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**CHAPTER 437
H.P. 321 - L.D. 516**

**An Act to Reduce Cancer
Among Firefighters by
Providing Grants for Safety
Equipment**

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3373 is enacted to read:

§3373. Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund

1. Fund established. The Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund, referred to in this section as "the fund," is established under the commission as a nonlapsing fund to provide funds to allow fire departments to purchase and install diesel vehicle exhaust systems and heavy duty extractor washing machines.

2. Grant program. The commission shall establish criteria to award grants to fire departments from the fund. The commission may adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

3. Procedure. A fire department may apply to the commission for grants. The commission shall evaluate each application pursuant to the criteria developed pursuant to subsection 2 and, to the extent funds are available, shall award grants from the fund.

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

**FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION,
MAINE**

Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund N423

Initiative: Creates the Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund with a base allocation.

OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$500	\$500
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OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	\$500	\$500

Firefighter Safety Equipment Fund N423

Initiative: Provides a one-time appropriation to provide grants to fire departments for the purchase and installation of diesel exhaust systems and heavy duty extractor washing machines. These funds do not lapse but must be carried forward for the purpose for which they were appropriated.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$250,000
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$250,000

**FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION,
MAINE**

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2023-24	2024-25
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$250,000
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$500	\$500
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DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$500	\$250,500

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 438
H.P. 331 - L.D. 526**

**An Act to Amend the Laws
Governing the Emergency
Medical Services Stabilization
and Sustainability Program**

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

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §98, sub-§1, ¶B, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 412, Pt. GGGGG, §1, is amended to read:

B. "Emergency medical services entity" means a ~~nonprofit or for-profit~~ an ambulance service or nontransporting emergency medical service or emergency medical services training center licensed under this chapter or a regional council.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 439
S.P. 256 - L.D. 588**

**An Act to Promote Public
Safety and Retain Essential
First Responders by Funding
the Maine Length of Service
Award Program**

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION,
MAINE**

Maine Fire Protection Services Commission 0936

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Maine Length of Service Award Program to provide length of service awards to eligible volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
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All Other	\$0	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500,000

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 440

S.P. 289 - L.D. 731

An Act Regarding the Licensing of Persons to Conduct Advance Deposit Wagering

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 Gambling Control Board will need to initiate lengthy rulemaking in order to develop rules to implement advance deposit wagering for any entity that meets the established criteria and to transition away from the current contract with a single licensed entity; and

Whereas, the Gambling Control Unit must meet with and seek input from stakeholders regarding questions related to the expansion of advance deposit wagering and report to the Legislature no later than December 15, 2023; 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. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§1-A, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 499, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1-A. Advance deposit wagering. "Advance deposit wagering" means a form of pari-mutuel wagering on horse races in which a person places a wager in person or by telephone, Internet, mobile device or other electronic communication. Before the wager occurs, the person placing the wager deposits money in a wagering account administered by an advance deposit wagering licensee. The advance deposit wagering licensee places the wager from the account at the direction of and on behalf of the account holder. The advance deposit wagering licensee deposits money into the wagering account from winnings awarded to the account holder.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§1-B, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 499, §1, is amended to read:

1-B. Advance deposit wagering licensee. "Advance deposit wagering licensee" means a person that is ~~chosen by competitive bid and~~ licensed by the board pursuant to subchapter 7 to conduct advance deposit wagering.

Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:

1-C. Account wagering provider. "Account wagering provider" means a business entity that offers advance deposit wagering on a horse race that is not a commercial track or an off-track betting facility licensed under section 275-D.

Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§20-A is enacted to read:

20-A. Gross advance deposit wagers. "Gross advance deposit wagers" means the total amount of wagers placed by residents of this State by means of advance deposit wagering before payment of money to winning residents of this State.

Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §1001, sub-§29-C, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 499, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §1015, as amended by PL 2013, c. 212, §§13 and 14, is further amended to read:

§1015. Licensing of employees of slot machine and casino operators, slot machine and table game distributors ~~and~~, gambling services vendors and advance deposit wagering licensees

1. License required. A person may not be employed by a slot machine operator, casino operator, slot machine distributor, table game distributor ~~or~~, gambling services vendor or advance deposit wagering licensee unless the person is licensed to do so by the board, temporarily authorized as an employee pursuant to subsection 4 or granted a waiver by the board pursuant to subsection 3.

2. Requirements for license. The board may issue an employee license to an employee of a slot machine operator, casino operator, slot machine distributor, table game distributor ~~or~~, gambling services vendor or advance deposit wagering licensee if the applicant meets the qualifications set out in sections 1016 and 1019.

3. Requirements for waiver. Upon application by a slot machine operator, casino operator, slot machine distributor, table game distributor ~~or~~, gambling services vendor or advance deposit wagering licensee, the board may waive the employee license requirement under this section if the slot machine operator, casino operator, slot machine distributor, table game distributor ~~or~~, gambling services vendor or advance deposit wagering licensee demonstrates to the board's satisfaction that the public interest is not served by the requirement of the employee license.