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LD 1859 An Act to Establish the Maine Emergency Medical Services Community Grant Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 700 establishes the Maine Emergency Medical Services Community Grant Program as a pilot program to provide grants to communities for the review and consideration of the provision of effective and efficient emergency medical services. The grant program is administered by the Emergency Medical Services' Board which is authorized to adopt rules establishing the application and selection process and the requirements for reporting to the board. It appropriates \$200,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 in one-time, non-lapsing funding from the General Fund for the purposes of the Maine Emergency Medical Services Community Grant Program.

LD 1861 An Act to Establish the Safe Homes Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 575 designates the month of September as Safe Homes Awareness Month and requires the Governor to annually issue a proclamation to raise awareness of the importance of safety in the home and of the existence of and assistance that is available from the Safe Homes Program. It establishes the Safe Homes Program to support the safe storage of prescription drugs, firearms and dangerous weapons in homes or public places by providing grants for purchasing safety devices. It authorizes providing grants to designated groups and nonprofit and community organizations serving designated groups. It establishes the Safe Homes Program Fund, a non-lapsing fund to receive funds from private and public sources. It allows the Department of Public Safety to use a small portion of the funding to administer the grant program. It provides an allocation of \$500 in fiscal year 2022-23 in Federal Expenditures Funds and \$500 in fiscal year 2022-23 in Other Special Revenue Funds.

LD 1862 An Act to Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 724 repeals and reenacts the law that protects from certain criminal legal consequences certain persons when a person calls for a medical professional or law enforcement officer for assistance when a person is suspected of having experienced a drug-related overdose.

Prior law protected the person who in good faith seeks medical assistance for or administers naloxone hydrochloride to a person experiencing a drug-related overdose as well as the person who is experiencing a drug-related overdose and is in need of medical assistance. Prior law provided protection from arrest or prosecution for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs, acquiring drugs by deception, illegal possession of hypodermic apparatuses, use of drug