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LD 1159 An Act to Prohibit Governmental Entities That Charge a Fee for In-person Credit Card Purchases from Refusing to Accept Cash

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 209 prohibits a municipality or other governmental entity that charges a credit card fee on the purchase of goods or services for sale at retail from refusing payment in the form of cash for those goods and services.

LD 1170 An Act to Make the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority Responsible for the Transfer and Development of State-owned Surplus Land

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 264 authorizes the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, through the Bureau of General Services, to annually inventory all land owned by state agencies and semiautonomous state agencies. The law also replaces the Maine State Housing Authority with the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority as the state agency responsible for the transfer and development of state-owned surplus land. It requires the department to annually provide the land inventory to the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters. Public Law 2025, chapter 264 also clarifies that the Maine Redevelopment Land Bank Authority may acquire property that is determined to be surplus by a state, federal, municipal or other governmental entity.

LD 1179 An Act Regarding Safety from Fire for Recreational Vehicles

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 245 requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to adopt rules governing safety from fire in or around recreational vehicles as defined in National Fire Protection Association standard 1192. A violation of any rule adopted pursuant to the requirement is a strict liability crime as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 34, subsection 4-A.

If the Department of Public Safety proposes to adopt through rulemaking the National Fire Protection Association standard 1192, the Department of Public Safety, Office of the State Fire Marshal must notify the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing matters.