

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE

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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

Augusta, Maine
2023

**CHAPTER 363
H.P. 361 - L.D. 556**

An Act to Limit the Driver's License Reinstatement Fee in Certain Circumstances

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2486, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 654, §14, is further amended to read:

1. Reinstatement fee for suspensions other than for OUI or failure to submit to a test. Except as provided in section 2472, subsection 7, before a suspension for any reason other than OUI or failure to submit to a test is terminated and a license or certificate reinstated, a fee of \$50 must be paid to the Secretary of State. The total reinstatement fee for all court-ordered suspensions under sections 2605 and 2608 that may be in effect against any one person at one time is \$50.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 364
H.P. 370 - L.D. 575**

An Act Regarding a Seat Belt Exemption for Persons with a Medical Condition

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

Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2081, sub-§4, ¶A-1, as amended by PL 2009, c. 436, §1, is further amended to read:

A-1. The requirements of subsection 3-A do not apply to a driver or passenger who has a medical condition that, in the opinion of a physician, warrants an exemption from the requirements of subsection 3-A and that medical condition and opinion are documented by a certificate from that physician. That certificate is valid for the period designated by the physician, which may not exceed ~~one year~~ 6 years. The Secretary of State may issue a removable windshield placard that is visible to law enforcement officers to a person with a certificate from a physician. A removable windshield placard is a 2-sided permit designed to hang from the rearview mirror when the vehicle is in motion without obstructing the view of the operator. The placard must be displayed by hanging it from the rearview mirror so that it may be viewed from the front and rear of the vehicle when the vehicle is in motion. If the vehicle is not equipped with a rearview mirror, the placard must be displayed on the dashboard.

The placard must be identifiable as a seat belt placard as designed by the Secretary of State. A placard issued to a person under this paragraph expires when the physician's certificate expires.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF Administration - Motor Vehicles 0077

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to modify information technology systems.

HIGHWAY FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$10,387	\$0
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$10,387	\$0

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.

Effective January 1, 2024.

**CHAPTER 365
H.P. 521 - L.D. 832**

An Act to Sustain the Medical Use of Cannabis Program

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2422-A, as amended by PL 2021, c. 387, §1, c. 669, §5 and PL 2023, c. 96, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§2422-A. Administration and enforcement; rule-making

1. Administration and enforcement. The department shall administer and enforce this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.

2. Rules. The department shall adopt rules as necessary to administer and enforce this chapter. Unless otherwise indicated, rules adopted pursuant to this chapter are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. These rules may include, but are not limited to, minimum oversight requirements for dispensaries and registered caregivers and minimum security requirements for dispensaries and registered caregivers operating retail stores.

A. Before adopting or provisionally adopting rules pursuant to this section, the department shall consult with qualifying patients, caregivers, registered caregivers, registered dispensaries, cannabis testing facilities, manufacturing facilities and medical providers.

B. Notwithstanding Title 5, section 8072, subsection 11, rules provisionally adopted by the department in accordance with this section and submitted