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LD 493 An Act to Expand Testing for Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to Private Drinking Water Wells

Public Law 2025, chapter 746 requires landlords of residential buildings supplied by private wells to test their well water for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. It also requires sellers of residential properties that are supplied by private wells to disclose any water tests indicating the presence of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The law also adds perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances to the list of contaminants included in the Department of Health and Human Services uniform testing recommendations for private drinking water wells.

LD 562 An Act to Update Reimbursement Rates for Transportation of Deceased Persons by Funeral Homes When the Transport is at the Request of the Chief Medical Examiner

Public Law 2025, chapter 742 increases the transportation reimbursement rate for funeral establishments requested to transport a body for the Office of Chief Medical Examiner. It also establishes a reimbursement rate for employees required to wait during the course of transporting a body.

LD 721 Resolve, to Support the Full Implementation of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics in the State

Resolve 2025, chapter 170 provides one-time funding to support the full implementation of the five certified community behavioral health clinics certified by the State as part of the federal certified community behavioral health clinic Medicaid demonstration program. The law requires the Department of Health and Human Services to use the provided funds to support certified behavioral health centers in a manner that enables the department to access the designated enhanced federal match for the program.

LD 840 An Act to Modernize the State Supplement to Supplemental Security Income by Removing Marriage Disincentives

Public Law 2025, chapter 753 amends the 1974 State Supplemental Income Act in the following ways.

1. It replaces provisions of law that provided that payments to couples, both of whom receive the supplement, are 150% of the benefit for an individual with provisions of law providing that payments to the couples are 200% of the benefit for an individual.
2. It requires that the standard used to determine need is the current annual budget at the lower level of living for an individual as most recently determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for Portland, Maine, or a budget consistent with such a budget taking into account budget variances by living arrangements permitted pursuant to Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act.

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3. It establishes that, in determining any increase according to the United States Consumer Price Index, consideration must be given to the goal of reaching, within a reasonable time, a benefit level equal to or consistent with the current budget at the lower level of living for an individual, rather than a retired couple, established by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for Portland, Maine.

LD 1216 An Act to Improve Behavioral Health Crisis Services and Suicide Prevention Services

Public Law 2025, chapter 610 repeals a section of law that requires crisis intervention services in four counties and replaces it with a requirement for crisis intervention support services to be made available by the Department of Health and Human Services in all 16 counties in the State. The law requires that a community-based telephone crisis intervention hotline be provided by crisis intervention support services. The hotline must coordinate with the national 9-8-8 suicide and crisis lifeline.

LD 1277 An Act Regarding Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Activities

Public Law 2025, chapter 760 removes anabolic steroids from the definition of “controlled substance” in the laws governing controlled substances prescription monitoring and directs the Department of Health and Human Services to purge from the records of the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program all information concerning the prescribing and dispensing of anabolic steroids. The law also provides funding for database maintenance to implement this exception of anabolic steroids from the Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program.

LD 1426 Resolve, to Expand Child Assertive Community Treatment

Resolve 2025, chapter 119 requires that, by March 1, 2026, the Department of Health and Human Services issue a request for applications for a pilot program to develop child assertive community treatment team services in the Lewiston or Bangor geographic area. The request for applications must require the awardees of the grants to use workforce incentives designed to attract, train and retain child assertive community treatment team staff. The department is required to engage in a competitive process to determine the awardees. The term of the contract may not exceed two years. The law provides one-time funding for the child assertive community treatment team. Within 90 days following the conclusion of the pilot program, the department must submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters describing the outcomes and recommendations for continuation of the pilot programs.

Resolve 2025, chapter 119 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Resolve 2025, chapter 119 became law without the Governor’s signature, and as an emergency measure, effective January 11, 2026.