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disorder, using medications approved or authorized by the United States Food and Drug Administration for treatment of substance use disorder. The program must provide at least one of each formulation of all United States Food and Drug Administration-approved medication-assisted treatments for substance use disorder including alcohol use disorder and opioid use disorder. The program must also provide initial and ongoing training and technical assistance and coordination with community-based treatment and recovery organizations. The law appropriates \$460,800 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$460,800 in fiscal year 2022-23 for the pilot program.

LD 759 An Act To Amend the Child Endangerment Laws To Include Certain Unauthorized Access to a Loaded Firearm

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 388 amends the Maine Criminal Code to newly specify that storing or leaving a loaded firearm on premises under a person's control with criminal negligence in a manner that allows a child under 16 years of age to gain access to that firearm, and the child in fact gains access to the loaded firearm and uses it, is considered endangering the welfare of a child and is a Class D crime. The law provides several affirmative defenses to the new crime, including that the firearm is stored in a locked box or locked gun safe, the child uses the firearm in self-defense or defense of others, the person has no reasonable expectation that a child will be on the premises or the firearm is obtained by the child as a result of certain specified crimes.

LD 763 An Act To Allow State Vehicles Assigned to Certain Maine Emergency Management Agency Employees To Be Used for Commuting

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 258 allows certain employees of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency, specifically the director and deputy director and duty officer, to use a state-owned or state-leased vehicle to commute between home and work if so designated by the Commissioner of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management.

LD 764 An Act To Authorize the Maine Emergency Management Agency To Requisition Food Supplies for Emergency Use or Special Duty Assignments

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 431 authorizes the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency to requisition food supplies for emergency use or special duty assignments and corrects a reference to the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry.