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LD 1896 An Act To Allow Certain Bulk Sale Customers To Opt Out of Paper Delivery Tickets

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 579 authorizes vendors using bulk sale delivery systems equipped with the capability of issuing electronic receipts, tickets or other recorded representations to give purchasers the option to receive required information through electronic means in lieu of or in addition to a paper delivery ticket.

LD 1923 An Act To Establish the Maine Space Corporation

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 631 establishes the Maine Space Corporation to leverage the State's geographic, rocketry, manufacturing and higher education assets and capabilities to establish the State as a national and international industry destination and an authority in launching small launch vehicles and small satellites into polar orbit. The corporation shall work closely with the University of Maine System, the Maine Community College System, the career and technical education centers and regions and satellite programs, elementary and secondary schools and other organizations in Maine to ensure education, training and recruitment programs are in place in order to ensure the availability of a highly skilled workforce.

The corporation may establish and promote the Maine Space Complex, which is to include the following business units:

- 1. The Maine Space Data and Advanced Analytics Center of Excellence, a state-of-the-art computer center with networks equipped to import or downlink, store, cleanse, manage and analyze satellite data in concert with terrestrial data for the purposes of addressing business and public issues in innovative ways and creating new data products and services;
- 2. The Maine New Space Innovation Hub, an industry meeting place, a hub for new business incubation and acceleration, facilities for satellite and launch vehicle manufacturing and integration and ground control for satellite launch operations containing specialized equipment to facilitate business research and development, academic and scientific inquiry and a kindergarten to grade 12 learning center and designed to attract both in-state and out-of-state interests; and
- 3. Maine Launch Sites and Services, staging and launch sites for sending small vehicles with nanosatellites into polar orbit, which is required to prioritize Maine-based businesses and businesses that minimize the environmental effects of their space vehicles and launches.

The Maine Space Complex is restricted to commercial, research and educational uses.

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It also establishes the Maine Space Complex Fund for the purpose of receiving funds from the State and gifts, grants, devises, bequests, trusts or security documents to support the operations of the corporation and the complex.

LD 2035 An Act To Make Changes to the Laws Regarding Licensure of Certain Individuals from Other Jurisdictions

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2021, chapter 642 implements the legislative intent of Public Law 2021, chapter 167. It clarifies that certain documentation and fee waivers may be authorized only in situations of extreme and demonstrated hardship. It also adds language to the powers of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and to certain licensing entities within the office to clarify that the licensing entities are required to establish a process for licensure by endorsement for each license that the licensing entities determine is appropriate for licensure by endorsement despite any conflicting statutory language. It clarifies that an applicant to the licensing entities within the office may apply under the application process of the applicant's choice.

In addition, the law allows the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation and the licensing boards and commissions within the office to issue a license by endorsement on a case-by-case basis to an applicant for licensure by endorsement that has met the requirements of Title 10, section 8003-H before rules pursuant to the section are finally adopted.