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such subscriptions, including by requiring a seller to obtain a consumer's express consent for automatic subscription renewal prior to enrollment through a check box, electronic signature requirement or other affirmative action by the consumer agreeing to the renewal offer; by requiring the seller to provide for cancellation of such subscriptions by a consumer using the same method and in the same manner by which the consumer initially agreed to the subscription; and by prohibiting a seller from misrepresenting a material fact regarding an automatic subscription renewal offer in the marketing, offering or selling of such subscriptions.

Public Law 2025, chapter 376 also requires a seller to provide notice of an extended automatic subscription renewal to a consumer no more than 30 days before the renewal date and directs the Attorney General to enforce the provisions of the law regulating automatic subscription renewals, to bring necessary actions for violations of that law and to adopt rules necessary for the enforcement of that law. It also provides that, in addition to damages or penalties authorized pursuant to the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act, a person found in violation of that law based on unauthorized subscription or other charges billed to or paid by a consumer is required to provide to the consumer a refund or credit for three times the unauthorized amounts billed or paid.

Public Law 2025, chapter 376 applies only to offers or agreements entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2026 under which a seller makes an automatic subscription renewal or extended automatic subscription renewal offer to a consumer.

LD 1664 An Act to Amend the Dirigo Business Incentives Program

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 372 amends the Dirigo Business Incentives Program by amending the definition of “layoff” to not include a reduction in workforce due to a restriction by the Department of Transportation on the weight or passage of any vehicle over any way under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 29-A, section 2395.

LD 1681 An Act to Consider Municipal Shelter Facilities and Housing Projects Essential for Public Health, Welfare and Safety by Updating the Definition of “Public Service Infrastructure”

ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 250 adds municipal shelter facilities and housing projects managed and operated by a municipality or a municipal housing authority to the definition of “public service infrastructure.” Inclusion in this definition allows a municipality to apply for grants or loans from the Maine Municipal Bond Bank’s Municipal Investment Trust Fund to acquire, design, plan, construct, enlarge, repair, protect or improve a shelter facility or housing project.