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LD 1994 An Act to Provide Immunity from Civil Liability for Justices of the Peace

Public Law 2025, chapter 560 provides immunity under the Maine Tort Claims Act for justices of the peace for acts performed within the scope of their duties as justices of the peace.

LD 1997 An Act to Authorize Issuance of Securities to Modernize and Consolidate Certain Court Facilities

Public Law 2025, chapter 716 authorizes the use of securities issued for the purposes of planning, purchasing, financing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, furnishing, equipping, improving, extending, enlarging and consolidating new and existing facilities and projects relating to the judicial branch to include facilities in Cumberland, Franklin, Penobscot and Sagadahoc counties.

LD 2032 An Act to Amend the Extreme Risk Protection Order Procedure

Public Law 2025, chapter 545 requires that a copy of the judicial endorsement and all attachments of an extreme risk protection order be provided to the court.

Public Law 2025, chapter 545 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 3, 2026.

LD 2059 An Act to Provide Required Funding for the Reimbursement of Assigned Counsel

Public Law 2025, chapter 581 provides one-time appropriations of $13,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and $9,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to address the shortfall in funding available to compensate constitutionally and statutory required assigned counsel.

Public Law 2025, chapter 581 was enacted as an emergency measure effective March 19, 2026.

LD 2106 An Act to Limit Consent for Entry into Nonpublic Areas of and to Limit Access to Protected Records Maintained by Certain Public Entities

Public Law 2025, chapter 770 directs the Attorney General to publish model policies and guidance for ensuring that facilities providing public services remain safe and accessible to all state residents regardless of immigration status by limiting each covered facility's authority to voluntarily consent to law enforcement entry into nonpublic areas of the facility for immigration enforcement purposes or to law enforcement access to the facility's records for immigration enforcement purposes to the fullest extent possible consistent with state and federal law. Within three months of the date that the applicable model policy and guidance is published, public schools and postsecondary educational institutions, state health institutions and certain public libraries, referred to in this summary as "covered facilities," must adopt the published policy and guidance or establish an equivalent policy and guidance. As part of any applicable initial licensure or license renewal