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participants. An entity administering the program must limit the cost of delivery and administering the program to 25% or less of the total allocation, with 10% or less of that amount used to cover administrative costs.

Public Law 2025, chapter 498 provides, in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the program.

Public Law 2025, chapter 498 reduces the amount of the real estate transfer tax retained by the register of deeds to reimburse counties for collecting the transfer tax, from 10% to 9.2% in each of fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27.

LD 1296 An Act to Amend the Law Governing Watercraft Franchisor Warranty Reimbursements

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 284 amends the law governing watercraft franchisor warranty reimbursements by requiring the franchisor to compensate the franchisee for parts used by the franchisee to conduct a specific warranty repair and, for a part provided by the franchiser, the difference between the cost of a part and the retail price of a part, which may not exceed 100% of the reimbursement cost of the labor to perform the repair. The law also requires that labor billed by a franchisee to perform a warranty repair be reasonable and supported by the franchisee's records.

Public Law 2025, chapter 284 was enacted as an emergency measure effective June 12, 2025.

LD 1375 Resolve, to Establish a Working Group to Address Regulatory Barriers to Housing Construction

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Resolve 2025, chapter 64 requires the Office of Policy, Innovation and the Future to convene a working group to examine and recommend solutions for regulatory barriers to housing construction in Maine. The working group must include individuals and representatives of organizations with building experiences, engineering expertise and experience with state and local building codes. The office must submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development by December 31, 2025. The committee may report out legislation related to the report to the Second Regular Session of the 132nd Legislature. The cost of the working group must be done within the office's existing resources.