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LD 1927 An Act to Add Mold to the Implied Warranty and Covenant of Habitability

Public Law 2025, chapter 515 provides that it is a breach of the implied warranty of fitness for human habitation when a landlord offers for rent a dwelling unit in which there is a leaking event, chronic moisture or humidity conditions outside of the control of a tenant that result in the growth of mold, bacteria or other biological organisms. It authorizes a municipality to adopt more stringent standards by ordinance than those provided in the law.

Public Law 2025, chapter 515 was finally enacted in both the House and the 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 515 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

LD 1941 Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Examine the Intersection of Parole and Current Sentencing Practices

Resolve 2025, chapter 176 establishes the Commission to Examine the Intersection of Parole and Current Sentencing Practices and requires the commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by November 4, 2026. It authorizes the joint standing committee to submit legislation based on the findings and recommendations in the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

LD 1965 Resolve, to Establish a Task Force to Create a Court Navigation Program Plan

Resolve 2025, chapter 146 directs the University of Maine System to convene a task force to create a court navigation program plan. In developing the plan, the task force must examine court navigation programs nationwide and consult with advocates for persons who are unhoused, survivors of domestic violence, survivors of sexual assault and other identifiable populations who may particularly benefit from the assistance of the court navigation program.

No later than January 15, 2027, the task force shall submit a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters recommending a model for a court navigation program and a plan for implementing the program. The program must provide guidance and information about court processes and procedures to persons involved with the court system; refer persons involved with the court system to community-based resources related to their behavioral health needs and their economic and social service-related needs; and be operated, in significant part, by social work students and law students who have the opportunity to earn academic credit for their participation in the program. The joint standing committee may report out legislation based on the subject matter of the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

The legislation that became Resolve 2025, chapter 146 was finally passed in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed