayment agreement is available to a person who is eligible for licensure as a doctor of dental medicine or as a dental hygienist, dental therapist, expanded function dental assistant or dental assistant in Maine and who has outstanding dental education loans.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12302, sub-§3, ¶A,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. A, §17, is amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) That the student be enrolled in a dental school or in any accredited school with a program of study for dental hygienists, dental therapists, expanded function dental assistants or dental assistants; and

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §12302, sub-§3, ¶B,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 397, Pt. A, §17, is amended by amending subparagraph (1) to read:

(1) That the applicant be eligible for licensure to practice dental medicine or as a dental hygienist, dental therapist, expanded function dental assistant or dental assistant in Maine;

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**CHAPTER 131  
H.P. 821 - L.D. 1296**

**An Act to Authorize  
Municipalities to Allow  
Firefighters to Have Increased  
Lighting on Their Personal  
Vehicles**

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