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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED,
TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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- (1) Grants financial assistance for a person to move to or stay in temporary lodging;
- (2) Makes arrangements for a person to stay in temporary lodging;
- (3) Advises or encourages a person to stay in temporary lodging; or
- (4) Illegally denies housing assistance and, as a result of that denial, the person stays in temporary lodging.

Sec. 5. 22 MRSA §4323, sub-§1, as corrected by RR 2021, c. 2, Pt. B, §202, is amended by enacting a new last blocked paragraph to read:

The department is responsible for ensuring that each municipality complies with its duty to provide trauma-informed services and culturally and linguistically appropriate services as defined in section 4305, subsection 7. The department shall provide mandatory training to municipalities to ensure that a municipality is able to comply with the requirements of this chapter.

Sec. 6. 22 MRSA §4323, sub-§6 is enacted to read:

6. Database. Beginning on July 1, 2025, the department shall provide overseers access to an Internet-based, real-time database containing the information necessary to properly determine an applicant’s eligibility.

Sec. 7. 22 MRSA §4327 is enacted to read:

§4327. Reporting

The department shall use municipal reports, data from the statewide online database required under section 4323, subsection 6 and other metrics to generate a general assistance report to be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over general assistance matters no later than January 30, 2026 and no later than January 30th of each odd-numbered calendar year thereafter. The initial report must include recommendations regarding a potential extension of the general assistance eligibility period beyond the 30-day limit established in section 4310, subsection 4. All reports must include metrics for: the number of individuals and families who received funds; the basic necessities for which those funds were provided; the length of time those funds were received; which municipalities accessed technical assistance and the number of times that technical assistance was requested, including instances outside of normal business hours; the type of technical assistance municipalities required; the number of calls to the department’s general assistance hotline; and the number and content of complaints received and additional metrics as determined necessary by the department. The report must also include data illustrating municipal poverty levels, or regional or county poverty data when municipal-level poverty data

is unavailable, and data regarding the use of other public benefit programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program in each municipality.

Sec. 8. Application. That section of this Act that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 4302-A applies to all overseers and municipal officials serving on and after the effective date of this Act.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 576

H.P. 1317 - L.D. 2055

An Act to Delay Implementation of Electronic Visit Verification for Hospice Providers Within the MaineCare Program

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §3174-NNN is enacted to read:

§3174-NNN. Rules regarding electronic visit verification for hospice services

The department may adopt rules regarding the use of electronic visit verification for providers offering hospice services under the MaineCare program. Rules adopted under this section are major substantive rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A. For purposes of this section, "electronic visit verification" means a system under which visits conducted as part of hospice services are electronically verified with respect to the type of service performed, the individual receiving the service, the date of the service, the location of service delivery, the individual providing the service and the time the service begins and ends.

Sec. 2. Department to delay implementation of electronic visit verification for hospice services. The Department of Health and Human Services may not implement electronic visit verification earlier than March 1, 2025 for providers offering hospice services under the MaineCare program.

Sec. 3. Report. By February 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters on efforts to combat fraud, waste and abuse in the delivery

of hospice services, shall include in the report information on federal initiatives that include Medicaid hospice providers and shall make recommendations regarding the application of electronic visit verification to hospice services under the MaineCare program.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 577

S.P. 913 - L.D. 2117

An Act to Amend the Laws Regarding Sports Wagering Licensing

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §1206, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

4. Fees. The fee for an initial or renewed facility sports wagering license issued prior to September 1, 2024 is \$4,000 and for an initial or renewed facility sports wagering license issued on or after September 1, 2024 is \$1,000. The fee must be retained by the director for the costs of administering this chapter. In addition to the license fee, the director may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewed license in an amount equal to the projected cost of processing the application and performing any background investigations. If the actual cost exceeds the projected cost, an additional fee may be charged to meet the actual cost. If the projected cost exceeds the actual cost, the difference may be refunded to the applicant or licensee.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA §1206, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

5. Term of license. Except as provided in subsection 6, a license granted or renewed under this section prior to September 1, 2024 is valid for 4 years and a license granted or renewed under this section on or after September 1, 2024 is valid for one year unless sooner revoked by the director or the commissioner under section 1205. The failure of a facility sports wagering licensee to maintain its underlying off-track betting license voids the facility sports wagering license.

Sec. 3. 8 MRSA §1206, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

6. Temporary license. An applicant for a facility sports wagering license may submit with the application a request for a temporary license. A request for a temporary license must include the initial license fee ~~of \$4,000~~ under subsection 4. If the director determines that the applicant is qualified under subsection 2, meets the requirements established by rule for a temporary license and has paid the initial license fee and the director is not aware of any reason the applicant is ineligible for a license under this section, the director may issue a

temporary facility sports wagering license. A temporary license issued under this subsection is valid for ~~one year~~ the length of the term of the license under subsection 5 or until a final determination on the facility sports wagering license application is made, whichever is sooner. If after investigation the director determines that the applicant is eligible for a facility sports wagering license under this chapter, the director shall issue the initial facility sports wagering license, at which time the temporary license terminates. The initial facility sports wagering license is valid for 4 years from the date that the temporary license was issued by the director for an applicant that applied for an initial license prior to September 1, 2024 and for one year from the date that the temporary license was issued by the director for an applicant that applied for an initial license on or after September 1, 2024. Sports wagering conducted under authority of a temporary license must comply with the facility operator's house rules adopted under section 1211.

Sec. 4. 8 MRSA §1207, sub-§4, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

4. Fees. The fee for an initial or renewed mobile sports wagering license issued prior to September 1, 2024 is \$200,000 and for an initial or renewed mobile sports wagering license issued on or after September 1, 2024 is \$50,000. The fee must be retained by the director for the costs of administering this chapter. In addition to the license fee, the director may charge a processing fee for an initial or renewed license in an amount equal to the projected cost of processing the application and performing any background investigations. If the actual cost exceeds the projected cost, an additional fee may be charged to meet the actual cost. If the projected cost exceeds the actual cost, the difference may be refunded to the applicant or licensee.

Sec. 5. 8 MRSA §1207, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

5. Term of license. Except as provided in subsection 6, a license granted or renewed under this section prior to September 1, 2024 is valid for 4 years and a license granted or renewed under this section on or after September 1, 2024 is valid for one year unless sooner revoked by the director or the commissioner under section 1205.

Sec. 6. 8 MRSA §1207, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

6. Temporary license. An applicant for a mobile sports wagering license may submit with the application a request for a temporary license. A request for a temporary license must include the initial license fee ~~of \$200,000~~ under subsection 4. If the director determines that the applicant is qualified under subsection 2, meets the requirements established by rule for a temporary license and has paid the initial license fee and the director is not aware of any reason the applicant is ineligible for