

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**STATE OF MAINE**

**AS PASSED BY THE**

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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**

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2147, sub-§14**, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 336, §3, is amended to read:

**14. Registered nurse educators.** Registered nurse educators; and

**Sec. 4. 22 MRSA §2147, sub-§15** is enacted to read:

**15. Certified nurse practitioners.** Services provided directly by certified nurse practitioners.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 268**

**S.P. 794 - L.D. 1951**

**An Act Regarding Marine Finfish Aquaculture**

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

**Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§2, ¶E**, as amended by PL 2005, c. 535, §1, is further amended to read:

E. Except as provided in subsection 13-A, the lease does not result in a person being a tenant of any kind in leases covering an aggregate of more than 500 acres; ~~and~~

**Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§2, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 1987, c. 453, §1, is amended to read:

F. No single lease may exceed 100 acres in size; and

**Sec. 3. 12 MRSA §6072, sub-§2, ¶G** is enacted to read:

G. A lease may not be issued for aquaculture of salmonid species if the proposed stocking density of pens in the lease area exceeds 30 kilograms per cubic meter.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 269**

**S.P. 543 - L.D. 1378**

**An Act Regarding Liquor Service by Catering Services for Special Events at Licensed Wineries, Small Wineries, Breweries, Small Breweries, Distilleries and Small Distilleries**

**Emergency preamble.** **Whereas**, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas**, the summer season is approaching, which is the busiest time for weddings and other special events to be held at wineries, small wineries, breweries, small breweries, distilleries and small distilleries; 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. 28-A MRSA §1076, sub-§11** is enacted to read:

**11. Provision of liquor at wineries, small wineries, breweries, small breweries, distilleries or small distilleries.** A qualified catering service may provide the service of liquor at a function or event on the premises of a winery, small winery, brewery, small brewery, distillery or small distillery licensed under section 1355-A as long as the qualified catering service complies with the provisions in subsection 7. A winery, small winery, brewery, small brewery, distillery or small distillery licensed under section 1355-A may host on the premises a function or event under this section up to 4 times in a 7-day period.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

Effective June 23, 2023.

**CHAPTER 270**

**S.P. 602 - L.D. 1481**

**An Act Regarding Clearance for Occupancy Under the Lead Poisoning Control Act**

**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 Act needs to take effect prior to the expiration of the 90-day period because there is a shortage of housing available in the State, which makes it difficult to find alternative housing for occupants of residential dwelling units that are undergoing lead abatement activities that require the occupants to be displaced from their units; and

**Whereas**, this Act authorizes the Department of Health and Human Services to waive a prohibition on renting an owner-occupied residential building of 3 dwelling units or less that has been ordered to be cleared of harmful lead-based substances and is vacant; and