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LD 246 An Act to Establish the Option of Sentencing Alternatives for Primary Caregivers

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 402 requires a court, in sentencing a defendant convicted of an offense, to consider a sentencing alternative other than imprisonment due to the defendant's being a primary caregiver of a minor, dependent person or incapacitated adult.

LD 248 An Act to Rename the Administrator of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner the Director of Medical Examiner Operations

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 13 renames the office administrator of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner within the Department of the Attorney General the Director of Medical Examiner Operations.

LD 250 An Act Regarding the Disposal of Abandoned Human Remains

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 14 provides that the Chief Medical Examiner may dispose of unidentified human remains of a deceased resident of the State that are the subject of a medical examiner case if no one takes custody and control of the remains within 15 days after the Chief Medical Examiner completes the autopsy and all necessary examinations and makes a reasonable inquiry but is unable to locate the next of kin or a person or governmental unit legally responsible for or willing to assume responsibility for the human remains. Previously, the Chief Medical Examiner was required to wait 30 days before disposing of unidentified remains in these circumstances.

LD 251 An Act to Protect the Confidentiality of Information of Individual Customers of a Public Utility

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 99 excludes from the Freedom of Access Act's definition of "public records" information pertaining to an individual customer of a public utility regulated by the Public Utilities Commission that is designated as confidential in rules adopted by the commission. The law also excludes from the definition of "public records" information pertaining to an individual customer of a public sewer system not regulated by the commission to a similar extent that information pertaining to an individual customer of a public utility would be considered confidential under rules adopted by the commission.