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## JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

### **LD 1588 Resolve, To Replace Certain Stigmatizing Language in the Maine Revised Statutes with Respectful Language**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Resolve 2021, chapter 120 directs the Revisor of Statutes to review the Maine Revised Statutes, Titles 22, 22-A, 25 and 34-A for stigmatizing language in the laws governing the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Corrections and to report to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety by January 15, 2022 with draft legislation to amend the laws of the three departments to change stigmatizing language as specified to respectful language. The resolve authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety to report out legislation to change stigmatizing language in Titles 22, 22-A, 25 and 34-A to respectful language and legislation to direct the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Safety and Department of Corrections to amend their rules, policies, procedures, forms and publications to conform to the respectful language that is adopted by the Legislature. The law provides funding to the Revisor of Statutes of \$11,400 for fiscal year 2021-2022.

### **LD 1593 An Act To Provide Pathways to Rehabilitation, Reentry and Reintegration**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 376 amends the supervised community confinement program. The law requires the Commissioner of Corrections to adopt rules for the program and to establish criteria and a process for determining eligibility for the program. The law provides streamlined eligibility for a prisoner who has a terminal or severely incapacitating medical condition if care outside a correctional facility is medically appropriate. The law adds to the supervised community confinement program requirements for providing program information to prisoners. The law requires the Department of Corrections to track data for all prisoners who apply for the program.

### **LD 1605 An Act To License Ambulance Drivers Who Are Not Licensed To Provide Emergency Medical Services**

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2021, chapter 220 establishes licensing procedures for a person associated with a ground ambulance service who is not a licensed emergency medical services person and who operates an ambulance in emergency mode or transports patients.