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public areas of courthouses and in secure holding areas of courthouses for confidential attorney-client communications, including the review of written, video and audio materials related to criminal cases. The report must include an assessment of the space available in each courthouse and, to the extent space is inadequate for confidential attorney-client communications, a plan for the development of adequate space within that courthouse.

Sec. B-2. Development of policies and procedures. The County Corrections Professional Standards Council, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 6-D, shall convene meetings of state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies, county and municipal jails, the judicial branch, the Department of Corrections, the Maine Sheriffs' Association, the Office of the Attorney General, the Maine Prosecutors Association, the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to develop a consistent set of policies and procedures to be implemented by all law enforcement agencies, district attorneys' offices, jails, holding facilities, short-term detention areas and correctional facilities, as applicable to the agencies, offices and facilities, that protect and ensure attorney-client communications are confidential and that clearly describe the following:

1. The process for protecting and ensuring the confidentiality of attorney-client communications;
2. The policies to be followed in the event that there is a breach of attorney-client confidentiality; and
3. The methods by which attorneys and persons who are residents of jails and correctional facilities will be made aware of confidential channels for attorney-client communications and the methods by which persons who are residents of jails and correctional facilities will be provided with information regarding their right to confidential attorney-client communications.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 395
S.P. 666 - L.D. 1661**

**An Act to Require a Liability
Automobile Insurance Policy to
Cover the Costs of Towing and
Storing Certain Vehicles**

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

PART A

Sec. A-1. 29-A MRSA §1605, sub-§1, ¶C, as amended by PL 2007, c. 213, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

C. Be in the amount or limit of at least:

- (1) For damage to property, \$25,000;
- (2) For injury to or death of any one person, \$50,000;
- (3) For one accident resulting in injury to or death of more than one person, \$100,000; ~~and~~
- (4) For medical payments pursuant to section 1605-A, \$2,000-; ~~and~~
- (5) For towing and storage charges pursuant to section 1605-B, \$500.

Sec. A-2. 29-A MRSA §1605-B is enacted to read:

§1605-B. Towing and storage charges

A motor vehicle liability policy issued for a motor vehicle registered or principally garaged in this State must provide coverage in an amount up to \$500 per accident for the reasonable towing and storage charges incurred as a result of an accident involving the insured vehicle if the vehicle is towed at the request of a law enforcement officer. The coverage required by this section applies only to the reasonable towing and storage charges of the insured vehicle. This section does not apply to a policy insuring more than 4 motor vehicles, nor to any policy covering a garage, automobile sales agency, repair shop, service station or public parking place.

Sec. A-3. 29-A MRSA §1861, first ¶, as amended by PL 2017, c. 120, §1, is further amended to read:

A person holding or storing an abandoned vehicle, holding or storing a vehicle towed at the request of the vehicle's operator, owner or owner's agent or holding or storing a vehicle stored at the request of a law enforcement officer may hold the vehicle and all its accessories, contents and equipment, not including the personal effects of the registered owner, until reasonable towing and storage charges of the person holding or storing the vehicle are paid, except that a person may not hold the perishable cargo of a commercial motor vehicle, as defined in 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 390.5, as amended, when the perishable cargo being transported in interstate or intrastate commerce is not owned by the motor carrier or driver of the commercial motor vehicle being held and the person holding or storing the towed vehicle is presented with evidence of insurance, as defined in section 1551, covering the commercial motor vehicle and the vehicle's cargo. For purposes of this paragraph, "perishable cargo" means cargo of a commercial motor vehicle that is subject to spoilage or decay or is marked with an expiration date. The owner of the vehicle shall maintain, at a minimum, the amounts of motor vehicle financial responsibility in accordance with section 1605-B to pay the reasonable towing and

storage charges of the person holding or storing the vehicle.

Sec. A-4. Application. This Part applies to all motor vehicle liability insurance policies executed, delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this State on or after July 1, 2024. For purposes of this Part, all policies are deemed to be renewed no later than the next yearly anniversary of the contract date.

Sec. A-5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Insurance - Bureau of 0092

Initiative: Provides a one-time allocation of funds for review of rate plans and forms associated with motor vehicle liability policy coverage of towing and vehicle storage.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$20,250
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$0	\$20,250

PART B

Sec. B-1. Review of impact on premiums. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Bureau of Insurance shall review proposed rates provided by insurers offering motor vehicle liability insurance in this State on or after July 1, 2024 to determine the premium impact on rates of requiring coverage in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 1605-B. The bureau shall submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services no later than February 1, 2024. The committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 396

H.P. 1205 - L.D. 1880

An Act to Amend the Adult Use Cannabis Laws

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

Sec. 1. 28-B MRSA §105, first ¶, as amended by PL 2021, c. 628, §1 and c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

The department shall implement and administer a system, referred to in this section as "the tracking system," for the tracking of cannabis plants, adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products from immature cannabis plant to the point of retail sale, return, disposal or destruction. The tracking system must allow for cannabis plants at the stage of cultivation and upon transfer from the stage of cultivation to another licensee to be tracked by group. The department may implement a tracking system that allows adult use cannabis or adult use cannabis products to be tracked by group.

Sec. 2. 28-B MRSA §105, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 628, §1 and amended by c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

The department shall ensure that the system implemented and administered under this section, whether tracking individually or by group, maintains a detailed record at every stage from immature cannabis plant to the point of retail sale, return, disposal or destruction.

Sec. 3. 28-B MRSA §114 is enacted to read:

§114. Confidentiality

The home address, telephone number and e-mail address of the applicant, employees of the applicant and all natural persons having a direct or indirect financial interest in the applied-for license are confidential.

Sec. 4. 28-B MRSA §501, sub-§3, ¶D, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 409, Pt. A, §6 and amended by PL 2021, c. 669, §5, is further amended to read:

D. A nursery cultivation facility may sell to consumers only immature cannabis plants, seedlings, cannabis seeds and agricultural or gardening supplies relating to the cultivation of cannabis pursuant to subsection 11 or from the nursery cultivation facility under this paragraph. Sales to consumers by from a nursery cultivation facility:

(1) Must be conducted within a portion of the licensed premises of the nursery cultivation facility that is dedicated to consumer sales of immature cannabis plants, seedlings, cannabis seeds and agricultural or gardening supplies relating to the cultivation of cannabis. A nursery cultivation facility licensee shall ensure that the portion of the licensed premises of the nursery cultivation facility that is dedicated to consumer sales complies with all applicable requirements of this chapter and the rules adopted pursuant to this chapter concerning the operation of cannabis stores; and

(2) Are subject to the sales tax imposed pursuant to Title 36, section 1811 and must be collected and remitted as required by subsection 9.