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LD 589 An Act To Provide Access to Justice for Victims of Child Sexual Abuse

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 301 allows civil actions based upon sexual acts toward minors regardless of the date of the sexual act and revives actions that may previously have been barred by a statute of limitations in force prior to the effective date of Public Law 1999, chapter 639.

LD 642 An Act To Ensure That Children Receive Behavioral Health Services

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 302 ensures the time-sensitive provision of behavioral health services to minors by licensed psychologists practicing clinical psychology, social workers and clinical professional counselors. It authorizes specified providers to provide services with the consent of one of the minor's parents or the minor's guardian. The provisions do not prohibit the provider from informing another parent or guardian of the minor of the services.

LD 683 An Act To Allow Maine Nonprofit Corporations To Hold Meetings Electronically

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 304 allows the board of directors of a nonprofit corporation to adopt guidelines and procedures for entirely or partially remote meetings or to allow members to participate remotely.

Current law allows members of nonprofit corporations to vote by electronic transmission; chapter 304 expands that to include voting by means of remote communication. Chapter 304 also clarifies that remote votes must be counted for quorum purposes.

LD 690 An Act To Ensure That Victims of Assault, Battery and False Imprisonment, Including Victims of Domestic Violence, Have Parity under Tort Law

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

The statute of limitations under current tort law for most civil suits is six years from when the cause of action accrues except that for assault and battery and false imprisonment it is two years, effectively depriving victims of domestic violence, among others, the same opportunity that most other victims of torts have to seek redress for their damages. Public Law 2021, chapter 207 removes the actions of assault and battery and false imprisonment from provisions setting a two-year limitation period, making the actions subject to the general six-year limitation period that applies to most other torts.

ENACTED LAW SUMMARIES