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LD 177 An Act To Support Apprenticeship Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 709 provides \$200,000 in ongoing funds to increase support for apprenticeship training reimbursement for registered apprenticeships within the Maine Apprenticeship Program as described in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 26, section 3211, subsection 6, paragraph A. It also provides \$200,000 in ongoing funds for educational programs that include both industry-based and job-related classroom instruction that is designed to prepare individuals to enter into and succeed in a registered apprenticeship program. Public Law 2021, chapter 709 also transfers \$200,000 from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund within the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund no later than June 30, 2023 to offset \$200,000 of the General Fund appropriations.

LD 225 An Act Regarding the Treatment of Vacation Time upon the Cessation of Employment

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 561 provides that all unused vacation pay accrued pursuant to the employer's vacation policy on and after January 1, 2023 must be paid to the employee on cessation of employment unless the employee is employed by an employer with 10 or fewer employees or by a public employer. It also provides that, if the employee's employment is governed by a collective bargaining agreement and that agreement includes provisions addressing payment of vacation pay upon cessation of employment, the collective bargaining agreement supersedes this provision of law.

LD 305 An Act To Include Certain Employees in the Bureau of Forestry's Forest Protection Unit in the Laws Concerning Cancer Suffered by Firefighters

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 678 clarifies that all employees in the forest protection unit within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry whose duties include the extinguishment or investigation of fires are added to the list of firefighters under the workers' compensation laws whose cancer is presumed to be caused by their firefighting duties.