

# 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**  
**NONEMERGENCY LAWS IS**  
**JUNE 29, 2023**

**THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR**  
**FIRST SPECIAL 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.**

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**Augusta, Maine**  
**2023**

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

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

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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.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
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.

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**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

persons who own homes with spare rooms to adults in need of affordable housing. The Maine State Housing Authority may partner with organizations such as, but not limited to, area agencies on aging, AARP Maine, the Maine Council on Aging and the EqualityMaine Network for Older Adults to promote the program. For the purposes of this resolve, "older person" has the same meaning as "aging, elderly or older person" in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 5104, subsection 1-B.

**Sec. 2. Maine State Housing Authority to issue request for proposals. Resolved:** That the Maine State Housing Authority shall issue a request for proposals for a vendor to provide a digital-based service for matching older persons who own homes with spare rooms to adults in need of affordable housing. The vendor must:

1. Assist hosts and renters over the phone, through a text chat function or by video;
2. Collect and process rental payments from renters and distribute payments to hosts in a timely manner;
3. Protect the private information and data of hosts and renters;
4. Conduct background checks on hosts and renters, including contacting at least 2 references for a host and for a renter;
5. Acquire from renters employment verification or proof of school enrollment; and
6. Review and process all applications.

The request for proposals must favor proposals that provide value in services delivered, equity and impartiality in its processes, compliance with federal and state laws and privacy protections for hosts and renters.

**Sec. 3. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than January 1, 2025, the Maine State Housing Authority shall submit a report on the program detailing the effectiveness of matching older persons who own homes with spare rooms to adults in need of affordable housing, testimonials from hosts and renters and other relevant findings to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and labor and housing matters.

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**CHAPTER 109  
H.P. 486 - L.D. 797**

**Resolve, to Authorize the  
Conveyance of Real Property  
to the Capitol Area Recreation  
Association**

**Preamble.** The Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 23 requires that real estate held by the State for conservation or recreation purposes may not be reduced or its uses substantially altered except on the vote of 2/3 of all members elected to each House.

**Whereas,** the Capitol Area Recreation Association holds a lease from the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands on approximately 60 acres of nonreserved public lands in Augusta, Kennebec County, Maine for the purpose of nonprofit recreational uses; and

**Whereas,** the Capitol Area Recreation Association has significant investments in development of the leased premises for baseball, softball, soccer, lacrosse, horseshoes and other recreational uses and has requested that the Bureau of Parks and Lands convey to the Capitol Area Recreation Association fee title of the leased premises; and

**Whereas,** the Bureau of Parks and Lands receives no revenue from the lease and conveying the fee title will reduce the cost and burden of administrative oversight of the lease; and

**Whereas,** the Viles Arboretum leases from the Bureau of Parks and Lands an adjacent parcel of nonreserved public lands for the purpose of conservation, environmental education and nature-based recreation; and

**Whereas,** the Viles Arboretum wishes to limit impacts, such as noise and lighting, on the values and use of the Viles Arboretum leased premises; and

**Whereas,** the Bureau of Parks and Lands owns, but does not maintain, Piggery Road, which is a critical access route for the Capitol Area Recreation Association; and

**Whereas,** Piggery Road presently divides the Capitol Area Recreation Association leased premises from the Viles Arboretum leased premises and Piggery Road also provides access to the Viles Arboretum leased premises; and

**Whereas,** the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles has management responsibility for the nonreserved public lands westerly of the Capitol Area Recreation Association lease and northerly of Piggery Road and maintains a parking lot directly adjacent to the leased area; and

**Whereas,** the Director of the Bureau of Parks and Lands within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry may sell or exchange lands with the