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2. It provides that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in its annual report to the Legislature regarding the medical use of cannabis, must include information regarding the gross sales of cannabis for medical use for the current and prior fiscal years.
3. It directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy, on or before January 9, 2026, to provisionally adopt and submit for legislative review major substantive rules necessary to implement the medical cannabis research grant program in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2430, subsection 5.
4. It directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Cannabis Policy to, as expeditiously as possible, make available on the office's publicly accessible website all registration and renewal forms in their entirety as a portable document file or similar file format that does not require the use of independent software, hardware or operating systems. It also directs the office to make those forms available at the office on paper.

Public Law 2025, chapter 512 was finally enacted in both the House and 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, Public Law 2025, chapter 512 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 512 was subsequently amended by Public Law 2025, chapter 757 to amend the date by which the office must provisionally adopt and submit for legislative review rules necessary to implement a medical cannabis research grant program to on or before January 8, 2027, instead of on or before January 9, 2026.

LD 1897 An Act Regarding Outdoor Cultivation in the Medical Use Cannabis and Adult Use Cannabis Industries

Public Law 2025, chapter 514 makes the following changes to the Maine Medical Use of Cannabis Act and the Cannabis Legalization Act.

1. It defines "outdoor cultivation area" under the medical use of cannabis provisions and "outdoor cultivation" and "indoor cultivation" under the adult use cannabis provisions.
2. It increases the number of cannabis plants and expands the area of canopy of cannabis plants that a medical use caregiver who cultivates mature cannabis plants only in an outdoor cultivation area and who registers based on plant count or canopy may cultivate and it establishes a registration fee for such caregivers.
3. It removes the provision of law under the medical use of cannabis provisions that authorize an elected official invited by a caregiver for the purpose of providing education to the elected official on cultivation to access a cultivation area and provides instead that any person under the direct supervision of the caregiver may access a cultivation area.

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LD 2000 An Act to Update the Campaign Finance Laws

Public Law 2025, chapter 600 amends campaign finance laws as follows.

1. It increases the threshold amounts for financial transactions that require candidates, political action committees, ballot question committees and party committees to file 24-hour reports during the last 13 days before an election.
2. It extends the deadline for 24-hour reports for candidates so that the reports are due within 48 hours of the contribution or expenditure.
3. It increases the threshold amount that requires an independent expenditure report from spending in excess of \$250 to advocate for or against a candidate to spending in excess of \$1,000 per candidate.
4. It adds a section that clarifies what party committees must disclose in their campaign finance reports, including for each expenditure: the candidate or ballot measure; for a candidate, the office sought and the candidate's district; the date and amount of each expenditure; the purpose of each expenditure, including whether the expenditure was in support of or opposition to the candidate or ballot measure; and the name and address of each payee.
5. It adds party committees to the list of entities that are not included in the definition of "ballot question committee."
6. It adds a section extending the qualifying period for State Senate or State House of Representatives participating candidates who file with the commission a declaration of intent to seek certification as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate after January 15, 2026, to 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 2026.

Public Law 2025, chapter 600 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 3, 2026.

LD 2007 An Act Regarding the Prohibition of Online Sweepstakes Games

Public Law 2025, chapter 645 clarifies that operating or promoting an online sweepstakes game constitutes "unlawful gambling" within the meaning of the Maine Criminal Code and establishes additional civil penalties related to that unlawful conduct.

Public Law 2025, chapter 645 impacts online games or contests that use a dual-currency system of payment and that simulate casino-style gaming, including, but not limited to, slot machines,