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requires annual reporting to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters. The law also repeals the statutory provisions governing the dental care access credit on December 31, 2037.

**LD 1654 An Act to Exempt Certain Sales and Transfers of Adult Use Cannabis from Excise Tax**

Public Law 2025, chapter 504 exempts from the cannabis excise tax the sale or transfer of adult use cannabis to a cultivation facility and exempts the transfer of adult use cannabis to a products manufacturing facility when the adult use cannabis is returned to the original cultivation facility in the same form and weight within 30 days.

Public Law 2025, chapter 504 was finally enacted in both the House and the Senate prior to the adjournment sine die of the First Special Session in 2025 but was not signed by the Governor. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Public Law 2025, chapter 504 became law without the Governor's signature on January 11, 2026.

**LD 2075 Resolve, to Authorize the State Tax Assessor to Convey the Interest of the State in Certain Real Estate in the Unorganized Territory**

Resolve 2025, chapter 145 authorizes the State Tax Assessor to convey the State's interest in certain parcels of real estate in the unorganized territory.

**LD 2116 An Act to Extend the Sunset Date of the Affordable Housing Income Tax Credit**

Public Law 2025, chapter 699 extends the sunset date for the affordable housing income tax credit to December 31, 2036.

**LD 2178 An Act to Establish the Independent Office of Tax Appeals and Make Other Changes to the Laws Governing the Tax Appeals Process**

Public Law 2025, chapter 734 changes the tax dispute resolution and administrative tax appeals process as follows.

Part A adds to the duties and responsibilities of the taxpayer advocate and experience officer in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Revenue Services the making of recommendations to further improve the tax appeals process.

Part B creates the Independent Office of Tax Appeals in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to replace the Maine Board of Tax Appeals and simplifies and modernizes the appeals process to improve the tax dispute resolution process. Part B takes effect January 1, 2027.

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Part C adds to the authority and duty of the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services to supervise and direct the administration of the State Claims Commission the authority and duty to supervise and direct the administration of the State Board of Property Tax Review and Independent Office of Tax Appeals.

Part D adds legislative review of the Independent Office of Tax Appeals and changes the year for legislative review of the State Board of Property Tax Review from 2027 to 2028.

Part E transfers all three existing Legislative Count and funding in the Maine Board of Tax Appeals to the newly created Independent Office of Tax Appeals as of January 1, 2027.

### **LD 2188 An Act to Amend Certain State Tax Laws**

Public Law 2025, chapter 662 makes the following changes to the State's tax laws.

Part A makes the following changes to the State's tax laws.

1. It amends the definition of "notice" to increase from three to seven the number of days after which a notice by first-class mail is deemed to be received.
2. It removes references to the expired Maine capital investment credit and makes other changes related to the removal of those references.
3. It aligns the pension deduction phase-out for married individuals filing separate returns with that of single individuals.
4. It corrects a cross-reference to the law authorizing income tax due date extensions.

Part B makes the following changes to the State's tax laws.

1. It removes crutches and wheelchairs from the exemption pertaining to prosthetic or orthotic devices under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1760, subsection 5-A and includes crutches and wheelchairs in the definition of "mobility-enhancing equipment" to ensure that they are exempt from sales tax under MRS, Title 36, section 1760, subsection 117.
2. It repeals the sales tax exemption for sales of tangible personal property to be physically incorporated in and become a part of a portable classroom for lease to a school since this exemption is included in the exemption for property used in production, which includes sales to lessors of tangible personal property that becomes an ingredient or component part of property to be leased or rented out.
3. It clarifies the sales tax exemption for property used in production to correspond with the recent inclusion of leases in the definition of "sale."