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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

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process, the Department of Health and Human Services may verify a state health institution's compliance with this requirement. The law also authorizes, but does not require, adoption of the model policy and guidance by private educational facilities; health care facilities that are not state institutions; facilities providing residential or community supports for adults or children; programs that provide health care, assisted living services, behavioral health services, services to persons with intellectual disabilities, autism spectrum disorder or acquired brain injuries or similar services; child care facilities and family child care providers; other public libraries; and houses of worship and other places where religious services are conducted.

Public Law 2025, chapter 770 also prohibits a person acting on behalf of a covered facility from granting voluntary consent for a law enforcement officer to enter a nonpublic area of the covered facility for immigration enforcement purposes. A person acting on behalf of a covered facility is also prohibited from granting voluntary consent for a law enforcement officer to access education records, protected health care information or protected patron records unless disclosure of the information is required by a court order or by state or federal law. Before the date that the covered facility adopts or is required to adopt the model policy and guidance published by the Attorney General, whichever is earlier, a person acting on behalf of the covered facility does not violate these nonpublic area and confidential record access prohibitions if the person is acting in good faith.

Public Law 2025, chapter 770 further directs that if federal law requires a covered facility to permit a law enforcement officer to inspect specific records or to conduct interviews regarding the eligibility of noncitizens to work in the United States, or if federal law requires a public school or state postsecondary educational institution to permit a law enforcement officer to inspect specific records or conduct interviews regarding the eligibility of noncitizens to attend school in the United States, the affected facility must designate a nonpublic area within the facility where federal immigration officials may conduct these inspections and interviews. If federal law requires that law enforcement officers be provided access to specific locations when conducting these inspections and interviews, the covered facility may permit law enforcement officers to access those specific locations.

### **LD 2107 An Act to Establish the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program**

Public Law 2025, chapter 728 establishes the Maine Nonprofit Security Grant Program in the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Maine Emergency Management Agency to provide grants to assist nonprofit organizations to improve security at property owned or occupied by those nonprofit organizations to protect against hate crimes and terror attacks. The law appropriates \$200,000 to the program from the General Fund in fiscal year 2026-27. The law allows for a portion of the funds to be used by the agency for program administration and requires any balance remaining in the program's General Fund account at the end of any fiscal year to be carried forward for use in the next fiscal year.