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LD 1727 An Act to Ensure Transparency in Consumer Transactions Involving Artificial Intelligence

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 294 prohibits a person from using an artificial intelligence chatbot to engage in trade or commerce with a consumer in a manner that may mislead or deceive a reasonable consumer into believing that the consumer is engaging with a human being unless the consumer is notified that the consumer is not engaging with a human being. A violation of this prohibition is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

LD 1757 An Act to Update the Laws Governing Osteopathic Physician Licensing

#### ENACTED LAW SUMMARY

Public Law 2025, chapter 220 makes the following changes to the laws governing osteopathic physicians.

- 1. It removes the provision that requires the Board of Osteopathic Licensure to meet in June of each year and replaces it with a requirement that the board hold regular monthly meetings and any additional special meetings.
- 2. It removes the provision that provides that a license to practice osteopathic medicine may not be granted except on an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Osteopathic Licensure.
- 3. It requires applicants for licensure to meet minimum qualifications, including, for applicants who graduate from an accredited osteopathic medical school after 2025, graduation from an osteopathic medical school accredited by the Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation, completion of at least 36 months in a graduate educational program approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education, achievement of a passing score on each component of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners' COMLEX-USA examination and payment of a license fee of up to \$600.
- 4. It eliminates the outdated term "fellow" from the laws governing temporary licensure.

LD 1785 An Act to Require Health Insurance Carriers to Provide Contact Information for Employees Responsible for Negotiating Health Care Provider Contracts

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 295 requires that, upon a health care provider's request, a health insurance carrier must provide the health care provider with contact information for the carrier's employee responsible for negotiating contract terms with the provider, including the fee schedule,

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at the time the contract is offered to the provider. The law also requires a carrier to keep this information updated on the carrier's electronic portal for providers or, if the carrier does not have an electronic portal, by other means of electronic notification.

LD 1789 An Act to Amend the Education Requirements in the Certified Public Accountant Licensure Laws

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 297 provides that, in order to take the licensing examination as a certified public accountant, an individual must have completed at least 120 semester hours of education, including basic courses in accounting and auditing determined acceptable by the Board of Accountancy. In order to be licensed, the law clarifies that an applicant must have completed at least 150 semester hours of education, including a minimum 4-year baccalaureate or higher degree conferred by a college or university acceptable to the Board of Accountancy.

LD 1794 An Act to Provide Protection from Unfair Parking Tickets on Lots Accessible to the Public

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 350 requires that the amount of any fine, fee or charge to any person for the violation of any parking rule applicable to property accessible to the public must be reasonable and be conspicuously and prominently posted within the property so that it is visible at any entrance and exit of a parking lot or parking structure within the property by a person entering and exiting in a motor vehicle. The law requires that written notice of a parking violation be provided to the registered owner of the motor vehicle and specifies the minimum information that must be included in the notice. The law also prohibits the use of an automated license plate recognition system at a property accessible to the public for the parking of motor vehicles except as specifically provided under current law. A violation of these provisions is a violation of the Maine Unfair Trade Practices Act.

LD 1800 An Act to Prohibit Health Care Entities Providing Dental Plans from Requiring a Dental Provider to Charge Fees for Uncovered Dental Services

#### **ENACTED LAW SUMMARY**

Public Law 2025, chapter 298 prohibits insurers and health maintenance organizations that issue dental insurance or health insurance that covers dental services from requiring dentists and other dental professionals to obtain approval for services that are not covered services or to provide services that are covered services for a fee set by the insurer or health maintenance organization. The law also provides that any fee for a covered dental service must be set by the insurer or health maintenance organization in good faith and may not be nominal.