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TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

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8. Voluntary exclusion. Notwithstanding Title 1, section 401, records and information obtained or developed by the board as part of establishing and administering the list of persons who voluntarily request exclusion from any slot machine facility ~~or~~, casino, advance deposit wagering, fantasy contest or sports wagering under section 1003, subsection 3, paragraph I are confidential except that information may be released with the written consent of the person requesting voluntary exclusion and as is necessary to inform the slot machine facility ~~or~~, casino, advance deposit wagering, fantasy contest or sports wagering licensee and enforce the voluntary exclusion. Statistical data and general information that do not allow for a person on the voluntary exclusion list to be personally identified are not confidential.

Sec. 8. 8 MRSA §1104, sub-§1, ¶J, as enacted by PL 2017, c. 303, §2, is amended to read:

J. Allow individuals to restrict themselves from entering fantasy contests upon request pursuant to section 1003, subsection 3, paragraph I and provide reasonable steps to prevent the individuals from entering fantasy contests offered by the fantasy contest operator;

Sec. 9. 8 MRSA §1203, sub-§2, ¶K, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

~~K. Establishment of a list of persons who are not authorized to place a wager on a sports event, including but not limited to those persons who voluntarily request that their names be included on the list of unauthorized persons. Provisions allowing individuals to restrict themselves from sports wagering upon request by placing themselves on the universal list pursuant to section 1003, subsection 3, paragraph I. The rules adopted under this paragraph must define the standards for involuntary placement on the universal list and for removal from the list;~~

Sec. 10. 8 MRSA §1213, sub-§5, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 681, Pt. J, §6, is amended to read:

5. Unauthorized persons. A person on a the universal list established by rule by the director under section ~~4203~~ 1003, subsection ~~2~~ 3, paragraph ~~K~~ I of persons who are ~~not authorized to make~~ restricted from making wagers on sports events;

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**CHAPTER 636
S.P. 918 - L.D. 2163**

**An Act to Require Consumer
Consent for Certain
Generation Service Contract
Renewals**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3203, sub-§4-B, as amended by PL 2023, c. 375, §1, is further amended to read:

4-B. Residential consumer protections. As a condition of licensing, a competitive electricity provider that provides or proposes to provide generation service to a residential consumer:

A. Shall disclose, before entering into an agreement to provide service to a residential consumer, to the residential consumer where the residential consumer can obtain information with which to compare the service provided by the competitive electricity provider and the standard-offer service;

B. May not renew a contract for generation service without providing a residential consumer with notice of renewal in advance by mail;

C. May not renew a contract for generation service ~~at a fixed rate that is 20% or more above the contract rate in the expiring contract~~ without the express consent of the residential consumer; if the renewal rate is a fixed rate that is:

(1) Twenty percent or more above the contract rate in the expiring contract; or

(2) Greater than the fixed rate that would, at the time of the residential consumer's contract renewal, be offered by the competitive electricity provider to customers enrolling with the provider for an initial contract of a similar term and product offering;

C-1. May not renew a contract for generation service at a variable rate without the express consent of the residential consumer if the expiring contract provided generation service at a fixed rate;

D. May not renew a contract for generation service for a term that ~~is longer than~~ differs from the term of the expiring contract ~~or 12 months, whichever is shorter,~~ without the express consent of the residential consumer; and

E. May not enter into or renew a contract for generation service that includes an early termination fee.

If a residential consumer does not provide the express consent required by paragraphs C, C-1 and D, the residential consumer must be transferred to standard-offer service.

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**CHAPTER 637
H.P. 1421 - L.D. 2215**

**An Act to Implement the
Recommendations of the Right
to Know Advisory Committee
Regarding Public Records
Exceptions**

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§12, as amended by PL 2023, c. 365, §8, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2425-A, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

14. Confidentiality. This subsection governs confidentiality.

A. For purposes of this subsection, "personal contact information" has the same meaning as in Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph O, subparagraph (1) and "caregiver exempt from registration" means a caregiver who is not required to register pursuant to section 2423-A, subsection 3, paragraph C.

B. Information that identifies a qualifying patient, a visiting qualifying patient or a registered patient under this chapter is confidential and may not be disclosed by the department, except:

- (1) With the written consent of the patient; or
- (2) Pursuant to a court order or a subpoena.

C. Information that identifies a caregiver exempt from registration is confidential and may not be disclosed by the department, except:

- (1) With the written consent of the caregiver; or
- (2) Pursuant to a court order or a subpoena or as provided in paragraph F.

D. Except as provided in this paragraph and in paragraphs B and C, applications, supporting information and other information regarding a registered caregiver, including any address where the registered caregiver cultivates, manufactures, tests, packages, stores or sells cannabis plants or harvested cannabis under this chapter, are not confidential. The personal contact information of a registered caregiver or of an applicant for registration

as a registered caregiver is confidential and may not be disclosed by the department, except:

- (1) With the written consent of the registered caregiver or applicant for registration as a registered caregiver;
- (2) Pursuant to a court order or a subpoena;
- (3) As provided in paragraph F; or
- (4) If a registered caregiver resides at the same address where the registered caregiver cultivates, manufactures, tests, packages, stores or sells cannabis plants or harvested cannabis under this chapter, the department may disclose that address to a state, county or municipal employee responsible for the administration of this chapter or of rules, ordinances or warrant articles authorized under this chapter, including, but not limited to, law enforcement officers and code enforcement officers. Any information received by a state, county or municipal employee under this subparagraph is confidential and may not be further disclosed or disseminated, except as otherwise provided by law.

E. Except as provided in this paragraph and in paragraphs B and C, applications, supporting information and other information regarding a dispensary, manufacturing facility, cannabis testing facility and an assistant, officer or director of a registered caregiver, dispensary, manufacturing facility or cannabis testing facility under this chapter are not confidential. The personal contact information of a cardholder who is an assistant, officer or director of a registered caregiver, dispensary, manufacturing facility or cannabis testing facility and an applicant for a registry identification card as an assistant, officer or director of a registered caregiver, dispensary, manufacturing facility or cannabis testing facility or registration certificate for a dispensary, manufacturing facility or cannabis testing facility is confidential and may not be disclosed by the department, except:

- (1) With the written consent of the cardholder or applicant; or
- (2) Pursuant to a court order or a subpoena.

F. Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection to the contrary, the department may, when necessary to protect the public from a threat to public health or safety, notify the public of the following:

- (1) The identity of a caregiver exempt from registration, a registered caregiver, a dispensary, a manufacturing facility or a cannabis testing facility associated with the threat to public health or safety and that person's status