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LD 1064 An Act To Advance Palliative Care Utilization in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 438 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program for palliative care for the entire interdisciplinary team as appropriate to the plan of care, regardless of setting, including hospitals, nursing homes, outpatient clinics and home care providers. The department shall use national standards in developing a MaineCare methodology for reimbursement and must consider the Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care developed by the National Coalition for Hospice and Palliative Care. The department shall periodically convene a stakeholder group to advise the department on educational materials and outreach so that providers of palliative care understand the reimbursement system and rules. The department shall submit any necessary state plan amendments to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

LD 1069 An Act To Provide Program Solvency, Clarity, Consistency and Flexibility in Routine Public Health Licensing Activities

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 125 makes the following changes to the laws governing the licensing activities of the Department of Health and Human Services.

1. It corrects a conflict regarding municipal fees in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, sections 2494 and 2499.
2. It makes changes to require a complete application to operate any eating establishment, lodging place, recreational camp, youth camp, campground, public pool or public spa, to remove the 90-day conditional license period and replace it with a conditional license period of up to one year and to limit issuance of a conditional license to only one per applicant.
3. It updates the laws governing eating establishments, lodging places, recreational camps, youth camps, campgrounds, public pools and public spas to detain or embargo food found to be adulterated or misbranded.
4. It repeals the law establishing the Maine Wild Mushroom Harvesting Certification Program.
5. It clarifies the chapter headnote of Title 22, chapter 562, including public pools, public spas, lodging places and sporting camps, and adds or clarifies definitions for “youth camp,” “indirect compensation,” “recreational camp,” “sporting camp,” “lodging place” and “permanent residence” under that chapter.

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6. It updates the laws regulating electrologists and tattoo artists, persons licensed to practice micropigmentation and persons licensed to practice body piercing to require payment of all license fees, including late fees and additional inspection fees, allow issuance of conditional licenses, provide penalties for violations and add provisions regarding right of entry and inspection frequency consistent with other license types. It also updates and clarifies the definition of “micropigmentation.”

LD 1113 Resolve, To Direct the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations To Study and Propose Solutions to Disparities in Access to Prenatal Care in the State

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 71 directs the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations to study disparities in access to prenatal care in the State. It authorizes the commission to submit legislation that serves to create equity in access to prenatal care in the State to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature and allows the members of the commission to be reimbursed for their expenses incurred in this work. It requires the Permanent Commission on the Status of Racial, Indigenous and Maine Tribal Populations to submit a report, no later than January 15, 2022, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. It authorizes the committee to report out legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature related to the report.

LD 1262 Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop a Comprehensive Statewide Strategic Plan To Serve Maine People with Behavioral Health Needs throughout Their Lifespans

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2021, chapter 80 requires the Department of Health and Human Services and a variety of other interested parties and stakeholders to develop a vision and comprehensive statewide strategic plan to serve people in the State with behavioral health needs throughout their lifespans. The plan must be submitted, no later than December 7, 2022, to the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. The committee is authorized to report out legislation based upon the plan to the First Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.