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January 1, 2027 unless the court first finds that a party has established a substantial change in financial circumstances justifying a modification of the award.

LD 2150 An Act to Enhance Notice to Individuals Whose Access to State Property Has Been Restricted

Public Law 2025, chapter 775 clarifies that a notice or communication that restricts a person from accessing state property or services constitutes final agency action for the purposes of review under the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, except that the restriction of access by an entity of the State does not apply to the Department of Corrections with respect to placing restrictions on a resident of a department facility as defined under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 34-A, section 3015, subsection 1.

The law requires the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to collect data on such notices or communications issued and to submit a report regarding that data and the implementation of the law to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters no later than January 15, 2028. The joint standing committee is authorized to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 133rd Legislature.

LD 2163 An Act to Enhance Crime Victims' Rights

Public Law 2025, chapter 695 amends the laws governing the rights of crime victims in the following ways.

1. It provides that a victim has a right to be notified of the filing, scheduling and outcome of an appeal of a decision of a court about a crime against that victim.
2. It provides that a victim has the right to receive timely notice of and have an opportunity to be heard at any hearing or court proceeding concerning a subpoena issued to a third party for any record that implicates a privilege or a confidentiality or privacy protection for the benefit of the victim as described in Rule 17A(f) of the Maine Rules of Unified Criminal Procedure, including the victim's medical records, mental health counseling or treatment records, educational records or electronic device content or location information.
3. It provides that, in any court proceeding in a criminal case in which a victim has a right to be heard, the victim may retain an attorney to speak on the victim's behalf or may elect to have a victim witness advocate or coordinator speak on the victim's behalf.

LD 2168 An Act to Increase Accountability for Persons Engaged in Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking and to Support Victims

Public Law 2025, chapter 696 provides that a person who committed a crime that caused or contributed to the injury or death for which compensation is sought may receive funds from the