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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.