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LD 727 Resolve, To Eliminate the Asset Test for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 115 requires the Department of Health and Human Services, by January 1, 2022, to amend its rules to remove asset tests for applicants to and recipients of assistance under the food supplement program, also known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

LD 745 Resolve, Directing the Maine Vaccine Board To Review and Make Recommendations Regarding Expanding the Universal Childhood Immunization Program To Include Adults

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 90 directs the Maine Vaccine Board to convene a stakeholder group to review and make recommendations regarding expanding the Universal Childhood Immunization Program to include adults. It also requires a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services no later than December 1, 2021 and authorizes the committee to report out legislation related to the report.

LD 783 An Act Regarding the Membership of the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Advisory Board

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 118 adds to the membership of the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Advisory Board an additional sexual assault nurse examiner and one representative of law enforcement. It also clarifies that one member is a representative from a sexual assault support center and changes the member representing the State Board of Nursing to a member representing a school of nursing.

LD 784 An Act To Amend the Law Governing Approval Authority over and Oversight of Certified Nursing Assistant Educational Programs

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 81 simplifies requirements for approval of educational programs for certified nursing assistants that are carried out by health care facilities by removing the requirement that health care facilities seeking approval must demonstrate that an educational institution cannot also provide such a program within 30 days of the application. Programs carried out by health care facilities must still be approved by the Department of Health and Human Services consistent

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with the curriculum approved by State Board of Nursing and must still fulfill all standards established by the department and by the board.

LD 792 An Act To Make Technical Changes to the Eligibility Provisions of the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 149 provides that a participant's or applicant's participation in the Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment Program must be approved if that participant's or applicant's field or occupation is identified as providing opportunity for employment in a high-wage, in-demand job or a job with an annual job opening rate of at least 10% as determined by the Center for Workforce Research and Information within the Department of Labor. It also provides that, if the applicant's or participant's education plan does not provide such an opportunity, the plan must be approved by the Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee if it results in a postsecondary certificate, degree or similar credential universally recognized and accepted by a trade or industry or a similarly accepted degree or credential that will likely substantially improve the participant's earnings and benefits.

LD 799 An Act To Amend the Procedures for Veterinarians in the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 83 delays until July 1, 2025 the implementation of the requirement that a veterinarian whose scope of practice includes prescribing a benzodiazepine or an opioid medication prescribe all benzodiazepine or opioid medication electronically.

LD 819 An Act To Reduce Lung Cancer Rates in Maine by Creating a Voluntary Radon Testing and Mitigation Program for Landlords, Homeowners and Home Builders

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 470 establishes the Maine Gold Standard for Radon Testing and Mitigation Initiative within the Department of Health and Human Services to reward, recognize, promote and assist, with a gold standard designation, landlords, homeowners and home builders who participate in radon testing and mitigation activities.