

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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be harmful to human health. It requires property owners of buildings leased to the State to conduct a similar inventory and report the results to the bureau. The law requires the bureau to establish and maintain a database containing the results of the inventories and make the database readily accessible electronically to employee collective bargaining agents, employees working in state office buildings with asbestos, lead, black mold or other substances that may be harmful to human health, individuals who perform maintenance, repair or custodial services, firefighters, the Department of Labor, the Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention and members of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters. It requires the database to be consulted before maintenance of or repair to a state-owned building by a state employee and the provision of protective gear to the employee if appropriate. The department may adopt rules to implement these requirements and is required to submit a biennial report to the joint standing committee regarding the conditions of the buildings.

### **LD 1065 An Act To Clarify the Qualifications and Oversight of Sheriffs**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 202 clarifies that a candidate for county sheriff must either be currently certified as a law enforcement officer and in compliance with the training requirement in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 2804-C or be a previously certified law enforcement officer who agrees to meet the requirements of Title 25, section 2804-C within one year of taking office. It requires all county sheriffs to continually meet the in-service law enforcement training standards under Title 25, section 2804-E and any other statutory requirements of preservice, basic or in-service law enforcement training required for certification or continued certification as a law enforcement officer. It provides that a full-time law enforcement officer employed by a municipal police department or state agency, before July 1, 1990 is deemed to have met the minimum qualifications for county sheriff candidates.

### **LD 1123 An Act To Authorize a Monument to the Victims of and First Responders to COVID-19**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 475 permits the State House and Capitol Park Commission to arrange for a monument honoring the victims of and first responders to the COVID-19 pandemic to be placed on the exterior grounds of the State House. It requires the commission to report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and local government matters on the status of the commission's work by January 31, 2022, including the commission's efforts in soliciting artistic designs for the monument. It authorizes the committee to report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature on the subject matter of the report.