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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

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Victims' Compensation Fund if that person was a victim of aggravated sex trafficking, sex trafficking, sexual exploitation of a minor, commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or commercial sexual exploitation of a person with a mental disability and the crime committed by that person was the direct result of sex trafficking or sexual exploitation. The law increases the mandatory fee for a conviction of soliciting a child for commercial sexual exploitation and for a conviction of commercial sexual exploitation of a minor or person with a mental disability.

LD 2170 An Act to Correct Inconsistencies, Conflicts and Errors in the Laws of Maine

Public Law 2025, chapter 655 corrects technical inconsistencies, conflicts and errors in the laws of Maine, including by making grammatical changes, correcting cross-references and removing obsolete terminology.

Public Law 2025, chapter 655 was enacted as an emergency measure effective April 13, 2026.

LD 2176 An Act to Safeguard Personal Information and Strengthen Tenant Rights in Maine

Public Law 2025, chapter 767 adds the disclosure of private information to the definition of "harassment" in the protection from harassment statute. The law increases from \$100 to \$250 the penalty when a landlord enters the dwelling of a tenant without reasonable notice. The law also makes it illegal for a landlord to disclose to any person the personal information of a tenant, prospective tenant, occupant or prospective occupant of a rental property owned or managed by the landlord without the express consent of the tenant, prospective tenant, occupant or prospective occupant, except in certain cases. The law establishes a \$1,000 penalty for a landlord who discloses personal information in violation of this provision.

LD 2193 An Act to Extend the Requirement That the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Compensate Certain Private Attorneys Appointed to Provide Indigent Legal Services

Public Law 2025, chapter 607 extends the provision of Public Law 2025, chapter 40 that required the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services to compensate a private attorney appointed by a court to represent a person who is eligible to receive indigent legal services if the court finds that no public defender, assigned counsel, contract counsel or employed counsel is available to represent the person; the private attorney is willing to undertake the representation; the private attorney has not been disqualified by the commission; and, if the private attorney is appointed by the trial court, the attorney has least three years of relevant legal experience or, if the private attorney is appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court, the private attorney has either three years of relevant legal experience or previously served as a law clerk analyzing relevant cases. This requirement from Public Law 2025, chapter 40, which expired on February 1, 2026, is extended by Public Law 2025, chapter 607 through April 1, 2027.