

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
December 7, 2022 to March 30, 2023

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
April 5, 2023 to July 26, 2023

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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OCTOBER 25, 2023

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

Augusta, Maine
2023

Initiative: Provides one-time funding required to create an accredited online training module.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$41,900
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$41,900

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CHAPTER 106
H.P. 263 - L.D. 430

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Promote Translation and Interpretation Services in Health Care Settings

Sec. 1. Department to promote translation and interpretation services in health care settings. Resolved: That the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention's office of population health equity shall partner with hospitals and health care provider associations to gather information regarding translation and interpretation services and translation of discharge instructions and medication instructions available in hospitals; primary care provider settings; federally qualified health centers; rural health centers; United States Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service centers; migrant health programs; and other provider settings across the State. The department shall create and deliver a public information campaign designed to promote the availability of these services, with particular focus on individuals who use a primary language other than English, including deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals.

Sec. 2. Report by department. Resolved: That, by February 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall report on its progress toward implementing the requirements of section 1 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention 0143

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a public information campaign to promote translation and interpretation services in health care settings.

GENERAL FUND	2023-24	2024-25
All Other	\$0	\$15,000

GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$15,000
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CHAPTER 107
S.P. 271 - L.D. 654

Resolve, Directing the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future to Study Methods to Encourage the Development of Accessory Dwelling Units

Sec. 1. Stakeholder group regarding accessory dwelling units; encourage development and construction. Resolved: That the Office of Policy Innovation and the Future shall convene a group of stakeholders including, but not limited to, representatives from the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Maine State Housing Authority, community lending institutions, the construction industry and the manufactured and modular housing industry to study methods and develop model policy to encourage the development and construction of accessory dwelling units. Methods may include, but are not limited to, financing and incentive programs for the development and construction of accessory dwelling units. The stakeholder group shall review existing models for financing and incentivizing accessory dwelling units; explore standardized building designs; solicit input from interested parties; and review municipal efforts to adopt ordinances governing accessory dwelling units. The office shall submit a report, with findings and recommendations of the stakeholder group, including suggested legislation, to the Joint Select Committee on Housing no later than March 1, 2024. The joint select committee may submit a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature relating to the subject matter of the report.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 108
H.P. 478 - L.D. 709

Resolve, to Develop a Home Share Pilot Program for Older Persons

Sec. 1. Maine State Housing Authority to develop home share pilot program for older persons. Resolved: That the Maine State Housing Authority shall develop and administer, through a contract with an appropriate vendor, a home share pilot program, referred to in this resolve as "the program," primarily aimed at assisting older persons to reduce living expenses, including housing costs, by matching older