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**CHAPTER 536
H.P. 819 - L.D. 1294**

**An Act Regarding the
Ordinances Governing
Residential Units Located in
Buildings in a Location Zoned
for Commercial Use**

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

Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §4364-C, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2023, c. 490, §1, is amended to read:

3. Residential units in commercial zones. As necessary to achieve the statewide and regional housing production goals, a municipality may adopt ordinances to allow the establishment of residential units in high-density areas within buildings located in an area zoned for commercial use, including but not limited to vacant or partially vacant retail property. An ordinance establishing a limit on the number of residential units within a building in a location zoned for commercial use, whether previously adopted or adopted pursuant to this subsection, ~~must~~ may be proportional to the space available for residential units. This subsection is not intended to reduce or change health or safety requirements applicable to residential units located in a municipality.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 537
H.P. 1052 - L.D. 1642**

**An Act to Strengthen the
Teaching of Wabanaki Studies
in Maine Schools**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §4706, as amended by PL 2021, c. 247, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended by amending the section headnote to read:

§4706. Instruction in American history, African American studies, Maine studies, ~~Maine Native American history~~ Wabanaki studies and the history of genocide

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §4706, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2021, c. 247, §1 and affected by §3, is further amended to read:

2. Maine studies. Maine history, including the Constitution of Maine, Maine geography and environment and the natural, industrial and economic resources of Maine and Maine's cultural and ethnic heritage, must be taught. A required component of Maine studies is

~~Maine Native American Wabanaki studies, and Wabanaki studies may be taught as a component of other content areas, as appropriate, including but not limited to the content areas of English language arts, mathematics, science and fine arts. Maine Native American Wabanaki studies and Maine African American studies~~ must be included in the review of content standards and performance indicators of the learning results conducted in accordance with section 6209, subsection 4. ~~Maine Native American Wabanaki studies~~ must address the following topics:

- A. ~~Maine tribal~~ Wabanaki governments and political systems and their relationship with local, state, national and international governments;
- B. ~~Maine Native American~~ Wabanaki cultural systems and the experience of ~~Maine~~ tribal people throughout history;
- C. ~~Maine Native American~~ Wabanaki territories; and
- D. ~~Maine Native American~~ Wabanaki economic systems.

Sec. 3. Department of Education review of content standards; Wabanaki studies. The Commissioner of Education shall, in the commissioner's next regular review of the content standards and performance indicators by content area pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 6209, subsection 4, consider inclusion of Wabanaki studies in content areas other than social studies, as appropriate.

See title page for effective date.

**CHAPTER 538
H.P. 1161 - L.D. 1815**

**An Act to Increase Penalties
for Violations of the Law
Governing Monopolies and
Profiteering**

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1104, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 367, is further amended to read:

1. Right of action and damages. Any person, including the State or any political subdivision of the State, injured directly or indirectly in its business or property by any other person or corporation by reason of anything forbidden or declared to be unlawful by section 1101, 1102 or 1102-A, may sue for the injury in a civil action. If the court finds for the plaintiff, the plaintiff ~~shall~~ is entitled to recover 3 times the amount of the damages sustained and cost of suit, including necessary and reasonable investigative costs, reasonable experts'