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**131st Legislature (2022-2024)**

**History and Final Disposition**

LD 2259 / SP0976

An Act to Prohibit Receiving Compensation for Assisting a Person to Obtain Veterans' Benefits Except as Permitted Under Federal Law. (Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.) Presented by Senator FARRIN of Somerset. Referred to the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs. Public Hearing 03/12/24. OTP-AM Accepted 04/02/24. Amended by: CA S-619. Final Disposition: Enacted, Signed 04/11/24, PUBLIC LAW, Chapter 617.

**Original Bill**

[LD 2259 \(131st Legis. 2024\)](#)

**Analyst's Summary of Enacted Law**

[LD 2259 / PL 2023, c. 617](#)

**Committee Materials**

Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs

- (Master file available on request—please include citation:cf131-LD-2259.pdf)

[Public Hearing \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(03/12/2024\)](#)

[Work Session \(Audio File\) \(VLA\) \(03/12/2024\)](#)

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**New Drafts and Amendments**

[Amendment CA \(S-619\) \(LD 2259 2024\) \(Passed\)](#)

**Floor Proceedings and Debate**

[HOUSE, March 7, 2024 \(H-1424-1433\)](#)

p. H-1433

[SENATE, March 7, 2024 \(S-1925-1940\)](#)

p. S-1926

[SENATE, April 1, 2024 \(S-2125-2153\)](#)

p. S-2137 (Amendment(s) S-619)

[HOUSE, April 02, 2024 \(H-1570-1597\)](#)

p. H-1582 (Amendment(s) S-619)

[HOUSE, April 03, 2024 \(H-1598-1615\)](#)

p. H-1614 (Amendment(s) S-619)

[SENATE, April 9, 2024 \(S-2199-2229\)](#)

p. S-2213 (Amendment(s) S-619)

## Enacted Law or Resolve

[PL 2023, c. 617](#)

## News Articles

Veterans' right to choose care must be carefully protected (Travis Mills) (Portland Press Herald, 4/3/2024, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2259/PPH 240403C.pdf)

National players fighting Maine effort to protect veterans from 'claim sharks' (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 4/5/2024, p. A1, A2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2259/BDN 240405B.pdf)

Protect Maine veterans from financial scams, fraud (Brad Farrin) (Portland Press Herald, 4/9/2024, p. A4) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2259/PPH 240409D.pdf)

Maine approves new ban on 'claim sharks' (Billy Kobin) (Bangor Daily News, 4/30/2024, p. B1, B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2259/BDN 240430B.pdf)

Lawsuit says new law designed to protect vets from 'claim sharks' is unconstitutional (Daniel Kool) (Portland Press Herald, 8/13/2024, p. B2) ● (Available on request—please include the following citation: 131/LD22xx/nc131-LD-2259/PPH 240813F.pdf)

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