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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

### **LD 1254 An Act Shielding Fire Departments That Install Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors from Liability**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 214 provides immunity from liability to a fire department in the residential installation or delivery of a smoke or carbon monoxide detector or batteries for a smoke or carbon monoxide detector if the installation or delivery is performed in the fire department's official capacity and is authorized by the municipal officers.

### **LD 1294 An Act To Prevent Discrimination against Domestic Violence Victims**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 476 amends the Maine Human Rights Act to provide protections against discrimination in employment and housing against a person who has sought and received an order of protection under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 19-A, chapter 101, but only if the order of protection was issued after the opportunity for a hearing. All remedies currently available under the Maine Human Rights Act, including a private right of action and attorney's fees, are available for these persons.

### **LD 1336 An Act To Discontinue the Use of the Terms "Handicap," "Handicapped" and "Hearing Impaired" in State Laws, Rules and Official Documents**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 348 amends the Maine Revised Statutes to remove the terms "handicap," "handicapped" and "hearing impaired" where they are used to describe a person or set of persons in the Maine Revised Statutes and directs all branches of State Government to discontinue the use of the terms. It directs the Department of Labor to monitor the progress of updating terminology in official documents across State Government. Chapter 348 requires the commissioner's office of each department of State Government to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by December 1, 2021 regarding progress on the update and to provide a reasonable time frame for completion of the update.

### **LD 1345 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 313 implements recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory Committee.